



Newsletter

Issue #1

A new start.

Harmony celebrated many wonderful events to start this school year. The positive atmosphere created at Levy day has carried into the start of the year. The entire Harmony staff are super excited to be working with the students in their learning journey.

Curriculum Night and AGA

Curriculum night, held on September 11, 2024, gave a great opportunity for parents to meet the teachers and many took advantage of the situation. There was a great sense of welcoming optimism. We look forward to continuing this feeling all year. The Annual General Assembly was also held on that night and the Governing board members were elected. They are: Ena Baric, Jennifer Rudochvilow, Lorne Feguson, Megan Duplesis, Michelle Robinson and Tany Jackson. I encourage you to reach out to them if you have questions or concerns about the school governance. With the appointment of Cristian Fuentes-Espinosa as commissioner to our region, there is now an open seat for the Harmony Governing Board. We will have an election amongst all interested candidates at our first GB meeting is October 9th @ 6:30.

CLC/LEARN Parent Sessions

As I mentioned in my speech on Curriculum Night. I would like to have more of the community involved in the Harmony life. When we all show that school is important, the students (your children) will be more likely to attach and be successful. I also mentioned that this is not a one-way street and that we would look for workshops and webinars to help address some of your concerns. LEARN and the CLC always have workshops that address the pressing issues.

3 part webinar series "How can parents Support Anxious Kids and Help them Thrive?" Oct 22, Nov 5 and Nov 19.

There is an upcoming 4-Part Family Engagement Series with Dr. Debbie Pushor. Nov 7, dec 5, Jan 16 and Feb 20. Keep up to date on the LEARN site to get more details.

There are also many resources from past recorded workshops that you can watch. Learn also provides many resources to help with school success. Please take a moment to visit the site and checkout the many resources that are available to you and your family.

You can find all the information at: <https://parents.learnquebec.ca/family-resources/>



PARADE!!!!

Harmony had their annual parade on September 20th. The students marched around our neighborhood singing the Harmony song and celebrating their school and community. It was great to see all the parent faces joining us on the route. It was definitely a great way to start the year. Thank you to the PPO for the wonderful popsicles.

Terry Fox Run

The Terry Fox run is a tradition that Harmony holds dear. Terry's courageous run in 1980 is one that will not be replicated but honored for many years to come. Harmony students ran superb races organized by our PE teacher Mme. Rachelle on September 24, 2024.

The atmosphere was one of celebration while raising awareness for and fund to fight a disease that still affect families worldwide everyday. Our grade level races saw fantastic athletic performances by many of the students. We also had many parent volunteers on the course directing traffic and handing out apples at the finish line.

Well done to all and we look forward to next year's event.



Truth and Reconciliation Day

Harmony celebrated Orange shirt day on September 30th. This is an event that allows our students to not only honor the children who never made it home but also commit to the efforts to reconcile. The day was preceded by multiple presentations from Mr. Dwayne Stacey to some of our students. Harmony is committed to recognizing this and helping our nation complete the 94 calls to action.

VOLUNTEERING

If you are interested in volunteering at Harmony Elementary? We would love to have you present (expertise/experience) to our students or simply volunteering to read, draw, run etc. with them. Education can take a constructivist approach, d our school can be the gathering grounds.

UPCOMING EVENTS IN OCTOBER

PED Days 7th and 18th

First communication Report 11th

PPO meeting 7th

Governing Board 9th

Picture Retakes/Sibling pictures 23rd

Halloween (PPO activity) 31st

“The greatness of a community is most accurately measured by the compassionate actions of its members”
Coretta Scott King