



Cedarcrest Elementary School Newsletter

February 2019



Dear Families,

Wow it is hard to believe we are already over a month into 2019!

January has brought some incredible weather challenges. We started the month with **several indoor recesses** due to the **freezing** temperatures followed by much wind, snow and very consistent cold weather causing much ice and continued precipitation. We are working hard with our caretakers, and staff to keep our playground and field as safe as possible, however we have still had a few slips and falls. We will continue our vigilance and appreciate you reminding your child to try and avoid **playing on the ice**. As we begin the second half of the school year, we have much to look forward to as the New Year commences. After-school activities continue this month, with girls and boys basketball beginning, as well as a math tutorial service for students in grade 3 to 6, coding afterschool, and choir getting ready to record in March....

February is the time of year when we begin registration of kindergarten students for the next school year. If you have a student in your family or know a friend/neighbor with a child who will be eligible for kindergarten next year, please come see us in February to get registered.

It is also the month of **perseverance** – staying purposeful and committed. At school we encourage the children to believe in themselves and their abilities, to always do their best and learn from their mistakes. With report cards coming home in just a couple of weeks, we encourage the children to set goals, based on the feedback provided on the report card and then stick with it until they achieve their goal.

Congratulations to all of our students **for their perseverance** and **hard work** during the second term of the school year. Everyone has a success to celebrate and something to work on for Term 3. Please take a few minutes when report cards come home to recognize the great work your child(ren) has been doing and help them set realistic goals for next term.

The Cedarcrest staff and I feel privileged to be a part of this school family.

We thank you for your continued support

Sincerely, Civita Tudino Principal

ANTI-BULLYING

The anti-bullying campaign took place from **January 14th to February 1st**.

W.I.T.S teaches children in Kindergarten to Grade 3 to make safe and positive choices when faced with peer conflict. The WITS acronym – **W**alk away, **I**gnore, **T**alk it out, and **S**eek help .

WITS LEADS is a literature based program with over 30 dynamic activities that may be integrated throughout a variety of subject areas. **Look and listen**, Explore points of view, **Act**, **Did it work?** and **Seek help**.

The students participated in various workshops led by Ms Vittoria , they also participated in presentations by the local community officer, mascot ,the Lauren Hill student council, as well as a very dynamic closing presentation by Scott Graham from **Kids4kids** .

ARRIVAL

It is important for students to **arrive to school on time**. Morning routines provide students with a smooth transition to a day of learning. At this time, the students review the day's schedule, copy homework assignments, listen to school announcements, and distribute notes and materials from home to their teachers. To provide your children with a positive start to the day, please plan your morning so your child arrives at school for our **7:55 a.m.** start.

ABSENCES

If your child is absent, please make sure to call the school **before 11:00 a.m.** and leave a message on the answering machine explaining the absence of your child. You may also email the school by writing a brief message at the following email address: **margyriou@emsb.qc.ca**

Bus Transportation

It is imperative that bus students always carry their **bus passes** with them in order to board the school bus. It is expected that students on the bus will conduct themselves **appropriately** in order to ensure their own safety and the safety of others.

CHOIR

The students in **Choir with Mr Dimitri** will be recording at Oscar Peterson Hall on **March 28th**. They will participate in the GALA on October 23rd perform to family and friends.

COLD WEATHER

We would like to remind parents to dress children appropriately for the cold weather ahead. Toques, mittens, warm coats, scarves, and boots, **snow pants** are a necessity as students will be outside for morning and lunch recess. Decisions regarding outdoor activities, including recess, will take into consideration the **weather conditions**. The suggested guideline is that students stay indoors if the wind-chill factor is colder than **-20°C**.

DRESS IN RED / PINK DAY

Valentine's Day we will have a dress up day on **Thursday February 14th**. Students can come to school **wearing red or pink**.

EARLY DISMISSALS

Should it be necessary for your child to be dismissed early, a written request in the child's agenda is required and must be presented to the office. Dismissal changes should not occur after 11:00 a.m.

French Musical Theatre

Jeunesses Musicales performed for all students from K to 6 (junior senior presentation). The musicians used different types of instruments to showcase an array of music including: baroque, contemporary, popular, and world music.

Home and School

Thank you to all volunteers for their hard work in making Breakfast with Santa...a fun -filled day for all students. A great big thank you to Mr and Mrs Katsifolos for their generous donation (Allo Mon Coco). The delicious waffles were enjoyed by students and staff alike! Congratulations HS for a very successful Raffle Campaign as well!

LA MATERNELLE

This past month in Kindergarten, we have been working hard on the letters of the alphabet and their sounds as well as our numbers. We have also been learning about winter and the different activities that we enjoy during this season. Thank you again to the volunteer parents who continue to give of their time to read and to support the reading program.

Lauren Hill Band

The school band performs for the students on **February 13th**.

LATE

Parents are reminded that being late for school is **not acceptable** and should only occur in **exceptional** circumstances. Please help us in teaching our students the value of punctuality. **A pupil who is late must report to the main office with his her parent where the school secretary will issue a late slip, before proceeding to class.** All late arrivals will be recorded in the child's file. A Letter will be sent home requesting a meeting at school to address frequent late arrivals.

Open House

January 31st we hosted an additional open house prior to kindergarten registration. Thank you to the student leaders who took our parents on tours. They did a wonderful job!

Parent Teacher Conferences Term 2

Term 2 ends February 8th. Report cards will be sent home b February 26th. Interviews by invitation only will take place on **February 28th from 2:45 p.m. to 8:45 p.m.** only for the parents who have been invited by the classroom teacher.

ROBO CUP 2019

We have registered 3 teams who will be representing our school for the upcoming competition. The ROBO CUP will take place on **April 26 and 27th** at Westmount High school.

SCIENCE FAIR

Is taking place in the school gym on **Wednesday Feb 27th**. Once again this year we have over 100 projects being presented from grade 3 to 6. We look forward to another successful science fair!

SAFE SCHOOL REMINDERS

We ask that parents do not take their children down the hall or into the classrooms. This can be quite distracting to the other students and it is our priority to put in place measures to keep our students

safe. If you are dropping things off for your children please bring them to the office and we will make sure it gets to your child. If you are picking up your child at the end of the day please come to the "walker" door by the school parking lot and wait until the bell rings to receive your child ...

STAFF MEMBERS

I wish to extend a warm welcome to new staff members joining our Cedarcrest family:

Mr Angelo Covone (additional support k to 2)

Ms Christina Verdon (additional support k to 2)

Ms Hailey Segal Occupational Therapist

Ms Karina Isamil Speech Therapist

STORYTELLING

Cedarcrest will be hosting the EMSB storytelling fair. Our students will take part in storytelling with 7 other schools from the west end. We look forward to a very enjoyable festival!

STUDENT COUNCIL

Thank you to student council who planned a bingo lunch activity for the students. We look forward to the upcoming activities scheduled for the upcoming months.

WE CLUB

The We Club distributed free Hot Chocolate to the Community.

February 1st to February 20th the **WE club** will be collecting socks for **Dans La Rue Accueil Bonneau** (QPAT initiative) . **Let us support such a worthwhile initiative.**



February Reminders

February 4th -8 th	Kindergarten Registration
February 5 th	Kindergarten Field Trip (KA KB KC)
February 11 th to 15 th	Teacher and Staff Appreciation week
February 11 th	WE CLUB – Attends WE DAY – Theater St Denis
February 13 th	Lauren Hill Band Performs (K to 6)
February 14 th	Valentine's day – Students can wear red or pink
February 18 th	No school for teachers and students Daycare Open
February 20 th	Storytelling Cycle I and II
February 21 st	Storytelling Cycle III
February 26 th	Report Card Term 2 sent home
February 27 th	Science Fair (judging morning – Parent visits 6:30 p.m. - 7:15 p.m. Grade 3 and 5 7:45 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Grade 4 and 6
February 28 th	Parent Teacher Conference Term 2 2:45 p.m. to 8:45 p.m.
March 1 st	Pedagogical day Daycare Open
March 4 th to 8 th	SPRING BREAK
March 11 th	First day Back to School
March 20 th	Grade 6 Graduation Pictures (8 a.m.)
May 1 ^s	Music Concert (Grade 4 to 6) day
June 19 th	Grade 6 Graduation (evening) 6 p.m. in Gym
June 21 st	Kindergarten – Family Picnic (all day)

**“The greatest gifts you can give your children
are the roots of responsibility
and the wings of independence.”**

Denis Waitly