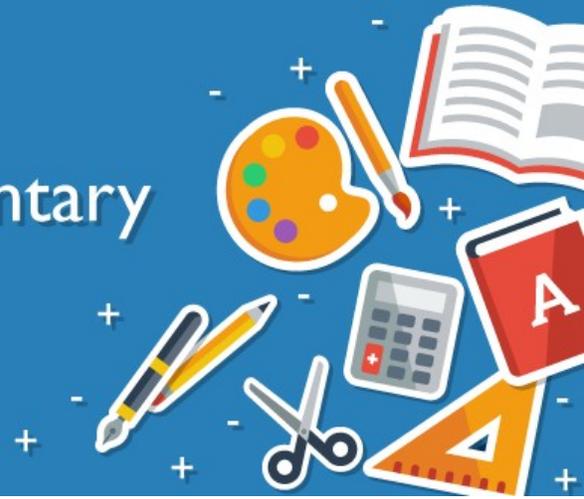




Cedarcrest Elementary School Newsletter

November 2018



Dear Families,

November has arrived and at school, we will embrace this fall month with hard work and focus. Daylight savings time changed this weekend and our days outside will seem shorter. ***Looking forward to another great month!***

As we welcome November, let us remember those who have and who continue to lose their lives in the fight for peace. May we remember that peace begins with each one of us. As we reflect on the true meaning of peace, let us do our part to find peace in our hearts, our school, our homes, and our world. With the events that we continue to see in the world around us, it is a time for us to reflect on the true meaning of peace.

As we get closer to the end of **Term 1**, I would like to take a moment to share a number of updates that have occurred since September, including 2 additional classes - Grade1 and Kindergarten. We have also introduced a kindergarten reading program. Thank you to the school board consultant and parent volunteers for their support in moving this worthwhile program forward. The integrated robotics, afterschool coding classes continue to remind us how much our students are capable of! We have built an additional room on the main floor as we dealt with the growth in student population. Staff continue to integrate technology in the classrooms with IPads supporting students' learning. The physical education teachers now have an active board located in the gymnasium. The REMIND APP was implemented in order to facilitate the transmission of school information.

Thank you... to the over 200 families who have already booked their **on-line appointments** in less than 1 day of the School appointment booking site.

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*

A Friendly Reminder...

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

B. A. S. E

The English Montreal School Board is pleased to offer Cedarcrest Daycare parents the option of online banking. Starting October 2018, parents will be able to pay their daycare **fees via Internet**. You may choose this method of payment at any time. Please note that this method of payment is only used to pay daycare program fees. You can pay your Daycare Program fees by online banking with one of the financial institutions listed below:

- Caisse Desjardins
- Royal Bank
- Scotiabank
- National Bank
- BMO-Bank of Montreal
- TD-Toronto Dominion
- Laurentian Bank

Please note that it will take a minimum of 3-5 business days for payments to be processed through your bank. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact your daycare technician Georgia Stamatopoulos at 514-744-8180 or gstamatopoulos@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.

Cold Weather

We would like to remind parents to dress children appropriately for the cold weather ahead. Toques, mittens, warm coats, scarves, and boots 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.

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.

Email Distribution

Do you know someone who is not signed-up to receive the Cedarcrest information by email? Important information and community celebrations are shared each month. This is one of our methods for ensuring parents/guardians stay informed about events at School. Please email the school secretary if you are not receiving school messages via mass notifications margyriou@emsb.qc.ca or write a note to your child's homeroom teacher.

HOP HOP APP – DAYCARE SAFE AND SEAMLESS

The application uses photo-identification to help the safety process during the daily dismissal of your children. When a request is sent for the preparation of your child, the name and photo of the person assigned to pick your child will appear at the daycare. This minimizes the waiting time for parents, resulting in a smoother dismissal process of the children. This leads to fewer parents waiting at the daycare and a better management of parking spaces. Your child will be calmer and will not have to be rushed to prepare for dismissal while you wait.

Please contact gstamatopuolos@emsb.qc if you want further information regarding the APP

Home and School

Thank you to all volunteers for all their hard work in making Halloween a fun -filled day for all students. We are looking forward to a wonderful Bake sale and Raffle Campaign. Breakfast with Santa ... date to be confirmed by HS

No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted. – Aesop

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.

LEARNING

Literacy and numeracy are essential skills for life. We continue to promote strong literacy skills through excellent teaching and learning experiences as students' participate in reading, writing and math to reinforce daily learning that occurs in the classroom. Students are exploring new resources through **Google drive in cycle 2 and 3**. With the partnership of our **Technology Consultant** our staff continues to look at ways to use technology in your child's learning. Students are working with Read & Write for iPadusing Google Docs has truly redefined our classrooms. I believe that the process leading up to the final product is where the real magic happens. **Digital Portfolios WOW!**

Parent Teacher Conferences

The Term 1 report card will be issued on Monday November 19th to parents or guardians. **Meet the teacher conference will take place on November 22nd between 9 am and 9 pm.** If you will not be able to attend you are asked to notify the homeroom teacher ASAP.

Remembrance Day Ceremony

Ms Mary Poullas, school spiritual animator will be holding the Remembrance Day Ceremony on Friday, Nov 16th at 10:00AM. The guest veteran will be Corporal Johnny Wakil. Since it is held after Nov. 11th the theme will be peace as in "Let there be Peace and let it begin with me".

Reading Program in Kindergarten

Thank you to the many parent volunteers who attended our **Reading in Kindergarten workshop** with Ms. Legault .The teachers as well as the students are looking forward to a wonderful learning experience.

Robotics

By teaching our students the basics of robotics while using educational kits like **LEGO® WeDo™** the students create a perfect mixture of fun and imagination allowing them to robot design, and computer program using basic machine principles to create robots capable of performing simple tasks. We also use **LEGO® EV3** educational kits that mirror programming language used by engineers and scientists to help the students put mathematical concepts to the test as they develop a better knowledge of **robotics, computer programming, and teamwork**. We look forward to great work by all students from kindergarten to Grade 6.

Safe School Reminders

Please remember to update the office if there are any changes to your phone numbers, addresses or emails. This is very important in case we need to get a hold of you for any reason. If you bring your child in late, **please come directly to the office to sign them in.** We also ask that parents do not take their children down the hall or into the classrooms. This can be quite distracting to the other students. 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:

Ms Jessica Vavougious **Kindergarten C**

Ms Shanna Martin **1C**

Ms Elizabeth Kelly Grade **5A** (replacement)

Ms Bella Patel Grade **6B** (replacement)

Student Council

Thank you to Grade 5 and 6 for the face painting activity. The children loved it!

We look forward to the upcoming activities planned for the holiday season.

Terry Fox Assembly

Thank you again to all families who participated. Total raised this year was **4506.00\$**. School wide assembly to take place in order to thank the students along with ... **a surprise!**



Important Dates to Remember...

November Reminders

November 8 th	FREE DRESS DOWN DAY –Terry FOX
November 9th	Quebec Provincial Association Teacher Convention NO SCHOOL – DAYCARE OPEN
November 16 th	Dress Down Day Fundraiser Home and School
November 16 th	Remembrance Day Ceremony at 10 am in Gym
November 19 th	Report Cards sent home
November 22 nd	Term 1 Parent Teacher 9 am to 9 pm
November 22 nd	Home and School Bake Sale
November 22 nd	Scholastic Book Fair in Gym (info to follow)
November 23 rd	School Pedagogical Day – Daycare Open
November 30th	Board Wide Pedagogical Day – Daycare Open

December Reminders

DECEMBER 5TH	OPEN HOUSE (8:30 A.M.TO 9:30 A.M. + 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.)
December 6 to 13 th	School Board Spirit of Giving Campaign (more information to follow)
December 12 th	Lauren Hill High school Dance Troupe Performs
December 17 th	4A 4B 4C present play to parents
December 19 th	K to 3 Musical Celebration (morning performance to parents) letter to follow
December 21	Last day of classes
December 24th	WINTER BREAK
January 7 th	First day Back to School

