



Cedarcrest Elementary School Newsletter

September 2018



Dear Families,

I hope you had a wonderful summer and are ready to join the Cedarcrest community in Charting a Course to Success in the new school year. The staff and I are looking towards a new year of learning, growing, discovering and having fun together. We recognize that in order to be successful in school, our children need support from both the home and school. We know a strong partnership with you will make a great difference in your child's education. As partners, we share the responsibility for our children's success and want you to know that we will do our very best to carry out our responsibilities.

We ask that you guide and support your child's learning by ensuring that he/she:

- Attends school daily and arrives on time, ready for the day's learning experience
- Completes all homework assignments given by teachers
- Reads daily to develop a love for reading and to improve literacy skills
- Shares school experiences with you so that you are aware of his/her school life
- Informs you if he/she needs additional support in any area or subject
- Knows that you expect him/her to succeed in school

The children have settled into their new classes and are eager to begin learning new things. I would like to congratulate them for their cooperation on the first days of classes. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the teachers and staff for diligently preparing and planning for the arrival of the students. I would like to extend my appreciation to the caretakers Richard Hogan, Robert Rohwer, the school secretaries - Ms. Maria, Ms. Viki, in helping me get the school ready for the start of the school year. Thank you to Ms. Georgia, Daycare Technician, Ms. Catherine, Ms. Carmy who open our doors bright and early... and to the team of daycare educators and lunch monitors for their effortless commitment as well in servicing our students before and after school.

We will be kicking off the Welcome Back to School Assembly on Thursday September 20th and the opening of the Terry Fox Campaign. Parents are welcome to join us for our Annual Terry Fox Walk on Friday September 21st at 12:30 p.m.

The wonderful Cedarcrest staff and I feel privileged to be a part of this school family. We thank you for your continued support and look forward to a successful school year!

Sincerely,
Civita Tudino
Cedarcrest Principal

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

Agendas

In the first pages of the agenda, you will find the school's rules and regulations and other pertinent information. **Please read these pages with your children.** There is a page requiring your signature and your child's signature. **Please make sure to hand in this section to your child's homeroom teacher.**

Attestation Day - September 28th

Friday September 28th is attestation day. Our school funding is based on the enrollment on this day. The school board along with all schools are allocated government funds **for the entire year based on student attendance for this day. It is most important that your child be present on Friday September 28th unless he/she is very sick.** Should your child be absent, you will be required to come to the office to complete documents attesting that your child is a student registered at Cedarcrest, with an accompanying note supporting his- her absence. (Doctor Note etc.)

B. A. S. E DAYCARE

Welcome back everyone to a new school year and I hope everyone had a well-rested summer! If you would like to benefit from our daycare services and you have not registered, please contact the daycare technician, **Ms Georgia 514 744-8180**

Daycare Hours: Before school 7:00 a.m. - 7:45 a.m.
 After school 2:20 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

A fee of \$1.00 / min. will be charged for parents who are late.

After school, we provide the children with a snack in the afternoon and a homework period. The educators also plan educational activities afterschool based on the areas of development such as cognitive, social/emotional, gross motor, creativity and much more!! Our mission is to make their stay a pleasant and memorable one! We would remind all parents picking up their children to wait at the daycare entrance and to **not walk down** the halls please. Our children's safety is our primary concern.

Daycare fees are:

- \$8.20 a day for regular attendance** (3 to 5 days) included morning, lunch, and after school
- \$11.00 a day for a sporadic use** (only uses daycare when needed)
- \$9.00 a day on Pedagogical days** (plus an activity fee if required)

All payments are due by the end of this month and outstanding unpaid fees will lead to a cancellation of daycare services. If you would have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Ms. Georgia Stamatopoulos Phone Number: 514-744-8180

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. If your child received a bus pass and is not using it, kindly return the pass to school.

Annual Corn Roast - September 16th

Cedarcrest Corn Roast took place on Friday, September 16th. After lunch, every student was offered 1 piece of corn, and a juice. A great **BIG THANK YOU** to the **HOME and SCHOOL PARENT** volunteers for their organization and for making this event a success.

Curriculum Night - September 5th

Parents of students in grade 1 to 6 were invited to attend Curriculum Evening. Thank you to the numerous parents who came to meet with teachers in order to be informed regarding the grade level curriculum and expectations.

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.

Governing Board 2018-2019

Thank you to parents who attended the general assembly and elected our members for the new school year.

Congratulations!

Rayamond Ayas Paula Etrusco Shane Fernandez Lydia Kansou Tia Nicholls

Home and School meeting - September 10th

Home and School would like to welcome back all the families to Cedarcrest. Getting involved is a great way to show your kids that you take an interest in their education. Volunteering not only benefits your kids. It helps the classroom, the whole school, and the community by giving students positive interaction, support, and encouragement. **Thank you to all members who joined this year.** The members work hard with the community to organize fundraising activities such as: Chocolate Drive, Book Fair, Bake Sale, Dress down Days, TCBY and much more... stay tuned and continue to show your support to our children.

Milk Program

The milk program has begun September 10th. Every morning the students receive milk for snack time. Eating a daily breakfast helps to activate a child's brain in a way that increases their learning capabilities. Breakfast is definitely a recipe for success for kids in school and beyond.

Merlin Instrument Program

Please take note that the Merlin Instrument learning will continue this year. We have purchased 3 more merlin's this year.

Hot Lunch Suppliers

Last year, Governing Board approved **Le Doral** as our hot lunch supplier. The menus are on line. **The orders must be placed directly on line.** The hot lunch program began on Monday September 10th.



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.

Safety measures In the school yard

Parents are reminded to wait on the sidewalk in the morning, in the afternoon and at dismissal. Please do not accompany your child (ren) into the school yard. If you wish to supervise your own child then you may keep your child with you on the sidewalk until the bell rings. Thank you for your cooperation.

Terry Fox Run - September 21st

All students will be given a pledge sheet to fill in when they are given a donation; donations can also be done online by logging onto: **www.terryfox.org** our school code is: **QC4273**. All donations will be due back at school by October 12th, 2018. To make it as exciting as possible for the students and to encourage them to raise as much as possible, we have set up these fundraising goals:

If we raise 3000\$ all students get a free dress day!

If we raise 4000\$ then Mr. Michael and Ms. Stephanie will get a pie in the face!

If we raise 5000\$ then the whole school gets an extended RECESS!

If we raise 6000\$ then Teachers will wear crazy hats and/or socks for a day!

If we raise 7000\$ then all students get a sweet treat!

If we raise 8000\$ then Ms. Tudino gets a pie in the face!

If we raise 9000\$ students will watch a movie for an afternoon in the gym with popcorn!

If we raise 10,000\$ there will be Karaoke in the Gym with Ms. Tudino and staff.

If we raise 11,000\$ then Mr. MacKenzie will shave his head and Ms. Stephanie will cut a few inches off! (at a school assembly)

If we raise 12,000\$ then student will be able to dunk teachers in a Dunk tank!

What's coming up..... Important Dates to Remember...

September 19th – Grade 6 classes visit Marymount Academy

September 21st – Terry Fox Walk- Run

September 25th – Lauren Hill Principals – Present to Grade 6

September 28th – Homecoming Dance Home and School

October 1st – No School for Students – Election Day

October 2nd – Vaccination for Grade 4

October 5th – Progress Report Card

October 8th – Thanksgiving **Holiday**

October 19th – Board Wide Pedagogical Day

October 25th – Geordie Theatre Presents – The Little Witch

Staff Members

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

| GRADE - Assignment | STAFF or TEACHER |
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| K A | Marylene Favreau |
| KB | Lorraine Bélanger |
| 1A | Karine Forget |
| 1B | Linda Pornaro |
| 2A | Maria Arfanis |
| 2B | Laura Farina (4 Days) Caroline Doré (1day) |
| 3A | Bouchra Erchiqui |
| 3B | Jamal Al-Ahmad |
| 4A | Stacey Monk |
| 4B | Mina Bilios |
| 4C | Gianna Melillo |
| 5A | Sylvie Letendre |
| 5B | Katherine Vathilakis |
| 6A | Bridgit Pion |
| 6B | Sandy Milonas |
| Music | Ian Hanchet |
| Resource | Tanya Giordano |
| Special Ed. Technician | Vittoria La Starza |
| Phys Ed | Michael Mackenzie • Stephanie Vezina-Tulli |
| Science Robotics | Taylor Madew |
| Librarian | Ann Stoger |
| Daycare Technician | Georgia Stamatopoulos |
| Daycare Educators | Matina Aerikos • Catherine Cottis • Silvana Natarelli • Carmelina Renda Sandy Sadonis • Pina Varano • Andy Vranas |
| Lunch Monitors | Nada Awad • Talia Kanarakis • Stavroula Koulouris • Sandra Marsh Rosa Masciotra • Roula Pittas • Teresa Pucella • Despina Traiforos |
| Caretaker | Richard Hogan • Robert Rohwer |
| Child Care Worker | Subrena Boothe • Christopher Forde • Melissa Fucile • Sonia Priollo Ryan Kennedy • Sarah Marcone • Sam Soliman • Pamela Steinman |
| Psychologist | Cheryl Wiltzer |
| Speech Therapist | Karina Ismail |
| Occupational Therapist | Ann Zilberbrant |
| Spiritual Animator | Mary Poullas |
| Nurse | Andrea Mihailescu |
| School Secretary | Maria Argyriou • Vicky Rapanos (part time) |

