

St. Teresa's School École Ste-Thérèse NEWSLETTER

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Just a reminder that there is no school for students on Friday, May 11 because of a scheduled Professional Development Day for teachers. As well Monday, May 21 is a holiday due to the Victoria Day Holiday.

Dismissal Time/School Grounds

Parents/Guardians of St. Teresa's are reminded that school grounds are not supervised after school. Children are not permitted to stay on school grounds unless supervised by an adult. No Teacher is on duty and you are responsible should anything happen to your child. Please ensure your child is properly cared for after dismissal. Each day there are 20-30 students hanging around, either by choice or waiting to be picked up. Please ensure your child is picked up on time. There have been a number of children hurt previously and we do not want that to happen this year.

Breakfast Program Routines

School doors open at 8:25 for students to go to the cafeteria for breakfast or to be supervised. At 8:35 duty begins and students can proceed to their classrooms. We are having a number of students who are entering the building at 8:25 however not proceeding to the cafeteria. **Please note, if students are not willing to proceed to cafeteria they should not be dropped off at school until 8:35 or later.** Please discuss this with your child(ren) and their cooperation is required to continue to make our breakfast program successful and safe for all students.

PARKING LOT

We ask parents to be patient and vigilant when driving on the school lot. **If you park in one of the parking stalls, please walk your child across the parking lot.** No child should be permitted to weave in between parked vehicles while trying to cross the parking lot. We are also asking people not to park in our spaces designated for disability parking only. Lately a number of people are dropping off students and not parking in the parking stalls. This is very dangerous and we are advising that you refrain from doing this. As well some caregivers are parking in the drive thru lane and getting out of their car and walking in to the school. This is causing traffic to back up and make it unsafe for those walking on the parking lot. **As well over the last month we have had a number of complaints of people speeding on the parking lot and not obeying the rules. Please be**



extremely cautious especially close to the crosswalks.

Safety is all our responsibility!

SUMMER ENVIRONMENTAL DAY CAMP

The Mercy Centre for Ecology & Justice, 101 Mount Scio Road is offering a one-week summer environmental day camp during weeks of July 3 – 6 and July 9 -13 for children completing grades 2 and 3 in June 2018; week of July 16 – 20 for children completing grades 4 and 5 in June 2018. Through art, song and other creative and fun experiences, e.g., observing and listening to nature, connecting with water as life, planting seeds, scavenger hunts and field trips as well as games and videos, children will gain a greater awareness of themselves as part of creation and of all creation as part of them.

Registration fee for week-long camp, payable at registration: \$60.00 (cash or cheque only please).

To pre-register: Email mcej@live.com or phone 722-0082 by May 11, 2018.

Formal registration May 16 and 17 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Mercy Centre for Ecology & Justice, 101 Mount Scio Road. Please bring child's MCP card to registration.

School Council

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 8 at 6:00 pm. All parents and caregivers are welcome to attend.

Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast

Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast will take place on May 31 beginning at 8:30 am in the Learning Resource Center. We hope to see you all here. Please let your child's teacher know if you are coming.

PLEASE CHECK IN AT THE OFFICE –STUDENT/SCHOOL SECURITY

In an attempt to create a safe and secure environment for all students, we ask all students, parents/ guardians or any visitor who comes to the school during the regular school hours to use the main entrance and **do not proceed to the classroom area without first checking with the office.** We will gladly assist if you are dropping off an item for your child(ren) or picking them up. This school policy will allow our staff to know who is in the building at all times and ensure the safety of all or students. Thank you for your cooperation with this matter. **Parents are not permitted to proceed to their child's classroom.**

ALLERGIES



Some of our students and staff have *serious allergies* that can result in these people suffering from a *life threatening condition known as Anaphylaxis*. Breathing difficulties, and a drop in blood pressure or shock can result which are *potentially fatal*.

To help ensure that our students and staff are

safe at school **please avoid sending the following food items:**

All nuts including peanuts, kiwi, and eggs. Your understanding and cooperation in this matter is sincerely appreciated.

KINDERSTART SESSION DATES

The final Kinderstart session is scheduled for May 25. **Please note that there is no school on this date for kindergarten students.**

If you know of a child born before December 31, 2013 please remind them to register for Kinderstart. This can be done by dropping by St. Teresa's School with your child's MCP card and proof of address.

RECYCLING

We try to teach our students the importance of being respectful to our environment. Recycling is a fantastic program that promotes environmental awareness and provides funds for our school. We encourage everyone to participate in our recycling program. **Please drop off your recyclables the last Wednesday of the month.** In the meantime, families may drop off their recyclables to your nearest recycling depot and have the refund credited to St. Teresa's.



PREVENTING HEAD LICE

Parents/Caregivers have the responsibility to take an active role in the prevention of head lice outbreaks by;

- checking your child's head weekly for lice or nits;
- talking to your child about not sharing hats, brushes, headphones, helmets, hair accessories and other personal items;
- tying back long hair;
- treat properly and let your school know if your child contact lice.

CONCERTS

We have two concerts this month. The Fine Arts Concert will be held on May 16 at 7pm in the school gym.

The Grade 4 Spring Concert will be held on May 17 at 7pm in the school gym. Tickets will go on sale Wednesday, May 9.

UPCOMING DATES

May 11 – PD day
May 16 - Fine Arts Concert 7pm
May 17 - Spring Concert Grade 4 7pm
May 21 – Victoria Day Holiday
May 25 - Final Kinderstart Session

Get Involved with Big Brothers Big Sisters!



Big Brothers Big Sisters is accepting applications for girls & boys ages 6-12 years that would enjoy having a friendship with a Big Brother or Big Sister. This fun and rewarding program is FREE! Volunteers and kids get together 2-4 times per month and do activities they both enjoy. Call 368-KIDS(5437) or visit us – Village Mall,

2nd floor, just past Goodlife Fitness. You can also apply online at www.helpingkids.ca

Online Kindergarten Registration

Online Registration for Kindergarten for September 2019 (Kinderstart for September 2018) will begin in May 2018 for both the English and Early French Immersion programs. Online registration for the Avalon Region will begin at 9:00 am on Wednesday, May 9, 2018 and remain open until 9:00 pm on Thursday, May 10, 2018. Children must be five years of age on or before December 31, 2019 in order to register.

Please note this registration process is for children who will attend Kinderstart in the upcoming 2018-2019 school year and Kindergarten in the 2019-2020 school year. Children registered in Kinderstart will automatically be registered to attend Kindergarten in September 2019.

Also noteworthy, Early French Immersion (EFI) is an optional program in designated schools throughout the District. Registration is accepted on a **first-come, first served basis** for a **limited number of seats**. Further details pertaining specifically to Early French Immersion are included below.

You will need the following in order to complete an online application:

- MCP number including expiration date;
- An email address in order to receive confirmation of receipt of your application;
- Contact phone number and an emergency contact phone number;
- An Internet-ready device

To complete the registration process, proof of address and confirmation of MCP number must be provided in person at the designated school on or before **May 31, 2018**.

Any parents/guardians requiring Internet access or technical support may visit their zoned school during registration times for assistance. Please contact your zoned school by May 3, 2018 to arrange assistance during the registration process.

Any parent/guardian having registration issues (questions on the registration process, details to provide, or errors in the data submitted) while completing the form on registration day may contact/visit their zoned school for assistance.

SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT FAMILY SURVEY

School and families must work together to help students do their best. We all play an important role in this process. Working together to enhance your child's schooling experience and make it as positive and beneficial as possible takes a team effort. We are asking for your assistance to complete a family survey from the Department of Education. Your child's teacher will be providing you with instructions to complete this online survey over the next week. If you do not have access to complete this at home we will have

our computer lab available in the morning
from 8:30 to 9:15 and again from 2:30 to
3:15 pm.