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Principal's Message

October has been filled with rich experiences and excitement. The students can be very proud of the work they have accomplished up to date. We are looking forward to seeing you at our Parent/Teacher/Student interviews on November 7th and 9th.

On November 7th we will have our Remembrance Day celebration. Mme Christina and Mme Sonia's grade three class along with Mr. Éric's grade six class will be organising the celebration. We invite you to come and celebrate with us. **If you have a uniform such as Scouts or Girl Guides (students and parents), you are welcome to wear it.** If you need a letter for your employer so that you may be excused from work, please phone the school office at 780-459-9568 and we will send one home with your child.

Catholic Education Sunday will be taking place on Sunday November 4th at the Connelly-McKinley Chapelle. Students from École La Mission and École Alexandre-Tâché will participate at the 9 o'clock mass. The students are welcomed to fill out the form that has been sent home to identify the roles they are interested in. A letter will be sent home to confirm each student's role. We hope to see you there!

Have a wonderful month of November!

Marielle Perick

Principal

Remembrance Day Prayer

*As the nation prepares to remember the dead and honor
our veterans on Veterans Day, November 11,
pray for all the living vets, from the oldest to the youngest.
Pray for their health and strength and well-being,
for their encouragement
and for each one to be honored and appreciated by our nation.
Pray that their dedication and sacrifice will not be forgotten
by this generation, nor by future generations.
Give thanks to God for the freedoms we enjoy
that they have fought valiantly to preserve.
Amen.*

On November 5th, 6th and 7th, students from the student council will go in the classrooms each day with poppies. If you want your child to have a poppy to wear, we ask to bring a small monetary donation to the Legion. We remind students that these poppies are not toys and should be worn to show respect for those who gave their lives so we could live in peace.



Dates to remember

Parent/Teacher/Student Interviews

Interviews will take place on November 7th from 4:30 pm to 8:30 pm and on November 9th from 9:00 am to 12:00pm .



Please use the online appointment system, School Appointments, to book your interviews. You will be able to create a user account, enroll your child and then choose a time to meet with your child's teacher. You will soon receive an email with a link to register.

Report cards will go home on Thursday, December 6th.

Scholastic Book Fair

During the Parent/Teacher/Student interviews, we will be hosting a Scholastic Book Fair. Reserve yourself some time to come visit and purchase the many French books that will be for sale in the library. Students will also have the chance to purchase books from 12h55 to 13h25 on Thursday November 8th. Students need to bring the Parent Permission Purchase Order and their money to attend the book fair at this time. Thank you to the many parent volunteers that will help make this event a success.



Christmas Concert

The Christmas Concert will take place on Wednesday December 12th in two presentations.

We can no longer accommodate all our extended families in the gym, so a presentation will take place in the afternoon at 1:30 pm and the second presentation will be at 7:00 pm.



A MAXIMUM of 2 persons per family will be admitted during the 7:00 pm performance.

You will receive your 2 tickets with your child's report card on December 6th. Note that your tickets will be mandatory at the door for the evening performance. No tickets are required for the afternoon.

For the unity of the concert it is essential that all students are present for the evening concert. More details are to come about a specific dress code for the students.

School News and activities

*** NEW: Leaving for Appointments

In order to maximize the learning time of students in the classroom, we would like to inform you that if you must pick up your child during school hours we ask that you allow yourself enough time. Students will be called out of class **only** once the parents have arrived at the school. Please plan accordingly!

Locking school doors

The CSCN and École La Mission are committed to the safety of all students and staff. Two new security measures have been put in place in all schools of the CSCN. The first step is keeping our doors locked. A camera and a bell were installed to the right of the main entrance doors. You must stand directly in front of the camera before pressing the new doorbell. There will be two transition times during the day. During these transition times, the doors will be unlocked from: 8:42 am to 9:00 am and 3:15 pm to 3:30 pm.

Criminal record check

The second security measure in effect is the criminal record check. All adults volunteering for school activities or out-of-school excursions will be asked to submit criminal record check evidence before working with students. If you are thinking of volunteering at the school, such as reading a book to the class, participating in school activities, volunteering for field trips, etc., you need to provide us with a copy of your criminal record check. Any verification dated less than 6 months will be accepted.

To make it easier for you to act quickly, a letter with the principal's signature has already been sent to each family with the youngest child in the family enrolled at the school. Make sure to bring this letter with you to get a reduced cost or no cost at all.

We thank you for your valuable cooperation with this new security measure.

New curriculum: Kindergarten to grade 4

You will find on the Alberta Education website information regarding the updated Kindergarten to Grade 4 (K–4) curriculum draft in PDF format on the (<https://education.alberta.ca/curriculum-development/what-will-students-learn>) and digitally through the new LearnAlberta.ca beta website (<https://new.learnalberta.ca>)

The new LearnAlberta.ca (formerly known as the Curriculum Development and Management Application, or CDMA) is a custom-developed software tool created to help develop, update and implement provincial curriculum in a digital format. The vision of the new LearnAlberta.ca is to provide a bilingual, one-stop-shop for Alberta teachers, parents, students and all other stakeholders so they can access tools and services related to provincial curriculum. As of mid-October, 2018, this beta version will provide the ability for stakeholders to provide feedback on the website, which will be used to help inform future iterations of this innovative tool.

The provincial curriculum development is on track. New K–4 curriculums in six subject areas are expected to be approved, in principle, in December 2018. Implementation dates have yet to be determined, and current curriculum remains in effect until future curriculum is implemented.

School council and Parent Society

If you wish to discuss a particular topic at the next Parent Advisory Council meeting, please communicate ahead of time with the president, Mrs. Melanie Dallaire, at melaniedallaire@hotmail.ca or Karine Peeling at karinepeeling1@gmail.com

Our next school council meeting will be on November 6th at 6:00 pm.

All the minutes of the Parent Advisory Council meetings are posted on the school website at the following address: www.lm.centrenord.ab.ca.

Please continue to bring us your Boston Pizza receipts. Boston Pizza will give us 5% 5% cash back on the pre-tax total of submitted receipts.

When you shop at COBS located at 212 2 Hebert Rd, St. Albert please mention to the cashier that you are from École La Mission and COBS will donate 5% cash back to the school.

Thank you

Thank you to all the volunteers and to those who generously donated a cake for the fall festival. Thank you to all the families for your wonderful participation.

Thank you to all the families who participated at S'étourdir en français at Galaxyland.

Thank you to the students from grade 5 who help out in the Kindergarten to grade 2 classrooms during lunch time.

Thank you to the many teachers, teacher-aides and support-staff who organize various clubs (ex: reading week, student council, etc.).

Healthy School

It's Cold...

Make sure your child is dressed warmly and wears mittens, a warm tuque and a scarf at all times. The temperature is cool, especially in the morning. **Do not forget to label all outdoor clothing and boots.** When a child loses an object, this causes many tears and worries. Encourage your child to check the lost and found box as it fills quickly.

Sick Students

When a child comes to school sick, he transmits the virus to all those around them. If your child is not feeling well or has a fever, please keep him at home until he is fully recovered. If your child becomes ill during the day, we will notify you so you can pick him up. It is extremely important that you inform us if your child has chickenpox or measles since precautionary measures need to be followed in such cases. **We strongly encourage parents to have their child immunized against such diseases and other sicknesses.**

Key information to remember

Punctuality

- Punctuality is an important value at our school. When your child is late, this has a negative effect on learning in addition to disturbing the class. Let's all develop good habits and be on time!
- Please remember to check in at the office when you arrive at school. In order to limit classroom disruptions, the secretary will call your child to the office to meet with you.
- Halloween is just around the corner which means one thing: sugar! Being a school where we promote health, we do not accept candy at school in your child's lunch box. Research shows that the ability to concentrate is seriously diminished by the consumption of sweets. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Things to do:

- ... Return permission forms for field trips by the deadline
- ... Read your child's agenda everyday
- ... Look at your child's classroom Moodle page
- ... If you wish to register your 3 or 4 year old child in "La Boîte à Surprises" or if you require more information about our preschool program, please contact: presidence@laboiteasurprises.org
- ... For more information about the French Daycare (for children 12 to 36 months old) behind the school or the before and after school daycare, please contact the FPFA at 780-468-6934.

When your child has problems with his/her peers at recess, please encourage him/her to talk with an adult. There are often situations that can be easily managed if addressed immediately.

School bus Transportations



Your bus schedules are available online with e-Link.

If you lose your schedule or a change is made to your bus route, the information is at your fingertips. All you have to do is sign in, using the information that was mailed to you this summer with your child's schedule. If a change is made, a message will be sent at that time to advise you to consult your new schedule online.

For the SAFETY of your child ... please read

You must inform the school office as soon as possible of ANY CHANGES regarding your child's transportation needs such as a new address, new sitter or contact information. The school office will then notify the transportation board.

Allow AT LEAST THREE WEEKS before a change is made permanent. In the meantime, you will be assigned a temporary stop as close as possible to your new address. Your bus driver IS NOT AUTHORIZED TO CHANGE THE STOPS. You should not accept a change from your driver because a SUB DRIVER will follow the approved road and will drop off your child at the bus stop indicated on the card.

No student has the right to ride a bus other than the one on which he/she is assigned. If your child needs to take a different bus due to an emergency, you must request permission from the transportation board. An authorization letter will be prepared and given to the student to present to the bus driver.

Always park along Heritage Drive, we do not have enough space in the parking lot to accommodate parents vehicles.

-Do not park your car in the bus lane from 8:00 am to 9:00am and from 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm.

-Accompany your child to cross the street.

-Cross the street using only the marked crosswalk.

-Never cross between buses. Please go to the corner to cross safely.

By following these instructions, it certainly will help our students to cross the street safely. In addition, by parking further, it will give drivers a better vision of people crossing the street.

We are confident that taking time to reflect and follow these rules, will ensure safe crossing for everyone. We assure you that we make constant efforts to ensure that students get to school and home safely.

A student who does not take his usual bus route in the afternoon must have a signed note by the parent. A student without a note will go on the bus as indicated on the registration form.