



LE MESSENGER

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Principal's Message

November is upon us. The students can be very proud of the work they have accomplished up to date. They look forward to celebrating their success with you at the parent-teacher-student interviews. This is the perfect opportunity to review your child's learnings and develop goals with his teacher to continue on the path to success. What a great way to show interest in your child's education!

We will be celebrating Remembrance Day. Mme Sarah Stapleton and Mr. Ian Matwiji with the grade 4/5 students 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 to excuse you from work, please phone the school office at 780-459-9568 and we will send one home with your child.

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 8th 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 5th.

S'étourdir en français To benefit both école La Mission and La prairie.

Come and have fun with your family at Galaxyland on Friday, November 15, 2019 from 7:30 pm to 10:30 pm

LIMITED TICKETS

\$ 15 per ticket (0-2 years free)

Children 0 to 6 must be accompanied by an adult at all times.

Children 7 to 10 years old must be accompanied by a person 16 years old and over.

Anyone wishing to access the site must buy a ticket, whether they go on rides or not.

WITHOUT TICKET, ACCESS to the site will be REFUSED.

Deadline to purchase tickets, November 14, 2019. All ticket purchases are done online with SchoolCash.

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 and English books that will be for sale in the library. Students will also have the chance to purchase books from 12:55 pm to 1:25 pm on Thursday November 8th. Students need to bring the permission purchase order form sent home 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 Thursday 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

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 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.).

School council and Parent Society

The next meetings will be held on Tuesday, November 5th.

School Council meeting: 6:30 pm

Parent Society meeting: 7:30 pm

If you wish to discuss any matters or have any ideas you would like to share at the Parent Advisory Council meeting, please communicate ahead of time with the president, Mrs. Mélanie Dallaire, melaniedallaire@hotmail.ca or Josée Gélinas, josee.Gelinas@crustcraft.com

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.

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.**

SCP (Soutien au comportement positif)

PBIS (Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports)

Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (**PBIS**) is a way for schools to encourage good behavior. With **PBIS**, kids learn about behavior, just as they learn other subjects like math or science. The key to **PBIS** is prevention, not punishment.

PBIS is an approach schools can use to improve school safety. It also helps schools decide how to respond to a child who misbehaves.

PBIS recognizes that kids can only meet behavior expectations if they know what the expectations are. A hallmark of a school using PBIS is that everyone knows what's appropriate behavior. Throughout the school day—in class, at lunch and at recess - kids understand what's expected of them.

PBIS has a few important guiding principles:

- Every child can learn proper behavior.
- Stepping in early can prevent more serious behavior problems.
- Each child is different and schools need to provide many kinds of behavior support.
- How schools teach behavior should be based on research and science.
- Following a child's behavioral progress is important.
- Schools must gather and use data to make decisions about behavior problems.

According to several studies, PBIS leads to better student behavior. In many schools that use PBIS, students receive fewer detentions and suspensions, and get better grades. There's also some evidence that PBIS may lead to less bullying.

École La Mission has started this program four years ago. The SCP school committee has revised some of the procedures and practices. New behavioral expectations posters have been posted throughout the school and these expectations are taught in the classrooms. Students can acquire school bracelets for following school expectations. At the end of the day, these bracelets are counted and recorded in order to be used towards a classroom reward. Once the classroom has reached its own personal magic number based on the number of students in the classroom, the class can then have a classroom reward. Each classroom reward is then counted towards a schoolwide reward.

Although efforts towards rewarding good behavior is heightened, there are still some students that need personal interventions. When school expectations are repeatedly not being followed, a student may receive an **AVIS** card. This card is given to the homeroom teacher who then gives the student a reflexion form. This form is intended to help the student reflect on his behavior and the school expectations that were not followed. With teacher support, the student then determines an appropriate act of kindness. The reflexion form will be sent home to be signed by the parent and the teacher will advise the parent by e-mail.

If you have any questions regarding the program, please do not hesitate to contact the principal, Mme Marielle for more information.

Key information to remember

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.

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!

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.

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.