



LE MESSENGER

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Principal's Message

What a beautiful and busy month September has been at École La Mission. Several routines are already established and many students already meet successfully the school's expectations. During this first month, our staff and students have been working on building routines and clarifying expectations in order to help students know what is expected of them.

With the arrival of October, comes the cool weather. Make sure to dress your child properly. It is very important that students are dressed for the temperature outside in order for them to ENJOY and make the most of their recess.

The month of October is also dedicated to reading. October 2nd to 5th is Read-In Week. Many activities are planned for the entire week. If you are able to participate in any of our activities, please advise your child's homeroom teacher.

Communication is very important between the classroom and home. I encourage you to communicate regularly with your child's teacher by e-mail, through your child's agenda or by phone. Feel free to share your successes, your concerns and questions with us. Collaboration is the key for your child's success this year.

Wishing you all a beautiful month of October and a happy Thanksgiving!

Stephan Charron
Principal

Thanksgiving Prayer

With the colours of fall, with the Feast of Thanksgiving comes the time to say Thank you...

Thank you Lord for all that we have received from Mother Earth.

Thank you Lord for the wondrous gift of life.

Thank you Lord for the love that we receive from our parents and our friends.

Thank you Lord for the gift of your forgiveness which brings us peace and happiness.

Amen.

Dates to remember

Picture retakes: October 18th

If you want your child's picture retaken, you must check the retake box on the order form that you will receive soon and return it to school. The requests will be given to the photographer.

Parent-Teacher Interview

Thursday, November 8th: 4:30 pm to 8:30 pm

Swimming Lessons

Please note that swimming lessons will be from November 6th to December 11th. Permission forms will be sent home soon.

School News and activities

Merci...

Thank you to all the grade 4 to 6 students who will be a part of the Student Council. Your time and input will greatly add to our school spirit.

Thank you to all those who accepted to be on the School Parent Council and Parent Society. Your time and effort will be most appreciated. (See the French *Newsletter* for the names of this year's members)

Halloween

This year we still encourage students to dress in orange and black for Halloween at school. But we will allow students to wear a costume *only* for the afternoon activities. **We will not accept any makeup, masks or weapons.** The school staff gives itself the right to refuse a costume that does not meet the stated expectations. The students will be given 20 minutes to dress up after lunch recess in their classroom. **The morning of October 31st will be an ordinary morning with regular classes. Halloween activities will begin in the afternoon around 1 pm and finish around 3 pm.**

In addition, being a school where we promote health, **it is not permitted** to bring sweets to share during Halloween, Christmas, Valentine's Easter, etc. The card exchange is still allowed but not mandatory.

We continue to allow snacks for the class on the birthday of the child. We encourage you to think about making a healthy choice if you decide to bring a snack for your child's birthday.

Thanksgiving Celebration

The celebration will be on Wednesday October 4th at 11:00 am. You are welcome to join us. Thank you to Mme Janelle and the students of the kindergarden class who are in charge of the celebration.

Key information to remember

Library

We encourage you to get your child to return his books and videos every week according to the library schedule for each class. It is important to follow this routine to ensure that your child does not lose the privilege to borrow books and DVDs every week. Library Schedule:

Wednesday: Maternelle J, 1^{re} année, 2^e/3^e année, 4^e année
Thursday : Maternelle S, 2^e année, 5^e année 5^e/6^e année
Friday : 3^e année

** Permissions Forms by Email

A reminder that all permissions forms will be emailed as of October 1st. You are responsible for printing and returning them to school with your child. If this causes trouble please communicate with your child's teacher.

Volunteer Agreement Form

If you are interested to do some volunteer at school, please complete the form and return it to school.

If you have misplaced the copy sent by the school in September, please download a copy from our school website under the tab Formulaires et documents utiles and send it back to school as soon as possible. Note that we can't accept your help without having received this form in advance. Even if you think of only volunteering once during the school year, it would be a good idea to return the completed form immediately to be ready for the occasion.

Thank you for your understanding and your continued support.

Punctuality

As you have read in the newsletter of September, punctuality is an important value at our school. *We thank all the families who bring and pick up their child on time. We will continue to strengthen this practice throughout the year.* Remember the bell rings at 8:40 am in the morning and 3:15 pm in the afternoon.

Transportation



*** NEW ***

Your bus schedules are now 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 Synrevoice will be sent at that time to advise you

to consult your new schedule online.

If however you do not have internet access, please, notify the school immediately to receive a paper copy of your schedule.

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.

School council and Parent Society

If you wish to discuss a point at the next Parent Advisory Council meeting, please communicate ahead of time with the president, Mrs. Mélanie Dallaire, at melaniedallaire@hotmail.ca.

Our next school council meeting will be on October 4th at 6:30 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.

Things to do:

...Pay school fees by September 30th.

... **Buy your tickets for « S'étourdir en français » for an evening at Galaxyland at West Edmonton Mall.**

...Return permission forms for field trips as soon as possible.

... Mark your child's name on clothing, shoes, boots, school bag and lunch box.

...You can purchase milk coupons for your child at the school office at \$20.00 a sheet.

...For more information about the French Daycare (for children 12 to 36 months old) behind the school, please contact le CEPP at 780-458- 8324.

...For more information or to register your child for before or after school care, please contact David Caron at 780 461-9889.