

March Newsletter # 7
March 13, 2020

Dear Parents,

Thank you all for your patience and understanding regarding the speed of communication from school to home. Our Directors asked that all Principals meet on line at 1:30 pm this afternoon and following this meeting letters would be sent.

As you know, Wednesday the ETSB asked each school to distribute a letter highlighting information regarding the Coronavirus (COVID-19), the virus that is making headlines in the news daily. Thursday we sent home a document about the correct method to wash your hands. As well, there was an instruction document on the best way to prevent germs from spreading when you cough or sneeze. I recommend that you post these documents in a key area in the house. Later this afternoon the ETSB will be sending home a letter confirming that the school will be closed for two weeks to help to decrease the spreading of the virus. Starting Monday, March 16 there will be no school. It is anticipated that we will return to school on Monday, March 30, 2020. Please keep a close watch on the ETSB website and your email account. Letters will be distributed when any new developments are shared with us as the weeks unfold.



Mark your calendars!!! Saturday, April 18th from 8:30-12:30: This event is scheduled beyond the one month directive issued by the Provincial Government so at this time we are hopeful that it will be taking place on this date. It will be rescheduled if needed.

Grade 6S and 6M would like to invite our community to attend our nineteenth Babies & Kids Bazaar on April 18th. It's a great way to reuse and find affordable items. A table rental form and information was sent home this week with the youngest in each family if you'd like to sell your items. We look forward to supporting and helping our community with this project. For more information, please contact Mandy Sullivan sullivanm@edu.etsb.qc.ca or (819) 826-3737. All profits from this project will go towards our end of year field trip overnight camping at Frontier Lodge.

Re-registration Process: If you have not been able to re-register your child on line, please contact Tamara Porter (819) 826-3737 and she will help you work through the steps. If you have a kindergarten-aged child who has not been registered, please contact the school. If you know of someone who intends to register a child, please ask the person to call the office and book an appointment at (819) 826-3737. This will allow us to be well organized for the 2020-2021 school year. Thank you in advance for completing the paperwork or online registration, as this will ensure our numbers are being taken into account for staffing next year.

MINISTRY/LOCAL Exam Schedule: Please note that the Term Three end of grade 6 exam period for your child was set by the Ministry or our Pedagogical Services Department (in the case of local exams). The exams are lengthy and take place over many days. Please ensure that your child is at school during these time periods unless he/she is unwell.

Grade 6 Final Exams

MEEs Grade 6 ELA exam: May 4 – 22, 2020 (approx. 7 hours)

FSL Reading Comprehension: May 19-22, 2020

FSL Writing Exam: May 25-29, 2020

Mathematics Exam: June 8-11, 2020

The following activities organized by the CLC and partners are now canceled:

March 18th: A meeting for parents on the theme of “Transitions”. This discussion-based workshop is led by Charity Kerrigan, an Early-Childhood Educator, and invites mothers and their partners to “come with stories, stay for support, leave with solutions!” It is held in the evening with refreshments and free childcare. The cost is \$5/session plus a one-time registration fee to the Lennoxville & District Women’s Centre. Please register in advance by contacting Siu-Min (contact information is below).

March 23rd: Workshop on School Lunches & Snacks with a nutritionist. Learn some tips and tricks for winning school lunches and snacks from a nutritionist. 6:30pm – 8pm. Free babysitting is available if reserved in advance (please contact Siu-Min). This workshop will also be repeated at ADS in Danville on March 30th from 1 – 2:30pm. Parents are welcome to attend either workshop. No registration is required.

March 26 & date tbc: “Books to Belly” cooking workshop. Given that the first Books to Belly workshop scheduled this winter was cancelled due to a snow storm, we will be scheduling another workshop later this spring. Please contact Siu-Min at jims@etsb.qc.ca if you are interested in participating.

For those with K4 or pre-school age children at home, we are also offering the following activities:

March 20th: PJ Story Time for 3-5 yrs with parent/caregiver. Animated by Jennifer Brown and Rebecca Taylor. Please register for this activity in advance by sending an email to: dreamscometrue@live.ca

Parent-Child Mother Goose Program: For parents (or caregiver) and children 0–3. On-going, Friday mornings at RRHS. Older siblings welcomed, and assistance with transportation is available. Free. Register now for the spring

session beginning on April 3rd. More info or to register, please call Carie at 819-574-1390 or visit mfarbrisseaux.com/

Finally, if you run a home daycare primarily in English, or for English-speaking children or know of someone who does, they may be interested in a new group activity that is set up. Join other daycare providers for ideas, support and friendships. A free evening with supper provided! March 19th, from 6:30pm – 8:30pm at RRHS. For more info or to reserve your spot, please contact Mandy Hinds at mrhinds12@gmail.com or 819-345-7187.

For more information on any of these activities, you may follow the ***Richmond, Danville & Drummondville area CLC*** Facebook Page, or contact Siu-Min Jim, our CLC Community Development Agent. She can be reached at 819-826-3702 ext. 24026 or by email at jims@etsb.qc.ca

Sincerely,

Louise Retchless, Principal

All school-related events are canceled including these:

March 16: PPO @ 6:00 pm; Governing Board @ 7:00 pm

March 18: Parent Tap (6:30 pm) in the St. Francis conference room

March 20: PJ Storytime (AM) held at RRHS

March 26: Books to Belly cooking & reading workshop from 6:00 – 8:00 pm

April 6: *The Viking Sherbrooke Symphony Orchestra cultural outing is canceled due to the COVIN-19 virus;*

Monday, March 16 until Friday March 27: St. Francis will be closed

Upcoming Events:

April 6: PPO (6:00 pm); Governing Board (7:00 pm)

April 10 – 13: Easter Holiday

April 14: Planning Day

April 18: Babies and Kids Bazaar