

# LDVA



## School Zone Bulletin



### Open House

Our Open House took place on November 11<sup>th</sup>, virtually, and was a great success! If you missed it, you can view it on our Facebook page, school website or YouTube. If you would like to be contacted in January regarding registration, please complete the electronic feedback form on our website.

### P/T Interviews

You will have the opportunity to virtually meet your child's teachers on Thursday, November 26<sup>th</sup>, 2020. This year, we are using the Bookings platform to schedule your online virtual appointments that will be on TEAMS. Please take the time to book an appointment to discuss your child's progress. It is only by working together that our children will succeed.

### Report Cards

As you may already be aware, the government has changed the reporting periods for all students in Quebec this year due to the pandemic. Rather than having 3 terms, there will be two terms each worth 50%. **The first term will now end on January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021. The report card will be issued on January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2021.** The final report card will be issued at the end of the school year.

### Spirit of Hope This Holiday Season

Once again this year, we will be supporting the Welcome Hall Mission and St. Brendan's Parish. The difference this year, is we have been asked to donate gift cards for grocery stores (Maxi, Super C, IGA or Walmart) as volunteers are not permitted to come and collect the non-perishable items. As of Monday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2020 please send in gift cards to these grocery stores in an envelope clearly indicating "Spirit of Hope Donation". If you prefer, you can send a cash donation in the envelope and the school will go purchase the gift card for you. **All donations must be received by December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020.**

In addition, all LDVA families are still welcome to donate gently used toys to the Welcome Hall Mission. Sadly, this year, we will not be able to gather as a community and have our children volunteer and help load the trucks. You will need to deliver your toys there. As soon as the Welcome Hall Mission confirms the exact location and date for our school to bring our donations, we will send you more information.

### Virtual Holiday Musical Concert

On the morning of Wednesday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020 we will be hosting a virtual holiday musical celebration for all parents to enjoy! The voices of our little angels of Leonardo da Vinci Academy will serenade and surely entertain you! A pandemic couldn't break our holiday cheer! We will be streaming the concert live as of 9:15 a.m. on our Facebook page, website, Twitter and on YouTube (same way we streamed our virtual open house). As a "fee" to enjoy this concert, we ask that you please send in a gift card for a grocery store to support our charities and families in need. Note that each class will perform one song with their class bubble. The live show will remain available on our Facebook page and our YouTube page. Share with family and friends! The students are so excited to perform for all their families to enjoy! ☺

### Cold Weather

Please ensure that students come to school dressed appropriately for the cold weather. ALL students are expected to come to school with their snow pants and waterproof mittens, hats and neck warmers as soon as the snow arrives. The children are going outside to play and will indeed get wet so they need to be dressed appropriately!



### Jersey Day

On Wednesday, November 25, we will have a Jersey Day where students can wear their favorite sports jersey and donate a toonie. They must wear their black bottoms. Jerseys can be soccer, hockey, football, baseball, etc..... Can't wait to see our students supporting their favorite teams!

### A Word from Your BASE Daycare ....

As we head into the winter break, we would like to wish you a blessed holiday season and a joyful, Happy New Year! We look forward to the students' return in 2021. We are committed to continue building relationships, nurture goals, and celebrate our many gifts in the year ahead. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! *LDVA Base Daycare Family*

### A Word from Your Home and School.....

During the month of November, we had our "Stay Safe Fundraiser" and our "Holiday Cards Fundraiser". Thank you to our LDVA community for being so generous and participating in these fundraisers.

On November 25<sup>th</sup>, 2020 we will be having a "Jersey Day" fundraiser. In exchange for a small donation of \$2.00, the children will be allowed to wear their favorite jersey to school. All monies raised from these fundraisers will go to fund school projects and events for our children.

On December 17<sup>th</sup>, 2020 we will be having our annual Christmas Breakfast with Santa. The children will be allowed to come to school wearing their favorite pajamas. Our Home & School members are working closely with the LDVA administration to ensure all required safety measures are in place to keep our children safe and still enjoy a delicious breakfast.

Home & School would like to wish everyone a peaceful, happy and safe holiday season.

*"Christmas is most truly Christmas when we celebrate it by giving the light of love to those who need it most."*

### A Word from Your Vice Principal.....

This pandemic has challenged us all. Fortunately, there is a light at the end of the tunnel. The newly developed vaccines seem promising and as a new year approaches, we need to remain diligent and follow the safety protocols from our government. Remember, we are all working hard to make sure all of those around us are successful and safe. Patience is a virtue, and we must remain positive and optimistic. We will get through this together. Stay safe, follow the protocols, explore virtual visits with the family, call your friends and enjoy the holiday season with a little extra hug with those living under your roof.

*The comeback  
is always  
stronger than  
the setback*

A little child, a  
shining star, a  
stable rude, the  
door ajar. Yet in  
that place, so  
crude, forlorn...  
the hope of all the  
world was born.

(unknown)

### A Word from Your Principal.....

As the hustle and bustle begins in preparation for what is still an unknown holiday season, may you find comfort and warmth within your families. Take the time to reflect on what truly matters in your life and spend quality moments with your children. May you be filled with gratitude and acknowledge the tiny blessings and simple pleasures in your lives! All the best for a healthy 2021!



**Dates to Remember:**

- Wednesday, November 25 Jersey Day- send in 2\$
- Thursday, November 26 PT Interviews virtually on Teams/ PED Day
- Friday, November 27 PED Day
- Wednesday, December 9 Virtual Holiday Music Concert as of 9:15 a.m.  
Deadline to send in grocery gift card/ cash donations for Spirit of Hope charities
- Monday, December 14 Dress-Up Day in your holiday best and bring a toonie ☺
- Thursday, December 17 Breakfast with Santa and Pajama Day
- Friday, December 18 Last day of classes
- Monday, January 4 Welcome Back to School!

\*\*\* Please note that should the government change or extend the winter holiday, we will advise you as soon as the school receives official, written confirmation from the ministry of education. \*\*\*

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Principal

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Vice-Principal



Wishing you  
peace and joy  
this holiday  
season and  
throughout the  
coming year.