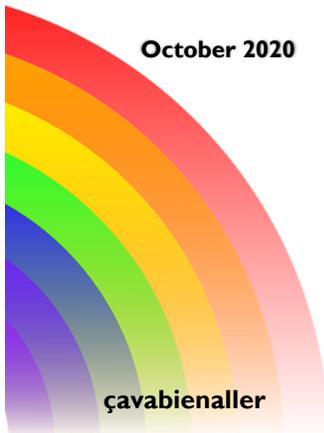




SINCLAIR LAIRD SCHOOL



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THANK YOU / MERCI 😊

Special thanks are due to all staff at Sinclair Laird, to all parents, and to our wonderful, resilient students, who we are so happy to have back. We are grateful for your usual cooperation and for your exceptional patience during these difficult times! We have been safe and very vigilant since the opening of schools about the increased need to be careful. And we are happy to report that good fortune has come with our efforts, as—to this date—there have been no cases of Covid at Sinclair Laird. None. Working together has always ensured the promise of a successful school year for all, and will once again. Thank You!!!



A GREAT START TO THE 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR

We're back! Nous sommes de retour!

Its been a great start at Sinclair Laird for everyone, especially for our students. On opening day, August 31st, we decided to have a "Wear Your Grade Colours" t-shirt day in order to celebrate the start of the 2020-2021 school year. The school was filled with bright colours, balloons, and wonderful smiles all around. We may be a little removed in our safety bubbles, respecting physical distancing but we are still finding ways to make things interesting and get in the groove socially. Without exception, all are excited to see one another again and all are happy to be back doing we love to do: sharing, caring, learning and growing together.

We are adapting to new constraints and re-adjusting to the new normal of our regular school habits. Presentation of the curriculum is well underway, evaluations are forthcoming and progress is being made, with surprises but as expected. Some of our plans have been upset by the restrictions (no museums, no outings, no big assemblies...)but we are being creative, getting outdoors more just the same, learning new games, new skills... and so we are both happy and proud to say that we are doing very well. For our new students, such as those in pre-k who joined the SL family, welcome to one of the best schools out there! Sinclair Laird is back! Nous sommes très heureux de vous avoir ici à Sinclair Laird. Bon départ tous le monde!

HOW TO REACH US?

Access is restricted, so before presenting yourself at school, you will need to make an appointment with our school secretary. For any inquiries, please call us at 514.279.9026. You can follow us on: Facebook, Twitter, and our school website for the latest news and updates at SL. Thank you for your cooperation/ Avant de vous présenter à l'école, vous devez prendre un rendez-vous avec notre secrétaire. Pour de plus amples renseignements, appelez-nous au 514.279.9026. Merci de votre collaboration.



BREAKFAST CLUB OF CANADA/CLUB DES PETITS DÉJEUNERS

For many years, we have had the pleasure to work with the Breakfast Club of Canada who have been doing an amazing job feeding children all across Canada. This year, once again, we are delighted to bring breakfast back to all of our students at Sinclair Laird. For safety reasons, we will only be serving packaged items and cold breakfast. The breakfast program started on September 21st, and we are very happy with the positive feedback that we received so far! Breakfast in the morning is an essential, especially for children. We are very proud to be part of this wonderful organization, helping to make sure that students start their day fed, focused, and ready to go!



GOVERNING BOARD AND PPO

After the General Assembly of September 17th, our first Governing Board meeting – a virtual one - was on October 7th. We'd like to thank and welcome aboard all new members. We'd also like to congratulate *Amanda Liste*, a returning member, who has graciously stepped forward and been chosen to replace the outgoing chair person, Joanna Peters. We motion, second that motion and extend unanimous thanks to all who have joined us but especially to the wonderful Joanna for her tireless energy and dedication to the school over the last decade. Joanna will be glad to hear that The PPO is still with us, and that it has new members to as well who will meet and be in contact with the parent community soon. Volunteers?

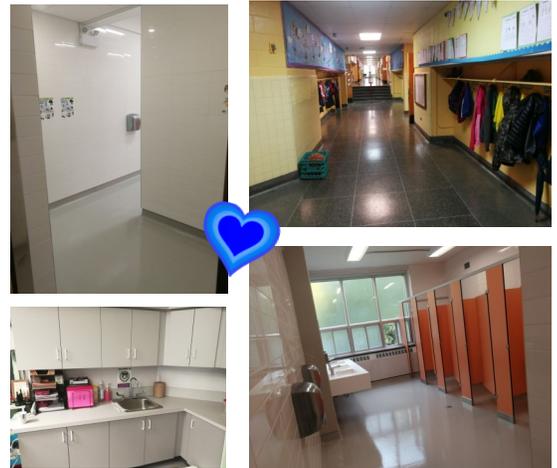
OUR BEAUTIFUL SCHOOL

Many renovations have been done during the summer time at our school including; new sinks and cabinets in each classroom, flooring work, major clean-up, and polishing. Bathrooms have been fully renovated with a fresh new look. A reminder that all water fountain stations are closed due to the new protocols. Here are a few photos of our new beautiful school!



LEARN N' PLAY DAYCARE

Our first Learn N' Play daycare on September 11, was a great success. Students enjoyed an introduction to the abstract form, using pastels, sing-alongs and lots of outdoor fresh air and play for inspiration. The next Ped day is on **Friday, October 16th and Monday, October 19, 2020**. Due to new regulations, please note that only daycare students will be permitted to attend Lean N' Play daycare on Ped days. (until further notice).



SCHOOL PROTOCOLS

If you have your child/children tested, the school must be advised no matter what the results may be. A reminder that your child should not come to school if he/she is sick. Please refer to the Santé Quebec website or you may call info-Santé at 811 for any inquiries. (See the bottom list for important phone numbers). Remember to always verify your child's agenda for messages, memos, or any important documents that may be sent home. Remember to keep washing your hands and to be safe!

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

For general information about COVID-19, call the toll-free hotline:

1-514-644-4545 (Montreal Area)

If you are experiencing physical symptoms (cough or fever) do not leave home, call:

1-514-644-4545 (Montreal Area)

If you are experiencing anxiety or emotional distress, call the Info-Social helpline (24/7):

811

Support for young people: kidshelpphone.ca

1-800-668-6868

For family support, food banks, housing assistance
211



PHOTO DAY AT SL

Our annual school pictures will be taken on Thursday, October 15, 2020. Please make sure that your child wears their proper uniform. Each homeroom class will be called up one at a time to the back of the stage to take their picture. Only individual pictures of students will be taken due to new protocols. Don't forget to bring your biggest smile!

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