

# Monthly Newsletter :

November, 2019

## ÉCOLE WILLINGDON SCHOOL



### REPORT CARD DISTRIBUTION AND PARENT-TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Term 1 report cards **will be available on the MOZAIK Portal on Monday, November 18th**. The first term report card is worth 20% of the year end school mark. Parent-Teacher interviews will be held on Wednesday, November 20th and on Thursday, November 21st, 2019 at the **Junior Campus**. You will be receiving a letter confirming your appointment. We kindly ask you to respect the appointment that is given to you. The administration will also be available on both days to meet with parents.

### NEW OPEN HOUSE DATE

We are very excited to remind you that our **Open House in both campuses is taking place this Thursday, November 7th 2019 from 1:30pm to 3:00pm and from 6:00pm to 7:30pm**. All cycle 2 and cycle 3 families are strongly encouraged to come by our **Senior Campus** to experience what our amazing new addition has to offer. Our students are very eager and proud to show you the new campus and all of the wonderful projects that they have been working on.

### SCHOOL FEES AND LUNCH FEES

We will be sending out a statement of account with your child's first report card, for those of you who have not yet paid your school fees, which were due Sept 6th 2019. Please note Oct 24th 2019 was the first installment date for Lunch fees. We kindly ask you to clear your account so that we can have the funds to pay our lunch monitors and our workbook invoices.

### BOOK FAIR

The first book fair organized by the Willingdon Home & School will be held on November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2019. The book fair is held on the same night as Parent-teacher interviews. Remember to pass by before or after your interview!

### GRADE 6 GRADUATION BAKE SALE

Preparations for the Grade 6 grad are underway and the Grad committee will have a bake sale on November 20th. The grade 6 students will have a table of baked goods at the Scholastic Book Fair. Be sure to send a couple extra loonies or toonies with your children so they can enjoy a sweet treat!



## Upcoming Events

**November 7**

*Open House*

**November 15**

PED DAY

**November 18**

Report Cards MOZAIK portal

**November 20-21**

Parent-teacher Interviews

Book fair and Bake Sale (Nov 20 only)

**November 21-22**

PED DAY

**November 26**

Home & School Meeting

**November 28**

Governing Board Meeting

**November 29**

PIZZA Lunch

## SOCKS FUNDRAISERS AND HOLIDAY CARDS FOR THE OLD BREWERY MISSION

Willingdon will be collecting again this year socks for the Old Brewery mission. Homeless people walk for miles every day. As they walk, their feet get cold and wet as their shoes fill up with slush and snow. As a result, homeless people suffer from many foot-related afflictions. The purpose of this activity is to make kids realize how something that they take for granted – clean dry socks – isn't something that everyone has. It's also empowers kids to realize that they can make a huge difference in someone's life just by donating socks to a homeless shelter. Furthermore, our students will be making cards again this year. These cards will be distributed during the meal on Christmas Eve to very appreciative clients. A box for collecting socks will be located in the main office at both campuses. Socks will also be collected at the Winter Concert. Please see link:

<https://youtu.be/q7B1SDi5tqI>

## REMEMBRANCE DAY ASSEMBLIES

On Monday November 4<sup>th</sup> Willingdon, with the help of Ms. Linda Luca, hosted a Remembrance Day assembly for cycle 2 and 3. Thank you retired Sergeant Lech Kwasiborski for sharing your incredible stories with us.



## WINTER WEATHER

We would like to remind parents that children should be dressed appropriately for the winter weather. Proper snowsuits and waterproof boots should be worn once we get our first snowfall. Students should have a pair of shoes in their lockers since they will not be permitted to enter their classroom with boots. Students should also have another pair of socks in their lockers should they need to change.



## IN THE EVENT OF SCHOOL CLOSURE

In the event of a school closure due to inclement weather, the announcement will appear on the **Twitter section** of the EMSB website at **www. Emsb.qc.ca**. For all other emergency situations, the administration will contact parents by using **School Messenger** either by phone or email.

## Parent Reminders

- Please do not enter the yard until the end of the school day. Our school yard is a classroom as well as a free play space. Therefore at the end of the day, we kindly ask that you refrain from entering until the end-of-day bell rings at 3:50 out of respect for the teachers who use the space for pedagogical purposes.
- Unclaimed, unlabeled items that have been left in the Lost & Found are periodically bagged by the caretaking staff and stored. On the evenings of Parent-Teacher Conferences, the items will be laid out to be claimed in the Draper lunch room. Any remaining unclaimed items will be donated to charity. To avoid losing items of value, please take label all items so we can efficiently return them to students.
- Parents are reminded that all visitors to Willingdon must report to the office first to sign in. Late arriving students should be dropped off at the office; please do not escort them to class yourselves. And finally, please do not disturb classes to speak to your child's teacher; the teachers will be happy to speak with you if you plan an appointment with them.

## News from Willingdon's Music Specialist

This is an inspiring month! The grade 6 Kids for Kids Choir (Music Club) is rehearsing to perform at the P.K. Subban Atrium for the patients at the Montreal Children's Hospital. Our hope is to help the patients through the power of music. This is the first time we are performing at the P.K. Subban Atrium and The Kids for Kids Choir want to show their support. The field trip will take place on December 3, 2019 and our message to the patients is: Never Give Up! I am looking for volunteers to help us with the music equipment. If you are interested, please contact Mr. Nick by email: [abatios@emsb.qc.ca](mailto:abatios@emsb.qc.ca)

The grade 4 and 5 choirs are very excited to be rehearsing uplifting songs and they will both perform at The Winter Concert on December 12, 2019.

The grade 5 and 6 bands are composing fun new songs and learning to play the guitar, bass, piano, and drums. It is very exciting to hear the students compose original songs which are actually quite amazing. Our students are dreaming big and will rise to their highest potential!



They are smart, valuable, and enthusiastic. Our music adventure is continuing with creativity and empathy. Our music motto: **Create your own path and leave a trail for others to follow.**

## News from Willingdon's Physical Education Team

### TERRY FOX FUNDRAISER

Congratulations and a big thank you to the Willingdon community who help raise \$16,390 for the Terry Fox foundation this year. A big shout out goes to 4 brave students and our beloved Mr. Gabriel who shaved their head in support of the cause. Keanu McCarthy, Fabio Ninzatti, Tasai Lauzon and Colm Griffin each raised over \$200 and received the honor of shaving their heads for cancer. Congratulations to all and again a big thank you to our generous community.



### CROSS COUNTRY RUN

Congratulations to the cross country runners in grades 4,5,6 who participated in a grueling 2km race at Mont-Royal on October 10. It was a challenging course but our runners faced their fears and ran their hearts out. A big shout out goes to Mr. Sena Crist who finished in 3rd place.

### ICE PACKS PLEASE

Junior campus is in need of ice packs, that is, reused apple sauce squeezies. If you consume apple sauce in squeezie bags please rinse them and bring them to school. Leave them on Miss B's desk in the phys-ed office.



### Tuesday mornings - Junior to Senior Walk

Grade 5 and 6 students can meet Miss B and Dr.Kat between 8:25-8:30am on the corner of Royal and Terrebonne for a walk from Junior to Senior campus. Make sure to get a permission slip from Miss B.

### Dress Warm and Keep Active Outdoors

As the weather gets colder, please be sure to send your children with appropriate clothing. Jackets, hats, tuques, gloves, scarves, sweaters, and yes eventually snow pants. Students go outside three times a day and it is important that they are dressed accordingly so that they can have fun and play outside and not just complain about how cold it is. Children will soon learn the song. "Boots, mitts, coats and hats, when it's cold we dress like that. Sweaters scarves and snow pants too, this is what we need to do!"



### Grade 6 Camp Boute-en-Train trip

The grade 6 Camp will be held on February 19,20,21, 2020. Information to come this month. Start packing!!!!

## News from Willingdon's Science Specialist

### Crayola Marker Recycling

The Crayola Marker Collection Campaign is BACK! Green Committee at Junior Campus has been working hard to get marker collection boxes ready for each homeroom. Next week the marker boxes will be delivered along with a short presentation on this initiative that sees old, dried up markers turned into energy! Any brand of marker can be collected and sent to be turned into energy. Look around your craft bins at home and send in old, dried up markers!



### Shoe Boxes Needed at Senior Campus

Green Committee at senior campus is looking for 10 shoeboxes to set up the Marker Collection boxes there too. If you have an extra shoebox please send it to Dr. Kat at either campus.

### Senior Green Committee Halloween Workshop Magic

Our very active Green Committee put on a wonderfully interactive set of workshops for all the students at junior campus. From DIY decorations to science experiments with pumpkins, to non-toxic Halloween slime and candy wrapper papier mâché not to mention the old time favorite: toasted pumpkin seeds a great time was had by all (and the science room is slowly recovering!). Way to go Senior Green Committee!!



## Leucan Campaign

Congratulations to Grade 4 Green Committee for organizing the Leucan Campaign! Leucan helps support families and children living with cancer, our students at Willingdon have big hearts and a great commitment to help others. Our Leucan team was very well spoken and keen and deserve a big thank you! Please send your boxes in and our Leucan team will come pick them up this week.



## Marble Machine Expo

The Grade 5 Marble Machine Expo with Kindergarten was a great success! The Grade 5 students loved sharing their creations with the younger students and the teachers were impressed by their design ideas. We'll make some engineers out of these students yet!

## Maker Space and Kitchen Donations

Our Senior Campus is looking for tools and materials for the maker space and kitchen implements for the kitchens there. Items such as rust-free baking pans, muffin pans and cookie sheets; rolling pins, measuring cups and measuring spoons, nesting mixing bowls; dry goods canisters; manual can openers; carrot peelers, lemon juicers, zesters, rasps, utensils such as: whisks, wooden spoons, rubber spatulas. If you have any extras of these items they will be put to good use in our future cooking programs in Science and Santé. Hand tools (screwdrivers, hammers, , pliers, saws, wrenches), wire, leftover clean renovation materials such as ends of copper pipe, PVC pipe, sandpaper, as well as craft materials such as buttons, yarn, fabric, needles and thread - all will be welcome additions to our Maker Space Lab. Please send to Dr. Kat at either campus.



## Honey Sale

The Willingdon Honey Sale during Parent-Teacher conferences November 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>: this year Willingdon will be selling three different kinds of honey: Junior Campus Honey, Senior Campus Honey and Alvéole Honey. Our Grade 6 students have designed beautiful labels for the jars and will be extracting the Alvéole honey next week in science with our Beekeepers from Alvéole. Look for our table in front of the gym staffed by Grade 6 students who are only too happy to answer your questions about all things bees, honey and pollination! These make wonderful holiday gifts and help support this important project that brings science to life and reconnects us all with Nature.

