

Étienne Brûlé News

December 2020 - KINDNESS AND CARING



Principal Report: November was a very busy month! Lots of teaching and learning happening as we head into the final months of Term 1. This year, everyone had virtual meetings or phone call Interviews. Staff providing feedback on your child's progress is a crucial part of teaching and learning.

Our snack program is up and running. Students will be provided with a healthy snack 3 days per week. All snacks are "grab and go" and single serve items. At this time, due to surplus in the snack budget from school closure, there is no fee for students. This may change for Term 2 and we will send a letter at a later date.

COVID Updates: Parents please continue to actively screen your child each and every morning before school. If your child develops symptoms during the school day, we will call and families will have to make arrangements to pick up their child. Upon return, all parents will receive a purple sheet entitled "Back to School Confirmation Form" which is required in order for your child to return to school.

This year, we had a virtual Remembrance Day ceremony. All classes prepared a wreath, listened to "In Flanders Field" and had a moment of silence. Check out the photos from our assembly on the next page.



Have a great month of December everyone and stay safe!

Andrea McPherson

Proud Principal @Etienne Brule Junior School

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Launching New House System!

By Ms. Snell, Mental Health and Well Being Lead

We are introducing a House system within the school community. In doing so, each student will be placed into a House and will continue within this same House throughout the entirety of their school career at Etienne Brule. There are 8 Houses in total, each named after Canadian Birds. The Houses will be comprised of students from Kindergarten through Grade 5, inclusive of 2 adults from the school. The House names are as follows:

- Blue Jays
- Cardinals
- Kingfishers
- Rose Finches
- Starlings
- Puffins
- Orioles
- Warblers

Students will receive points for their participation in Spirit Days and House Days, which we will keep track of throughout the year. At the end of the school year, the House that has accumulated the most points will receive the House Cup!

In launching this effort, we hope to augment our efforts to create a caring and safe community for the students, where they have a voice and feeling of togetherness, despite the current social distancing necessary to keep one another safe.

We look forward to your participation in cheering on our Houses!

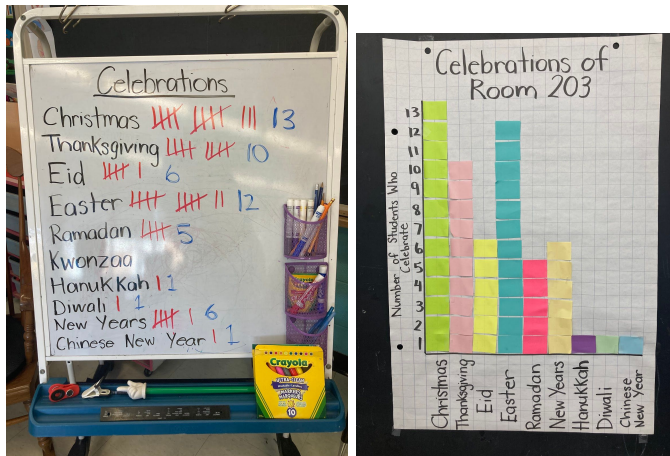
Mr. Rochon's Nature Hike to South Humber Bay

by **Mr. Rochon**



On Thursday, November 19, Mr. Rochon's Grade Four class enjoyed a hike through South Humber Bay. Students read poetry about Dogwood and Cedar trees, heard birds sing and learned about indigenous plants in the area. The class even picked up a new class pet named "Sally the Slug." Well done Grade 4!

Room 203 Family Celebrations and Traditions



by **Ms. D'India**

Ms. D'India's Grade ½ class combined social studies (grade 2 family celebrations and traditions) and math (number representation with tallies, graphing) to show how many students in our class celebrate what. We ended with a class discussion about diversity and why it is important to celebrate diversity.

November Student of the Month:

Please join us in celebrating our student of the month. This month's trait was Empathy.

KINDERGARTEN:

Room 101 - Mr. Potton and Ms. Quintal - Era

Room 102 - Ms. Tomita, Mrs. Berberi and Mrs. Maggie -Brandon

Room 103 - Ms. Snell and Ms. N - Etna

Room 104 - Ms. Siemens and Ms. Botelho - Arya

Room 203 - Grade 1 and 2 - Ms. D'India - Abdul

Room 202- Grade 1 and 2 - Mrs. Bridger - Aliya

Room 201 - Grade 2 and 3 - Ms. Milek - Ryan

Room 206 - Grade 4 - Mr. Rochon - Frances

Room 207 - Grade 5 - Ms. Khan - Evelyn

Mr. Villamil - Gym/Health - Dana

Ms. Vujcic - French- Josiah

Ms. Vujcic - Drama/Dance - McKenzie

Ms. Chahal - ESL - Uliana

Student Transportation Updates:

From time to time, it may be necessary to cancel student transportation, classes and or programs due to severe weather. On rare occasions, severe weather makes it necessary to close schools. Any decision to cancel buses can have a significant impact on thousands of families. This decision is not taken lightly. When schools remain open on days with inclement weather, parents make the final decision on whether or not to send their children to school. Should a cancellation or closure be necessary, information will be posted on the TDSB website, TDSB social media and provided to local media by 6 AM. It will also be on the School Twitter account as well.



Meeting Your Child at the Bus Stop:

For the safety of all children it is important that parents/caregivers are at the bus stop when your child is dropped off. It is very distressing for children when they are not met at the bus stop by a parent or caregiver. If the TDSB transportation is unable to make contact with you, the police or CAS may be contacted. Please make arrangements with a friend, relative or neighbour in the event that you are running late.

Upcoming events:

- December 18 - Last Day of School 2020, School Spirit Day - Wear Red and Green (earn points for your House Team) and Student of the month assembly.
- December 11 - School Spirit Day - wear your house colours
- January 4 - Welcome back to school 2021
- January 15 - PA Day, no school for students

