



# VALLEYFIELD NEWSLETTER

December, 2019

## FROM PRINCIPAL'S DESK

### Important Dates:

- Dec. 5 Jr Boys Basketball Tournament
- Dec. 6 PA Day/No School
- Dec. 9 Food Drive Begins
- Dec. 12 Character Assembly
- Dec. 12 Juniors at Science Center
- Dec. 13 Pizza Day
- Dec. 13 Parent Council "Coffee Meet and Greet" at 8:30am
- Dec. 18 Winter Holiday Play
- Dec. 20 Gr 1 and Gr 6 trip to Warren Park
- December 21 – January 5 Christmas Holiday/No School

Dear Parents, Guardians and Caregivers,

November was a busy month! We had a wonderful Remembrance Day Assembly; a very successful Scholastic Book Fair; Student Council Elections; our grade one students went to the Mississauga Art Center; our Jr. Girls went to a basketball tournament; and we had our parent council meeting and meet and greets! Report Cards went home on November 13th. If you didn't get a chance to meet your teacher for interviews, please be sure to reschedule a more convenient time to meet.

Kindness and caring are the character attributes for the month of December. This is perfect as this is the time of year when many celebrations occur which focus on the importance of giving rather than just receiving. Among other things, Valleyfield will be having a food **and** toy drive to support families in our area. Teachers will keep you posted as to when this will start.

The Christmas holidays are just around the corner (December 21<sup>st</sup> to Jan 5th). However you celebrate the season, I would like to wish everyone a safe and happy holiday.

Sincerely,

Barbara Dixon  
Principal



### Food Drive begins

**Monday December 9th —**  
**Bring non-perishable food**  
**items**



## Morning Drop Off

Please do not drop your children off before 8:15am. There is no supervision outside until 8:15am. Leaving your children unattended on school property before 8:15am is unsafe. Likewise, it is important that you ensure that your students arrive at school on time – 8:30am. When students are late on a regular basis, this has a negative impact on their academic achievement.

## Work to Rule

Please check our board website regarding Work To Rule information.



## Bussing

It is important that our bus students are careful to obey the bus rules. Students are expected to:

- ♦ Stay seated in their seats
- ♦ Speak quietly with their friends
- ♦ Refrain from eating, throwing food on the bus

We use progressive discipline with all of our students to ensure safety on the bus.

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## Parent Council

Please make sure you make it to our next Parent Council “Coffee Time Meet and Greet” which will be December 13th at 8:30am. This is an opportunity for parents to get together, talk and enjoy coffee and treats. We would love to have you there!

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## Lunches/Lunch Time

Please remember to drop off late lunches to the main office before lunch time begins. If you have to pick up your child for afternoon appointments etc., please keep in mind that between 11:30am and 12:15pm students are outside.

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## Wintery Weather

The cold winter days are here! Please remember to ensure that you child(ren) have full winter gear so that they can have lots of fun outside with their friends.



## News from Ms Beasley, Mrs. Smith and Ms Smith

The students in Room 114 have been very busy! Recently we have been exploring 2D shapes. Among other things, we have gone on shape hunts in the school and in the neighbourhood, made shape monsters with Play Doh, and created beautiful shape pictures at the Light Table. After reading the story 'If You Give a Moose a Muffin' we made a shopping list and went on a walking trip to No Frills. We explored the different areas of the store and shopped for ingredients to make blueberry muffins, which we baked together the following day. Mmmm, they were yummy! Lately the students have been very involved in creating their own grocery store in the dramatic area. We continue to talk about the Zones of Regulation and the strategies we can use to stay calm and focused in the green zone (e.g. take deep breaths, take a break, visit the calming corner, draw a picture, etc). We will continue to support the students as they develop these important self-regulation skills.

We wish everyone a wonderful winter break, and a happy and healthy new year!



## News from Ms Tuttle

Kid's Helping Kid's - We are working together at Valleyfield to help The Ronald McDonald House. This amazing organization allows families to stay together and to remain close to Sick Kid's Hospital while their child is being treated at the hospital. They run completely on donations. At this time, they are seeking toiletry items (e.g. travel size shampoo/conditioner, soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes, diapers, wipes etc.). We are collecting these items at Valleyfield and plan to deliver them to The Ronald McDonald House in mid-December. Please send in any donations of toiletries that you may have. Thank you kindly for your support and for helping us to share a little kindness.

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## News from Mrs. McInnis/Library

The Valleyfield library would like to thank you for all your support during the Book Fair. We were raised enough money to get \$1300 in books for the library. The library is also looking for donations. If you have any books that are gently used, please bring them to the front office. Thank you.

Scholastic Orders are due the last Wednesday of the month. Order can be found in the library. Please remember to use the pink column for prices. Pay online and look for my name or bring orders in to me with a check or exact money amount.

Mrs. McInnis  
Teacher Librarian



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## News from Mr. Tair's Grade 6 French Imm.

It was a real pleasure to see each of you during the parent-teacher interviews. I am deeply grateful for your support and cooperation to the children's learning experiences.

### Mathematics

In maths, we continue to investigate concepts relating to time, money, capacity, volume, surface area, and mass. Also we continue to work on estimating number, rounding numbers to the tens, hundreds, thousands, ten thousand and one hundred thousand. We are also working on estimating sums and differences. An assessment will follow once the students have had plenty of practice in these skills

### French

Over the break, students should spend some time each day reading. Encourage your child by reading with them, giving them quiet time away from a screen, and asking them to tell you what their book is about. At this point, they must be able to retell the main ideas of an experience, what they have learned from a book or from a movie etc. Please have them watch French programs and listen to French songs. As parents, you're encouraged to have your children write journals about daily experiences in both languages, during this holiday season. When making cards for relatives, have them write bilingual messages.

Wishing everyone a happy winter holiday!!



## News From Mr. Choudhri

Students have been very busy in our Grade 4 class since September.

### Reading:

Since September students have been working on many reading strategies such as summarization, visualization, context clue, and main idea using fictional texts. Now we are looking at non-fiction texts. There are two reading strategies: Making Connections and Inferencing; building on the previously learned strategies. While reading at home, students are encouraged to make text to text, text to self, and text to world connections and how making these connections help them to understand the reading better.

### Writing:

We will continue to keep working on how to come up with ideas as a writer, organizing these ideas, and writing our paragraphs using proper paragraph structure. The students are focusing on writing traits that make them better writers. We are trying to incorporate the six writing traits (Ideas/Content, Conventions, Organization, Word Choice, Voice, and Sentence Fluency) as well as The Writing Process for our paragraph writing.

### Math:

We are currently working on the "Measurement" strand after completing our Data Management unit. For this unit, Grade 4's are expected to know the difference between perimeter and area, and how the both are related. They also need to demonstrate an understanding of determining the relationships among units and measurable attributes, including the area and perimeter of rectangles.

### Science:

We are finishing off our Science unit on Habitats and Communities, and will be starting our Light and Sound unit soon.

### Social Studies:

We will continue our Social Studies unit on Canada's regions, provinces and territories (Gr. 4).

### Health:

We will continue our unit on "Healthy Eating" to identify ways of promoting healthier food choices in a variety of settings and situations.

### Volunteering:

Grades 4 and 6 will be on the Science Centre Trip on Thursday, Dec. 12, 2019. If you have police verification done and would like to accompany your child, we welcome you to join us.

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## News from Ms Vasilaros

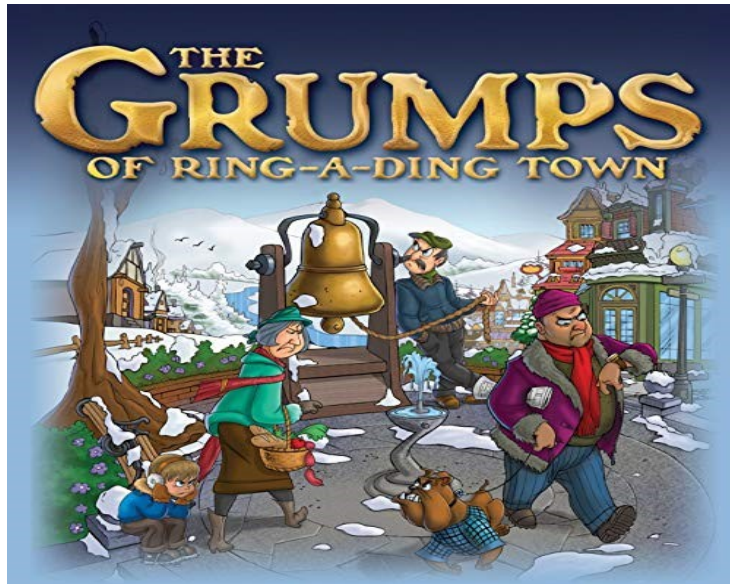
Well, 2019 is almost over and what a great few months we've had to the school year. In December we will be building and decorating gingerbread houses! What fun! We will also be continuing our hard work in math where we are working on patterning and algebra. In language, the students are writing their open narratives and designing a book. They are very excited.

Please remember to send indoor shoes and boots with your children. If possible, an extra pair of socks as well!



## Coming soon to a stage near you!

Valleyfield Presents...



**Lights! Camera! Action!** The Kindergarten students and all of the students in grades 1, 2 and 3 would like to invite you to enjoy a winter production entitled, *The Grumps of Ring-A-Ding Town*, on **December 18<sup>th</sup> at 12:30pm or 6:30pm**. Mark it in your calendar as you won't want to miss this fantastic production!

In keeping with the message of helping one another, we ask that you **donate a non-perishable food item** to help others in need on the day of the performance. Watch out for more information coming your way!