

Valleyfield JS Newsletter

From The Principal's Desk

Dear Parents, Guardians and Caregivers,

November was a busy month! We had a wonderful Remembrance Day Assembly; our grade 2/3 and 3 classes went to the Science Center; we had an African Drumming performance; our Jr. Girls went to a basketball tournament; and we had our parent council meeting.

Report Cards went home on November 14th. If you didn't get a chance to meet your teacher for interviews, please be sure to reschedule a more convenient time to meet.

IMPORTANT DATES:

- December 7 PA Day / No school
- December 15 Robotics Competition
- December 17 Rukshana Khan – African Story Teller
- December 22 - January 6 Winter Break
- January 7 Back to school
- January 9 - 17 Dental Screening
- January 18 PA Day / No School

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 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 24th to Jan 7th). However you celebrate the season, I would like to wish everyone a safe and happy holiday.

Sincerely,

Barbara Dixon
Principal



Parent Council

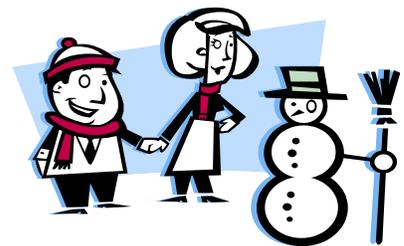
At our last parent council meeting, our Public Health Nurse and Community Support Worker attended and offered to provide parents with workshops. The topics range from “Kids have Stress too”, to “Helping Your Child do Well in Life: Understanding Resilience.” Information will be sent out with more details. Please make sure you make it to our next Parent Council Meeting which will be January 17th at 6:00pm. We would love to have you there!

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.

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.



Physical Education news from Madame Henri

It's December and the weather is changing. So should our students' footwear! Students cannot participate in physical education classes in the gym if they do not have clean, dry, indoor running shoes.

This month, students in grades 1 to 6 are learning to self-assess at the end of each class. Students need to reflect on their learning and participation and choose between excellent, good, satisfactory, or needs improvement. Ask them about this!

Valleyfield Spirit Wear

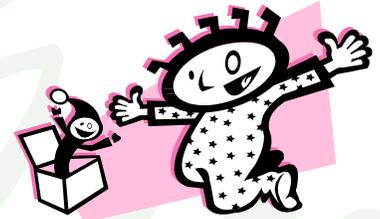
Thank you to all who ordered Valleyfield clothing during Teacher-Parent interviews. We hope to have the items delivered before the holiday break.

Girls Basketball— Message from Ms Malenkovich and Ms Aujla



Congratulations to the girls grade 5/6 basketball team for their exciting finish in the tournament!

All of their hard work during practices really showed and they should all be very proud of themselves.



Mme Bruce Grade 5 French Immersion

Allô to everyone,

Room 107, Grade 5 French Immersion students have been learning to knit. Many first projects are completed and the second one is started by many. Some will be starting and the third project in the next few days. Bravo à tous et toutes ! I suggested to the students to always have their knitting here at school and when they have completed their work, they can knit on their project. I encourage your children to persevere and allow themselves some time to develop the skills needed to knit items and articles they can use or offer as gifts. Thank you for your support.

Also, your children have been involved in a research project on the Human Body. The research period is over and now they are busy learning to write about an organ or a system that they will present to their classmates. I have been encouraging students to use and visit French resources in order to help them focus on the language of study here at Valleyfield while they are working on a project. It is much easier to read a new language that to translate into it.

In Math we have been studying different forms of measurements (l'heure, le temps et la distance et l'argent). Ask your child to tell you, in French, what time it is, based on the SIsystem.

Thank you for your continued support. I wish us all a great end of Term 1.

Remember, you can always contact me should you have any questions.

Mme Bruce

Mr. Tair's Grade 6 French Immersion

As we enter the holidays, I would like to wish all families a peaceful and relaxing break. 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. Before the break, students will be asked to select a book that they will write a report on in January. 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.

In regards to homework, I have been noticing that some students have begun to neglect nightly math homework and weekly French reading from Infos- Jeunes and Raz Kids. Please note that these items of homework are a positive way to reinforce the days learning. If ever there is a concern with homework being incomplete due to a busy night at home, a note in your child's agenda is requested, as to ensure that you knew there was homework. Thank you for your support regarding homework.

Wishing everyone a happy winter holiday!!

Please be sure to check our class website frequently : <http://mrtair.blogspot.ca/>

