



Valleyfield JS Newsletter

January 2020

From the Principal's Desk

Dear Parents, Guardians and Caregivers:

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome everyone back from the holidays.

Happy New Year and best wishes to our Valleyfield families. May you all enjoy a happy and healthy 2020!

The New Year offers hope and excitement for all of us as we continue to set high expectations for all of our students. The staff and I thank you for your continued support of your children's education.

Sincerely,

Barbara Dixon



Important Dates:

- * Jan. 6 - Back to school
- * Jan. 9 - Parent Council 6:30 pm
- * Jan. 10 - Pizza Day
- * Jan. 17 - PA Day
- * Jan. 22 - Earth Ranger presentation
- * Jan. 30 - Character assembly

Toy Drive

On December 17th, there was a free toy drive at 2067 Islington Avenue for all Valleyfield students. It was an amazing event and many of our families turned out. Special thanks to one of our parents, *Sarah Ali and Rahima Hassan* our lunch room supervisor who connected us with this wonderful opportunity.

Food Drive

We had our food drive from December 9th to the 20th. It was a great success and we were able to give the Salvation Army a large food donation. Well done!

Donations from Emiliano and Ana's No Frills

We were very fortunate to have received a donation of items from No Frills. This donation really benefited some of our families.

Parent Council

Our next parent council meeting will be Thursday, January 9th at 6:30p.m. Child minding will be provided. Our next Parent Council Meet and Greet for Coffee will be in February. Keep an eye out for the details. Hope to see you there!

Character Trait for the Month

Our character trait for the month of January is **Teamwork.**

Twitter Handle

Please check us out on twitter - @ValleyfieldJS.

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Punctuality

It is important that students arrive on time for school as this has a direct impact on their educational outcomes. The first bell rings at 8:25a.m. and students should be in their lines ready to enter. After that the doors will be locked and students need to enter through the front doors and get a late slip. Administration will continue to follow up with parents if lates or attendance becomes an issue.

Please do not drop off your child before 8:15 am as there is no supervision provided. Supervision in the morning begins at 8:15am until 8:30am.

Picking Up Students/Dropping off Lunches

Please remember to put a note in your child's agenda if you need to pick them up early or if you need to take them out for an appointment. If your child is outside at recess, teachers will send them to the office once all the children are back in the classroom and recess has ended.

At the end of the day, children who are regularly picked up by parents will meet outside by Exit 2 (junior doors) and not in the front lobby.

Please call by 2:30pm if you have to pick up your students earlier than usual.

Late lunches need be dropped off at the office before 11:15a.m. Please place the lunch(es) on the table near the office. Paper will be provided for you to label the lunch.

Wintery Weather

Occasionally severe weather conditions may require the Toronto District School Board to cancel transportation or to close schools. This may occur before the beginning of the school day or if conditions become severe during the school day. Those students in grade 6 who have had their parents sign the severe weather form will be dismissed during the day if schools are closing.

In the event that schools are closed, please keep your children home. The decision to close schools is made by the Director of Education. Closures of schools or cancellation of transportation services will be announced by 6:00am on many television and radio station. You can also check the TDSB website at www.tdsb.on.ca.

Bus Expectations

We continue to work with our students regarding bus expectations. A few reminders:

- Students are to remain in their seats during the entire bus ride to and from school
- Eating food is not permitted on the bus
- Garbage should not be thrown on the bus
- Progressive discipline will be used for students who are continually unsafe on the bus (please see the school agenda)



Kindergarten Registration

Registration for all TDSB Kindergarten programs begins in February. We look forward to welcoming you and your child at our school in September. For registration, parents have the option of beginning the registering process on line. If you prefer to register in person, that option is still available. ***In order to register please bring:*** *proof of age (a birth certificate, birth registration or passport), 2 current pieces of proof of residence in this school area, your immunization record and health card.*

If you choose to register on line, you still need to come in to the school and bring the required documentation.

Children born in 2016 are eligible to attend Junior Kindergarten in September 2020 and children born in 2015 are eligible to attend Senior Kindergarten in September 2020. Currently children in Junior Kindergarten at Valleyfield will be registered automatically in Senior Kindergarten for next year.

News from the Office

Kindergarten Registration for February 2020

The process will be directed on-line.

Parents please go to <https://tdsb.on.ca> Early Years/Kindergarten to complete the registration form and developmental history form.

School Cash Online

Families, please visit <https://tdsb.schoolcashionline.com>

Select “Get Started Today”

If you need assistance, please contact the office and make an appointment with the secretary to assist in the process.

Cash Online will be the primary pay method effective September 2020.

News from Ms Rattner

The feeling of Kindness and Caring spread throughout the hallways as the month of December passed by. Teachers, students and friends took turns taking their photo in front of our “Be the I in KIND” poster.

While all this has been going on, Ms Rattner’s grade 2/3 class has been busy learning about Simple Machines and Forces in Science. As well as learning about Patterning in Math. They’ve been adding details as they finish their “small moments” writing pieces too.



Remembrance Day Contest update

Unfortunately, our students' work was not included in this year's contest due to an error in branch location. We will try our best to ensure that this does not happen again next year. Students are encouraged to save their work and resubmit next year. We apologize for this disappointing news. Contact Mme Henri if you have any questions.

Valleyfield extracurricular sports update

Ms. Lewis, along with Mr & Mrs. Plumiers will be coaching our girls' grade 5/6 triple ball team (a variation on volleyball). Ms. Aujla & Ms. Fiume will be coaching the boys' grade 5/6 basketball team. Listen for announcements and check the physical literacy bulletin board for practice days and times!

News from Madame Henri's Grade 5 French Immersion class

Welcome back! I have missed our class during the holidays. I hope everyone had a well-deserved rest. This month, we will be giving a big push to finish units for the term 1 report card.

In French, we will continue to work on main ideas and retelling. Our Daily 5 Language program is in full swing with students reading to self, reading with a partner, listening to reading, writing, and reading with the teacher. Please continue to encourage your child to read in French every night.

In Math, we will be working on Data Management (graphs, average, etc.).

In Social Studies, we will finish up our unit on Government and Citizenship with a field trip to Queens Park on January 24th.

In Health, we will continue to talk about Personal Safety & Injury Prevention (online safety, concussions awareness, etc.) and will start the Healthy Eating unit (focusing on decision-making skills).

In Physical Education, we will be skating! Check the Remind App or your child's agenda for updates on skating days. Weather permitting, our goal is to go on Monday afternoons. Please ensure that students are well dressed for the weather and that those with asthma inhalers bring them to school.



Thank you to the many parents who have volunteered for our field trips this month. I will be in touch to confirm the volunteers for Queens Park soon. If you are available to come skating with us, the more the merrier, as it takes a lot of time and effort to help students tie their skates.

News from Madame Henri's Grade 5 French Immersion class

We must have two parent volunteers willing to skate with us in order to actually get on the ice. If you can join us even just once, please let me know via your child's agenda or the Remind App. This is a great opportunity for many of our students who do not do this activity with their parents. Skating is a fundamental movement skill. It opens the door to other activities such as hockey, ringette, figure skating, and more.

News from M Tair/ Grade 6 French Immersion

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome back! Hope that you all had a fantastic holiday with your family and friends. January has already proven to be a busy month as we wrap up term one and get ready for report cards and the start of term two.

Language: we will continue to work on finding the important ideas and summarizing. Every night, students should be reading for at least twenty minutes. 20 minutes of daily reading at home can make a HUGE difference in improving your child's reading skills. Soon, we will be starting "le message du jour", an exercise in which students will take turns presenting a topic of interest based on current events in front of the class. We will be reading a variety of texts, applying different comprehension strategies and expressing ideas on the topic/subject learned.

In the Math program, over the next few weeks, your child will be learning about data management. The goals will be for your child to collect, organize, represent, and analyze data. Your child will experiment with technology to display data in various formats, such as bar and line graphs, scatter plots, and Venn diagrams. Your child will experiment with changing the scales and intervals in graphs. Your child will use data displays to compare two sets of data to communicate conclusions from the analysis of data. These experiences will help your child deal with the pervasive influence of data in everyday life.

Art-Project on Artist: Students will research an artist and adopt his/her style to produce an artwork. Students will use library resources such as books and information technology to research.

Kleenex: This the season of runny noses and our classroom is out of Kleenex boxes. All the students use the Kleenex so if you are able to donate a box to the classroom that would be great!

As always, I thank you for your support. Please be sure to check our class website frequently and remember to continue to check your child's agenda, the work and sign the agenda every day. This helps students to focus because they know we are all working together.

