



# Valleyfield JS Newsletter

January 2019

## 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 2019!

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



### Dates to remember:

- \* **Dental Screen**  
**Jan. 9 - 16**
- \* **Parent Council**  
**January 17**
- \* **PA Day Jan. 18**
- \* **Character As-**  
**sembly Jan. 31**

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## Parent Council

Our next parent council meeting will be Thursday, January 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:00p.m. Hope to see you there.

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## Professional Activity Day

A reminder that Friday, January 18<sup>th</sup> is a PA Day and there will be no school for students that day.

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## 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 at [www.tdsb.on.ca/kindergarten](http://www.tdsb.on.ca/kindergarten). If you prefer to register in person, that option is still available. If you choose to register on line, you still need to come in to the school and bring the required documentation.



Children born in 2015 are eligible to attend Junior Kindergarten in September 2019 and children born in 2014 are eligible to attend Senior Kindergarten in September 2019. Currently children in Junior Kindergarten at Valleyfield will be registered automatically in Senior Kindergarten for next year.

**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.

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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. where 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.



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## Student Drop Off

A reminder to parents to please say 'goodbyes' at the door. It is important to foster your child's independence by letting them walk into the school to get to their classroom in order to start the morning of learning.

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## Picking Up Students/Dropping off Lunches

**"Late lunches  
need be  
dropped off at  
the office  
before  
11:15a.m."**

Please remember to put a note in your child's agenda if you need to pick them up early or 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. Late lunches need be dropped off at the office before 11:15a.m.

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## 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](http://www.tdsb.on.ca).



## Ms Lewis' Grade 1 class



### Kindness and Caring in Grade One

Ms. Lewis' grade one class wanted to show kindness and caring, so they decided to raise money to donate to Plan International Canada. Our goal was to raise \$75 to buy a goat for someone in need. Instead, we raised twice that amount, purchased a goat, 5 bed nets and buzzing bees. The student were very excited and proud they were able to show kindness and caring towards others. Thank you to everyone who donated.

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

Things are starting to get really busy with many exciting activities going on at school and the continuation of valuable learning. In French, we will continue to work on finding the important ideas and summarizing. Please encourage discussions about the novel he or she is reading.

**Math:** We have come to the end of our wonderful world data management.

We will soon begin a new unit about decimals. Students will relate fractions to decimals, represent, read, and write decimals to thousandths, compare and order decimals, round decimals, estimate decimal sums, differences, products, and quotients, add, subtract, multiply, and divide decimals to thousandths, pose and solve problems involving decimal operations and select operations and solve multistep problems. As always, we will focus on problem-solving skills and solution explanations. An assessment will follow once the students have had plenty of practice in these skills

[http://  
mrtair.blogspot.  
ca/](http://mrtair.blogspot.ca/)

**Health:** We are currently talking about alcohol and substance abuse and a variety of ways to deal with peer pressure.

**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.

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

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## Remembrance Day Contest Results!

We are very proud of all the students who participated in the Royal Canadian Legion Remembrance Day Contest. Valleyfield won 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place for primary colour poster! In 3<sup>rd</sup> place, congratulations to Tessa from Ms. Lewis' grade 1 class. In 2<sup>nd</sup> place, congratulations to Oneika also in Ms. Lewis' grade 1 class. In first place, and moving on to the next level of the contest, congratulations go to Laveena in Ms. Cyr Battler's grade 3 class! Congratulations also to Ava in Mme Bruce's grade 5 class for coming in 2<sup>nd</sup> place for junior poetry!



## Physical Education classes with Mme Henri

In December, primary students explored rolling and balancing in our mini gymnastics unit. They presented simple routines. We also enjoyed many holiday themed games. Junior students finished a basketball unit and were challenged to learn more difficult rolls in a mini gymnastics unit. All students learned important safety guidelines such as reducing stress on the knees and no balancing on head or neck.

We hope that all students and their families will choose active hobbies this holiday season and get outside for fresh air. It does wonders to reduce stress associated with the holidays and can make great family memories. Can't wait to hear about it upon our return in January!





## Literacy Committee

The Literacy Committee invited Rukhsana Khan who is a Pakistani Canadian children's writer and storyteller to Valleyfield on December 17th. Rukhsana's stories have enabled children of all cultures to connect with cultures of Eastern origins.

This presentation offered an opportunity to learn about the inspiration and writing process behind her award-winning stories.

The children were treated to three stories: The Big Red Lollipop, Silly Bird and The Ruler of the Courtyard.

We will be purchasing other books by Rukhsana Khan to add to our library.

