

March 2019

# VALLEYFIELD JS NEWSLETTER

## Upcoming events:

- **March 1** – Pizza Day/Kindergarten at Science Center
- **March 5** – Ski Trip
- **March 6** – Parent Workshop – Kids Have Stress Too! 6:00pm to 8:00pm. Babysitting available
- **March 6** – Optometry Clinic for grade 5
- **March 7** – Family Bingo Night 6:00 to 7:30
- **March 11 – 17** – March Break
- **March 18** – First Day Back
- **March 21** – Character Assembly/Parent Council Meeting
- **March 22** – Snuggle Up and Read event at Valleyfield
- **March 26** – Grade 5 and 6 at ROM
- **March 29** – Talent Show

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

With the March Break around the corner I want to take a moment to wish everyone a safe and relaxing week off. Hopefully the sun will shine and you will have some time to spend with family and friends.

To assist us in organizing classes for next year, we need to know if any of our present students will be moving over the summer months. If you are moving please let the office know.

We are continuing to accept Kindergarten Registrations for the 2019-2020 school year. In order to register, please bring the required information as was discussed in the previous newsletter.

The staff at Valleyfield Jr. School wishes you and your family a great week off. See you on **Monday, March 18, 2019.**

Sincerely,  
Barbara Dixon  
Principal



## PARENT COUNCIL MEETING

Our next parent council meeting will take place on Thursday, March 21 from 6:00-7:00. Babysitting is available. All are welcome!

## EQAO

The Education, Quality and Accountability Office (EQAO) tests students' skills in reading, writing and mathematics. This year the testing will take place between May 21 – June 3. Please refrain from making any appointments for your child during this time frame.

## PICK-UP/PARKING AT THE END OF THE DAY

The parking/pick-up on Benbow at the end of the day has been quite busy. We also have some students boarding buses which pick them up from Benbow. Please remember to drive safely and slowly on this road in order to ensure the safety of our students. Parents need to park on the "school" side of Benbow so that residents in the neighborhood are not blocked in.

## VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers are important to our school. Volunteers enhance the learning opportunities of our students and provide excellent support for our programs. If you would like to become a volunteer, please come to the office and speak to our admin. All volunteers are required to have a police check.

## SCHOOL WEBSITE AND TWITTER

The school website address is <http://schoolweb.tdsb.on.ca/valleyfield>. Our new school twitter handle is [@ValleyfieldJS](https://twitter.com/ValleyfieldJS). Have a look.

## VALLEYFIELD BINGO NIGHT

The Valleyfield Staff invites you to an evening of fun playing BINGO with you and your family! There will be many prizes to be won, as well as cookies and juice! All ages are welcome!



## REMEMBRANCE DAY CONTEST

Congratulations to Onekia for winning 2nd prize and Tessa for winning 3rd in the Royal Canadian Legion Remembrance Day Art contest. Onekia and Tessa are in Ms Lewis Grade One class. Laveena in Grade 3 wasn't there but she also won 1st place!



## PHYSICAL EDUCATION CLASSES WITH MME HENRI

This month, grade 1-6 classes have been exercising to music while drumming on stability balls!



Many grade 4-6 students will be going on the ski trip to Snow Valley Resort in the Barrie area on Tuesday, March 5th. Those students are reminded to be at school at 7:15am with everything they need for the day (snowpants, warm waterproof gloves, lunch and/or money for lunch). Students will not be going inside the school. They will be boarding the busses right from the parking lot. Students will be returning to school around 4pm. Please meet them in the parking lot. Again, students will not be going inside the school. Thank you to all parents who volunteered for this trip. Students who are not going on the trip are expected to be at school.



*“EQAO*

*May 21 – June 3”*

## MR. TAIR GRADE 6 FRENCH IMM. / ROOM 112

Le mois de mars déjà!

Dear parents and students,!

It is hard to believe that March has already arrived. Time is really flying! There will be a lot of new learning occurring in Room 112.



**MATH:** In March students will be working with decimals and ratios. Once again, this unit is quite lengthy and proves to be difficult for many students. Students are given a steady amount of homework within math and are expected to complete it on the day it is due. Students **MUST** put forth the effort in their daily homework, class lessons and classroom exercises. Students are

strongly encouraged to seek help when needed in order to ensure they do not misunderstand important concepts that are needed for lessons that follow.

**GRADE 6 EQAO UPDATE** This year, our grade 6 students will be doing EQAO testing. In order to prepare students and familiarize them with the questions and content, we will be working on previous years EQAO test booklets. Starting in March, students will be completing two hours of EQAO math preparation every Friday. On occasion students may be given review worksheets to be done at home so it is encouraged that you help to review and practice Math concepts. You can access more review booklets on [www.eqao.ca](http://www.eqao.ca).