

Valleyfield JS Newsletter

November 2019



Upcoming Dates:

- Nov. 5
Photo Retake
- Nov. 5
Parent Council
Meet & Greet
8:30 –9:30 am
- Nov. 11
Remembrance
Day Assembly
- Nov. 13
Report Cards Go
Home
- Nov. 13
Parent Council
Meet & Greet
6:30 –7:30 pm
- Nov. 14, 15
Parent Teacher
Interviews
- Nov. 15
PA Day
- Nov. 27
Gr.1 to Missis-
sauga Art Centre
- Nov. 28
Character Ed.
Assembly 9:30
am

From Principal's Desk

Dear Parents, Guardians and Caregivers,

What a busy but exciting month October was! Among the many events that took place, we had a *Cross Country Meet*, *Touch Football*, *Walk to School Day*, and we started *Class Teams* – ask your child what their class name is! We also had our first *Meet and Greet* for Valleyfield families new to the country; it was a wonderful success! We will be having Parent Council Meet and Greets this month. Please look out for the flyers! We are entering our 3rd month of school. As the weather is changing, please ensure that your children are dressed for the colder weather. Also, please remind your child to check our lost and found for any missing items.

November 11th is a significant day for so many reasons as Valleyfield has always had a strong tradition of creating meaningful Remembrance Day assemblies to honor those Canadians who gave their lives in combat so we could live in freedom and prosperity. Our school wide assembly will begin at 10:15 am on Monday November 11th. All are welcome.



The Progress Report is one way teachers have to effectively communicate with parents about evidence of students' progress towards the achievement of curriculum expectations and learning skills. For students progressing with difficulty, teachers will use the Progress Report to identify early in the school year strategies to improve academic achievement.

Progress Reports will go home Wednesday, November 13th. **Interviews will be held on Thursday, November 14th in the pm and Friday, November 15th in the am.**

Sincerely,

Barbara Dixon

Report Card/Parent Interviews

Please make every effort to attend your child's Report Card Interview on Thursday, November 14th or Friday November 15th. This is an important opportunity to discuss with your child's teacher how your child is doing and what next steps may be appropriate to continue to help them make strong progress.

EQAO

If your child wrote the grade 3 EQAO assessment last year, you should have received the results which were sent home.

LIFE THREATENING ALLERGIES

Within our school community there are several students who have potentially life threatening allergies (anaphylaxis) to nuts and seafood. Smelling even a trace amount or coming in contact with a nut product can result in anaphylactic shock. Staff have been trained on the use of the Epi-Pen. We also have a number of teachers who have been trained in First Aid.



We need your assistance in helping to make sure Valleyfield is a safe environment for our children. We are seeking your support in not sending lunches or snacks that contain any type of nut.

Birthday treats must say Peanut / Nut Free Product on the packaging.

WINTERY WEATHER

It's coming! Occasionally severe weather conditions may require the Toronto District School Board to cancel transportation and or close schools. This may occur before the beginning of the school day or, if conditions become severe during the day.

In the event that the Toronto District School Board closes schools due to severe weather, please keep your children home where it is safe. Closures of schools or cancellation of transportation services will be announced at 6:00am on many TV and radio stations. You can also check the TDSB website at

www.tdsb.on.ca.

UPDATE FROM VALLEYFIELD'S GREEN TEAM

The Green Team started in early October. So far we have done recycling collections and sorting every Tuesday and Thursday, announcements and also a presentation at the responsibility assembly about our responsibility to the Earth.



We also have a special recycling area. The special recycling area includes a used battery place, dry marker bin and milk bags box. We are asking Valleyfield's families to send in their used batteries and clean milk bags instead of putting them in the garbage which goes straight to the landfill.

We will be working on helping Valleyfield THINK BEFORE WE THROW! That means thinking about where things go before we throw them away.

By Tooba and Laveena



ESL MEET & GREET

On October 23, we were happy to welcome many of our families, whose children are supported by the ESL program here at Valleyfield, to an afternoon "Meet and Greet". We were joined by our Settlement Worker, Bharti Lokre, and together we enjoyed the opportunity to meet, connect and share information about some of the programs and services which are available to our Newcomer and English Language Learner families. For those of you who were able to make it, thank you for taking the time to join us and we look forward to working together in the year ahead.

Mrs. Collins
ESL Teacher



NEWS FROM G2. MS MISHOS' CLASS

Welcome November! The boys and girls in Ms. Mishos' class have been very busy! In Language, the students are working on writing autobiographies. We have read several different types of stories in class about fictional characters and famous people. In Math, the grade 2's and 3's are learning about data management. We are creating survey questions and asking students about favourite topics such as favourite foods, games, sports and online programs they like. They are also learning how to collect all of their data and show the information in a chart or graph. In Visual Arts, the boys and girls in Room A have been learning how to use lines in many different ways and using a variety of mediums. Most recently, they complete fall inspired leaf art showing different lines found in nature. The children are super excited about all of the wonderful new learning taking place in our classroom and at school. We also want to say thank you to our parents and families for always helping and supporting us!



JUNIOR EXTRACURRICULAR SPORTS

On October 21st, our coed grade 5/6 touch football team travelled to John English JMS to play three games under a beautiful sun. Our team did not win any games but learned so much under the direction of Constantine and his dad, as well as Madame Henri. The team demonstrated a growth mindset and great sportsmanship. Thank you to Malcolm's and Jordan's parents for coming to cheer them on!



The girls' grade 5/6 basketball team is preparing for their upcoming tournament (date tba), under the leadership of Mrs. Tuttle and Ms. Aujla. Look for the permission forms to come home soon!



The boys' grade 4/5 volleyball team tryouts will start soon! Students should listen to Madame Henri's announcements for tryout dates and permission forms!

Madame Henri's Grade 5 French Immersion class

Madame Henri is now teaching the grade 5 FI homeroom class. To get class updates, sign up for the Remind App! Mme Henri and Ms. Dos Santos will be meeting with parents together on parent-interview night and on the PA day. Students will be leading the parent-teacher conference, so they should definitely come along! Send back those yellow forms to let the teacher know of your availability.



NEWS FROM ROOM 112 / GRADE 6 FRENCH IMM. / MR. TAIR

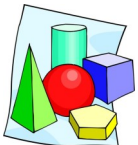


Dear Parents/Guardians,

The year is well under way and I am pleased to report that the grade 6 class is working hard in the classroom and is growing as responsible learners. I would like to thank all the parents who use the agenda daily as a way to monitor their child's workload and homework. Please continue to initial it daily to check for notes, forms, reminders, upcoming test, important date, etc.

French

We continue to work on building our oral vocabulary and improving our grammar skills. We have also been learning about how to write a summary.



Mathematics

In math, we have just completed our unit on patterns. Students were able to write a pattern rule for a number pattern, identify, extend, and create patterns, use patterns to pose and solve problems, use patterns to explore divisibility rules and find the value of a missing term or factor.

Over the next few weeks, your child will be learning about geometry. The focus of the lessons will be on classifying, constructing and sketching polygons & angles. They will learn how to work on problem-solving strategies while focusing on sharing their solutions and explaining their mathematical reasoning.

Science

In Science, we have just completed our first unit on Biodiversity. Students were able to study the characteristics and needs of living things.

COOL, WET WEATHER

November is sure to bring cool, wet weather. Please be sure your child brings warm outdoor gear for recess time. Mitts, hats, boots, and warm coats will ensure a fun and comfortable time outside. As well, I am requesting that each student keep a pair of dry indoor shoes inside their locker at all times. This really helps the classroom floors stay clean and dry. Thanks so much for your help in this matter.



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