

October 2018

# Valleyfield JS Newsletter



## From the Principal's Desk

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Dear Parents, Guardians and Caregivers:

September was quite an exciting month and now the Fall season is upon us. It is hard to believe that we are starting our 2nd month of school.

Many families were able to make it to our Curriculum Night. Your warm welcome and kind words were greatly appreciated.

Our Terry Fox fundraiser was a great success. Congratulations to Mr. Alexandre's class who raised the most money and Alyssa Hutchinson who raised \$497!

Our first Valleyfield Parent Council Meeting was held last week and we had a great turn out. Congratulations to Armina Dopple and Louise Kkypranou – Sharifi who are our co-chairs, Catherine Palmos who is our secretary and Prabhjot Bhamra who is our Treasurer. Our next parent council meeting will be on Thursday, November 22 at 6pm. Hope to see you there!

There are many fun events being planned by Valleyfield staff. Please regularly check agenda's and backpacks for notes/letters etc. from the school so that you stay in the loop.

Barbara Dixon  
Principal



## Parent Information

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By now, students should have returned the large package of parent information. There is a pink medical form that must be filled out accurately and returned ASAP. If your child has a life-threatening allergy/illness etc., please indicate this on the form. All children in grades 1-8 are required to have an agenda.

## Bussing

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Please be aware that students should board only the bus that has been assigned to them as this avoids overcrowding and unsafe driving conditions. Please remind your child(ren) to abide by the bus rules in order to keep everyone safe.

## Drop-off and Pick-up

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A reminder that dropping off and picking up your child(ren) should be done in a safe manner. Children should not be left to cross the road alone; they need to be escorted. Please keep in mind that homeowners in the area need to be able to enter and exit their driveways safely; please do not block their driveways. As well, please respect the NO PARKING BUS ZONE signs posted on the curb at the front of the school. At the end of the day, there is supervision until 3:15. Please pick up your children promptly.

## Lunches

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As part of our ECO focus, Valleyfield promotes litter less lunches. Please remember to pack lunches in containers etc. as uneaten items will return home. Please also remember not to send Peanut products such as Peanut butter, Nutella etc. to school as we have many staff and students who have severe/life threatening aller-



## Punctuality and Lates

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Arriving at school on time is critical to the start of a student's successful day. The first bell rings at 8:25 where students should be in their lines ready to enter. School begins at 8:30. After that the doors will be locked and students need to enter through the front doors and get a late slip. Administration will follow up with parents if lates become an issue.

## Safe Arrival

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Please call our attendance line 416-394-7593 if your child will be absent or late for school. This line is available for you to leave a message any time of the day or night. Please clearly say your child's name and homeroom class and the reason for the absence. Please make sure your contact numbers are up to date. If you do not call in, an automated call out system will call you and will continue to call until a reason has been selected.

## Upcoming Dates

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Oct. 5 – PD Day/No School  
Oct. 8 – Thanksgiving/No School  
Oct. 19 – Picture Day  
Oct. 24 – Family Math Night  
Oct. 25 – Character Ed Assembly - pm



## News from Gr. 6 Mr. Tair's Desk

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Hello Everyone,

We're off to a great start this year. Students are doing well to remember their French after the summer break. We will work on speaking to each other in French as the year progresses. I would like to thank everyone for filling out the parent questionnaires so quickly, they were very informative.

September is the month where we are focusing on putting to good practice the character trait of RESPECT. We are expected to show it to all our teachers, classmates and objects. We were reminded to be mindful of our words and body so that we would not hurt others feelings.

### French

The French Immersion program is heavily based on oral activities. It is very important for the students to commit to using French in formal and informal discussions in the classroom. Developing solid oral skills enhances French abilities in reading and writing.

Reading is the cornerstone of all learning. Students have been working with French texts to enhance their vocabulary, their grammar and their sentence structures, applying different comprehension strategies and expressing ideas on the topic/subject learned. In Writing students continue to write in their Journal de board.

### Mathematics

For the next few weeks, your child will be extending his or her knowledge of place value to include large numbers to one million. The focus of the lessons will be on understanding the meaning of the numbers. Your child will be reading, writing, comparing, ordering, and rounding numbers. In the classroom, we will use tools such as place value charts and number lines to represent and compare numbers. At home, you can engage your child in conversations about numbers in the real world.

Throughout this time, you and your child may engage in activities such as:

Find food products measured in grams and rename them in kilograms and milligrams.

Find a large number in a newspaper and explain if it is an exact measure or an estimate.

Have your child explain how to calculate the total cost of an item or service such as breakfast cereal, electricity, internet service, or water over a month, year, ten years, and so on.

Have your child find the batting averages for several baseball players and explain how many hits in 10 and in 100 times at bat he or she would expect these players to get.

### Agendas

Consistent use of an agenda is a necessary organizational skill. Not only is the agenda a useful communication tool, it is important that students develop the habit of recording homework, tests, assignment due dates and upcoming events.

Please help your child remember to have the agenda initialed and brought to school every day. In doing so, we can be sure that all communication between home and school is seen by parents and teachers.

Sincerely,

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

