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AUGUST LETTER OF THE MONTH

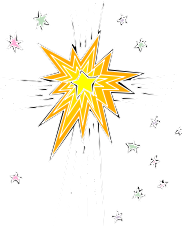
Dear Parents,

School calendar: today, you are receiving a copy of our school calendar for 2010-2011. The calendar will be posted on our school website in September and it will be reprinted on the back cover of your child's agenda which you will receive in September.

Achievement awards: included in this letter are:

- the May Students of the Month
- the June Students of the Month
- the Term III Honour Roll Students

Congratulations to them all!



Report cards – levels 2,4,6: Please note the following

- ☞ Besides your child's marks in Term III (column **6**) you will also find an evaluation of *End of Cycle*.
- ☞ If a competency was evaluated during the third term, then the mark for end of cycle is identical.
- ☞ If the competency was not evaluated this term, then the end of cycle mark represents the teacher's evaluation regarding **your child's progress to date** – it is not an average of the marks of past terms.

Report cards – all levels:

The **subject result** for each subject is not an average of the marks for each competency. The competencies each have a different "weight"– they are not all worth the same value. The mark shown in the subject result is generated by the computerized system and not entered by the teachers.

2010-2011

Levels 1-6: The first day of school for levels 1-6 is **Tuesday, August 31**.

Please note:

- It is a full day of school. Students are to be at school by **7:45 am**. Afternoon dismissal is at **2:33 pm**.
- There are regular day care services for parents who have registered their child in day care. Day care opens at **7:00 am** and operates until **6:00 pm**.
- There is regular school bus service for those students who are eligible. The school board will be mailing bus passes to your homes at the end of August along with information about stops, pick-up and drop-off times. If you have any concerns about bus passes, please call the school to speak with **Carol** but not before Friday, August 27.
(Accommodation bussing – requests will only be addressed **after Friday, September 10**.) I can appreciate that parents have begun to count on this optional service and that the first few days of school can be difficult without the service. Please understand, however, we must first ensure that all our eligible students are settled into their busses, determine what space is available on each bus and then make decisions about who can be accommodated. With 7 buses and over 350 students on them, we will be working full steam ahead to make the September 10 deadline.
- Students must bring a lunch. If you wish to have your child go home for lunch, forward a written note to the office on this first day and the office will contact you.

Kindergarten: Parents will receive detailed information by mail regarding the first few days of school for kindergarten.

- Students will be attending ½ day sessions – either in the morning or afternoon - on **August 31** and **September 1**
- There will not be any bus or day care services on August 31 and September 1.
- The first full day of school for kindergarten is **Thursday, September 2**. There will be regular bus and day care services beginning on this day.



School uniforms: please note, for those parents who ordered from *Loft des enfant*, the pick-up date is **Monday, June 28**. Parents may pick-up their orders in the school's main foyer from 10:00-12:00 noon.

Letter of the Month: the September Letter of the Month will be sent to parents on the first day of school, Tuesday, August 31 for levels 1-6. The letter will be also be distributed to kindergarten children on the same day.

Important Information for the New School Year

Student security: **Parents do not have access to the loop between 7:30 and 8:30 am on school days.** The decision to limit access to the loop was made by Governing Board several years ago, with the support of Administration. The decision was made with the students' safety in mind. Parents will need to drop their children off to the back of the school on Marcel Raymond or let them walk up to school from Perras. Unfortunately, there are some parents who still try to come up the loop at this time. The reasons and excuses have been creative, however, our children's safety is first and foremost our **#1 Priority** and there is not any acceptable reason for disregarding this rule.

Late arrivals: students **must** be present at school by 7:45. There are many students every day, whose parents drop them off from 5-20 minutes late. **You are disadvantaging your children!** Students feel very uncomfortable when they arrive late to class and their classmates are already settled in their seats, ready to begin work. They require time to organize their agenda, homework, notes to teachers and office, etc. Latecomers are disruptive to others and unorganized for themselves. The disruption is even greater when the class is with a specialist for the first period. The occasional late arrival is understood and accepted. However, there are those who arrive late on a very frequent basis. **Please remember that the start time is not 8:00** but 7:45. We urge you to work with your child(ren) in August to set a schedule that allows them to arrive at school on time.

Acceptable footwear: When shopping for the new year, please ensure you are purchasing the correct shoes you child needs for school:

- only **running** shoes are acceptable; the following shoes are not acceptable:
 - canvas , rubber soled shoes
 - skateboard shoes
 - Geox, Puma, Converse* shoes
- the shoes must be "no skid"
- the shoes must be "no marking" - have the shoe store personnel help you find these
- the shoes must have shoe laces (tying shoe laces is part of the child's learning)
- velcro will be allowed only in kindergarten

In this first year of transition with this change in the students' dress code, we have tolerated certain shoes that were not running shoes. **That will not be the case next year.** We urge you to purchase proper running shoes so that you will not have an additional expense after you've already made a purchase. To assist you, we have included pictures at the end of this letter.

Lunch fees: The rate for lunch fees remains the same as last year. In your child's agenda, you will find the payment schedule on page 13.

Sincerely,



Maria Di Perna
Principal

Success

To laugh often and much;
To win the respect of intelligent people and the affection
of children;
To earn the appreciation of honest critics and endure the
betrayal of false friends;
To appreciate beauty, to find the best in others;
To leave the world a bit better, whether by a healthy child,
a garden patch or a redeemed social condition;
To know even one life has breathed easier because you have lived.
This is to have succeeded.

Ralph Waldo Emerson

These ARE running shoes and are appropriate school footwear:



These are NOT running shoes and are not permitted in school:

