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## **AUGUST LETTER OF THE MONTH**

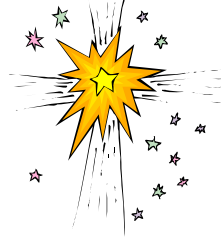
Dear Parents,

School calendar: today, you are receiving a copy of our school calendar for 2011-2012. 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.

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

**2011-2012**

Levels 1-6: The first day of school for levels 1-6 is **Wednesday, 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 26.

**(Accommodation bussing** – requests will only be addressed by **Friday, September 9**.) We 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 9 deadline. We ask for your understanding and patience.

- 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:

- The hours for the kindergarten students will be from 9:00-1:00 on **August 31** and **September 1** and **September 2**. There will be a lunch period from 11:00-12:00 so please remember to pack a lunch.
- There will **not** be any bus or day care services on August 31 and September 1 and 2.
- The first full day of school for kindergarten is **Tuesday, September 6**. There will be regular bus and day care services beginning on this 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. During this time, parents will need to drop their children off to the back of the school on Marcel Raymond or let them walk up the sidewalk from Perras. We are going into the 4<sup>th</sup> year of this safety rule and some parents still choose to come up the loop. **Our children's safety is first and foremost our #1 Priority.** There is never any acceptable reason for disregarding this rule.

**New procedure for 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.

\* As of the new school year, your child will be considered late as of the moment the last school bus leaves our loop. If your child arrives after the school buses have left, he/she must pass by the office to receive a late slip. Administration will be contacting parents whose children are late on a frequent basis.

Lunch fees: The rate for lunch fees next year remains the same as this year.

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

- only **running** shoes – any brand - are acceptable
- 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

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 the following pictures.

**These ARE running shoes and are appropriate school footwear:**



**RUNNING SHOES HAVE SUPPORT FOR THE ARCHES OF THE FEET, HAVE THICK SOLES AND HEELS HIGHER THAN THE SOLES.**

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



Fundraiser for Leukemia and Lymphoma Society of Canada: the final amount we raised for leukemia is \$15 620.33! A representative of the Leukemia Society visited us to pick up the cheque. Mme Catherine said it best: *La communauté de l'école East Hill est vraiment incroyable. Votre implication ainsi que votre bonté nous a amené à un montant de plus de 15 500 \$. Je peux vous assurer que VOUS faites une différence! Je suis choyée d'avoir côtoyé des gens tels que vous. Merci pour tout!*



Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Maria Di Perna".

Maria Di Perna  
Principal

### Okay With My Choices...

I don't have "people" that can call "your people",  
Except maybe in the dramatic play area.  
Say the word "portfolio" and I think in terms of  
Drawings by children of people with varying degrees of missing  
appendages.  
My purse is less Gucci,  
More tote bag.  
I don't belong to "the Club" or have a key to the Executive Washroom –  
An adult-size toilet with privacy is fine.  
I doubt I'll hit "Six Figures" anytime soon,  
But I vividly remember when I hit five.  
A good day has nothing to do with stock market,  
And everything to do with seeing a child "get" something for the first  
time,  
My idea of "Closing the Big Deal" would involve  
Negotiation between two children and resolving their conflict.  
I admit, I've received more "gifts" of jewelry containing dry macaroni  
Than gifts of jewelry with actual real gemstones.  
I'd much rather wipe noses or look at a bug up close in a dirty little  
hand,  
Than sit in a Board Room for a 3-hour mandatory meeting on  
productivity or stats.  
I think it's a pretty well-kept secret...  
Those of us that choose to work in early childhood are really the lucky  
ones;  
Doing meaningful, important work –  
With each and every little life and soul we have the gift of touching and  
impacting.

(Respectfully adapted from Cathy Abraham)

