



EAST HILL SCHOOL 2011-2012 DECEMBER LETTER OF THE MONTH

Dear Parents,

1. **Letter of the Month:** The current letter as well as all previous ones will also be posted on our school website (www.emsb.qc.ca/easthill) under *Newsletters – East Hill School.* **Please take careful note of all dates since you will not receive any written notices other than those indicated on the attached calendar – this is especially important with regards to Pedagogical Days (no school) as well as deadlines.**

> N'hésitez pas à communiquer avec nous si vous désirez de plus amples informations et/ou clarifications en ce qui à trait à tous les messages que nous envoyons à la maison.

Website : New this year , on our website, you can find under the *Letter of the Month* rubric : “ **Notices to parents**” This will be where we will post any notifications regarding “ Free-Dress day “ or “color days” ... your children will always be made aware by their teachers of the dress code on special activity days, but in case of doubt you can confirm ☺



...And come see our class projects on the website !

2. **Junior Recital:** Today, parents of students in levels 1, 2 and 3 are receiving a separate letter with information regarding the Junior Recital on the evening of Thursday, December 22. As well, you will note that two tickets for the recital are **stapled** to this Letter of the Month. Please read the information letter carefully for further details regarding the evening’s recital. Please do not lose or misplace the tickets as we will not issue new ones.



3. **Lost and Found:** many items of clothing find their way into our lost and found box but not many find their way back to their rightful owners! **During the parent-teacher conferences**, all of these items will be placed on display for parents to view. Hopefully, they will be “found”. Any items that remain after the conferences will be washed and donated. Please make a point of looking them over to ensure that your child’s items are retrieved.

4. **Winter’s Coming!:** Weather can be confusing at this time of the year some days start warm and finish in a snow storm... Therefore **as of December 5th** we will ask that:

- Students **must wear** their boots – **At all times**
- Students **must have** their **snow pants** at school
- Students should leave their **shoes in their locker** at night



5. **In-school Breakfast with Santa:** On **Friday, December 23**, we will be having our annual in-school Breakfast with Santa. Children will be provided with a breakfast, respecting their allergies as well as the school’s food policy. More information will follow on December 12th.

6. **East Hill School Supporting the Community:**

Shoe Boxes: Home & School is proud to report that 545 boxes were donated to Operation Christmas Child. Thank you everyone for your generosity!

Christmas Baskets: Our Traditional Food Drive is on its way, we are collecting non-perishable foods and other staples (toothpaste, soap bars, etc.). The baskets will be distributed to the needy of our immediate school community and other Montreal communities in need.

THE DRIVE WILL END ON DECEMBER 15

Thank You for your generosity spirit!

Bonjour



6. **Tax receipts:** Tax receipts for 2011 will be sent to parents in January. Please note that receipts are provided, not for the amount that has been forwarded to the school in September but rather for the number of days of service received from January 1st to December 31st, 2011 (school days). The difference will be in the tax receipt for the fiscal year of 2012.
7. **MEASLES Vaccination:** Earlier this week you received information that to counter this epidemic, the Ministère de la Santé et des Services sociaux (MSSS), along with its network of health and social services centres (CSSS) and directions de santé publique (DSP), is organizing a measles vaccination campaign in schools for the students and adults that are not presently immune.

The school will be advised by MELS of the names of the students that need to be vaccinated (this should be forwarded to us very soon). Once the school nurse receives the names of the students she will provide parents with an information pamphlet (including a consent form) that must be returned to the school.

More information will follow regarding the vaccination campaign as well as additional information in the case of an outbreak of measles in the school and the removal of personnel considered to be inadequately protected against this disease.

As we receive more information we will forward it to the parents. We do not expect to vaccinate too many of our students as our school nurse is confident that the majority of our students have been properly vaccinated.

8. **Dropping-off your children on Marcel-Rayond along the Park side:** Many parents have expressed their concerns with regards to the morning drop-off routine. We ask for your usual co-operation in making sure our children's safety is our primary concern. Please avoid dropping off on the south side of the street as well as letting your children disembark between two cars. Try to park your car along the north side (park side) ensuring your children open the car door onto the sidewalk. If everyone would respect the traffic regulations (e.g. no U-turn in the middle of the street) it would ensure a safer drop-off zone for everyone. We thank you for your usual collaboration.



During this time of the year the school is filled with great excitement and anticipation... Altogether teachers, staff and students savor every second of this magical time of the year !