



# EAST HILL SCHOOL 2011-2012

## FEBRUARY 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](http://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.*

Visit our website regularly: Lots of new school projects to see ! Many workshop possibilities for parents as well as links to community resource

Visit our Website!

Come see pictures & video of our Winterlude!



### EAST HILL'S FAMILY EVENT WINTERLUDE:

The event was a great success! We were proud to have been able to offer all our 1,638 participants an evening of fun filled activities. Our students and parents alike all had a wonderful time. Thank you again for your dynamic participation. Your smiles and your warmth made this evening magical. Look for articles in our local newspapers as we were proud to brag about this event!

**Thanks to your Generosity at the Bake Sale & Hot Chocolate table, we raised – 1,827.00\$!**

**The money will be used towards the updating of our computer lab.**

**Once again, we would like to thank Home & School for coordinating the Bake Sale**

**as well as Tim Hortons (9201 Boul. Metropolitain, Anjou) for its generous donation of Hot Chocolate**



3. **EMSB Registration Period For New Students from February 6 to 10, 2012:**



Please advise family or friends who have children registering for Kindergarten for September 2012 that the registration period is from Monday, February 6<sup>th</sup> to Friday, February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2012. Information pertaining to boundaries, necessary documentation and available places as of Friday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> will be posted on our website. ([www.emsb.qc.ca/easthill](http://www.emsb.qc.ca/easthill))

4. **Staff update**

We would like to welcome back Mrs. Sabrina Ficca, who returned from maternity leave on Monday, January 30<sup>th</sup>. As well, on Monday, February 6<sup>th</sup>, Mr. Simone will be returning from his parental leave. We are very happy to welcome both back. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mme Adila Melouk and Ms Angel Wong for their dedication and creativity!

5. **Winter Recess :** Sometimes Mother Nature is not in favor of us having outdoor recess. Between ice storms and warmer weather our play areas can become unfit for outdoor recess. As our goal is to offer our students an active and constructive recess period, we are doing everything in our power to organize play times indoors whenever the weather does not collaborate with us!
6. **Staff Appreciation Week:** The week of February 13 is **Staff Appreciation Week** at East Hill. Home & School and Administration are planning numerous activities during the week. However, it would be wonderful if our children, with Mom and Dad's help, take a few minutes during that week to make a card, write a poem, or draw a picture, to tell someone they care about at school, how thankful they are for their support and their hard work. After all, it is the children who are on the receiving end of everyone's efforts.

7. **Valentine's Day Celebration** : On Tuesday, February 14th, we are inviting all students and staff members to wear **RED or Pink or White tops** with their regular school pants. As there will be different Valentine's Day activities and in order to make this day safe for everyone, parents should remember a few of our school rules: Parents are asked not to send in any treat bags (food or otherwise) for other students. Unfortunately, if treat bags are sent in they will be returned as the school cannot guarantee that they will be peanut free. As for treats, understand that on a large scale, treats often cause disputes between children and/or friendships issues



8. **English Book Fair** : Home & School is once again proud to organize our annual English Book Fair which will be held on **Tuesday, February 21<sup>st</sup>** for the students of Kdg to level 4 and on **Wednesday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>** for the students of levels 5-6 .

Please support this activity – for many reasons:

Your children have an opportunity to purchase books at their grade and reading levels. It is important that our K-2 students have English books to read at home since their instruction here at school is only in French.

As well, the school receives 50% of all sales to buy back in books. for our classroom libraries.

Everyone wins! ---Remember the dates --**February 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>**.

H&S will be sending out a letter requesting parent volunteers for these two days. If you are interested, look out for the memo they will be sending out on February 6<sup>th</sup>.

9. **LEARN Website**: **Learn** is an educational website that offers interesting pedagogical activities and resources for your child. On site you can also find support for homework time. The website is only accessible to students and their parents. If you are interested in visiting the site simply ask your child's homeroom teacher (*via a note in the agenda*) and he/she will provide you with your child's USER NAME and PASSWORD.

We invite you to browse the website with your child : <http://www.learnquebec.ca/>

10. **Mackay Centre School**: Each year, Mackay Centre, an EMSB school, accepts 40 students into its reverse integration program. A limited number of children from Kindergarten through grade 5 are given an opportunity to attend Mackay Centre School for one year. They will follow the regular E.M.S.B. curriculum and learn alongside students with physical disabilities at Mackay Centre School. If you are interested in learning more about the program, please visit <http://www.emsb.qc.ca/mackay/reverseintegration.htm>. Note that the registration deadline is February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2012

### **11. MEASLES Vaccination Campaign**

Earlier you received information that to counter this epidemic in the schools, the Ministère de la Santé et des Services Sociaux (MSSS), along with its network of health and social services centres (CSSS) and santé publique (DSP), is organizing a measles vaccination campaign in schools for the students and adults that are not presently immune.

The school was advised by MELS of the names of the students that need to be vaccinated. Our school nurse reviewed all our students' records to find confirmation that our students were vaccinated against the MEASLES. She noted that a few students did not have proof of vaccination. Therefore, within the next few days she will be sending the concerned parents an information letter as well as documentation that includes a consent form. It will be very important to return the consent form duly signed.

Since we do not have too many of our students to vaccinate, our school nurse is confident that the vaccination process will not drastically affect our school routine.

Further details regarding the vaccination campaign, as well as additional information in the case of an outbreak of measles in a school and the removal of individuals considered to be inadequately protected against this disease will be forwarded to us shortly.

**Spring Break from March 5th to 9th, 2012**