



EAST HILL SCHOOL 2011-2012

NOVEMBER LETTER OF THE MONTH



October 28, 2011

Dear Parents,

We apologize for the delay in sending out the Letter of the Month. Unfortunately we experienced technical difficulties with our photocopiers yesterday.

1. **Letter of the Month:** The letter will always be sent home on the last school day of the month and will always be printed on coloured paper. If you have not received the letter of the month by the first school day of the month, please contact the office and we will ensure that your child receives another one. The letters 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.**

Bonjour

> *Pour nos parents francophones, nous tenons à réitérer notre invitation ; 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. Il vous suffit de placer un appel auprès de notre secrétaire, Lydia, qui se fera un plaisir de répondre à vos questions.*

2. **Report Cards:** First term comes to an end within the month of November. The Report Cards will be sent home to the parents on November 17th. Parent-Teacher conferences will be held on November 30th and December 1st. Information letters with details regarding the conferences will be sent home as per the attached calendar. We ask that you respect the date on the return form to ensure that the process of setting up appointments is not delayed. We sincerely appreciate your cooperation.

3. **Workshops for level 5 & 6 Parents on MONDAY NOVEMBER 21 AT 7:00 PM**

TEST-TAKING STRATEGIES AND STUDY SKILLS. How can I help my child study? High Schools look at the Grade 5 report card. How can I help my child succeed? Study Techniques will be discussed.

** Parents who wish to participate are invited to join the presenter in the school Library **

4. **Chocolate Drive:** Thank you to all parents that supported our school fundraiser. It is because of your efforts that H&S raised approximately \$18,000.00. Our H&S committee will be working hard to organize fun activities for our children all year long.

5. **Halloween :** We are looking forward to celebrating Halloween with our students. Yesterday you should have received a separate letter with details regarding Halloween. Teachers and students were very excited to have received pumpkins from Home & School. These pumpkins are being decorated and put on display in the foyer. Each homeroom teacher will be having draws on Halloween – the children whose names are drawn will take the pumpkins home.

6. **Student Absences:**

When a child is absent, parents are requested to call the school before 8:30 a.m. to report the absence.

7. **Hot Lunches – Transfer to Siblings:** If your child is absent on any given day and you wish to have their hot meal transferred to a sibling, please call Colosseo at 514 648-9323 after 9:30 a.m. Please ensure to give them the sibling's homeroom number and they will arrange for the meal to be transferred.

8. **Winter's Coming:** While it may not seem so cold if you're outdoors for only a few moments, children who spend 15 minutes outdoors at recess as well as 30 minutes at lunch become quite cold. Please help your child dress warmly in the mornings. They will soon need mittens, hats, scarves, etc... and remember **label, label, LABEL everything!**



With the first snowfall not far off, the students will start wearing their boots. As per the policy found in our school's agenda: students are never permitted to wear their boots in the classrooms. If they forget their shoes, they will need to leave their boots by their classroom door and remain in class with their socks. While the caretakers mop the foyers and hallways as quickly as possible after the students enter from the outdoors at recess and lunch, it's impossible for them to mop the classes during the day. Wet floors are dangerous – classrooms must be kept dry. Please help your children organize themselves so they **always have their running shoes at school.**

9. **Lost and Found:**

Please label all your children's clothing. Please ensure your child checks the lost and found regularly as all unclaimed items will be discarded at the end of each term.

10. **EAST HILL SCHOOL SUPPORTING THE COMMUNITY:**

Shoe Boxes : Home & School are again offering to interested families, the opportunity to help children in under-developed countries by participating in the Operation Christmas Child shoe box drive.

Christmas Baskets: We will be continuing our annual tradition of collecting non-perishable food items and other staples (toothpaste, soap bars, etc.). The collection will only begin as of **November 21st.**

Thank You for your generosity of spirit! (The baskets will be distributed to the needy of our school community as well as other Montreal communities). The drive will end on **December 15th.**