



Mackay Centre School & Philip E. Layton School
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Dear Parents/Guardians:

Health and Safety Measures

The following is the protocol of the health and safety measures we send home each year. Please read the following information carefully:

- If your child is sick (has a fever, cough, runny nose, headache, diarrhea, rash or seems generally unwell) please keep him/her at home and notify the school: 514-482-0001, extension 1606.
- We would like to remind all parents that if your child is taking any antibiotics, please ensure that he/she has been taking the antibiotics for a **minimum of 48 hours and appears to be responding to the treatment before sending them back to school.**
- Any child that needs Tylenol or any other over the counter medication before coming to school **should not be in school.**

As you know Mackay Centre School and Philip E. Layton School each has a vulnerable school population. These recommendations are put in place to protect them as well as your child and family. We thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

IMPORTANT DATES

Please take note of the following dates in November:

Monday, November 6 th	Board-Wide Pedagogical Day - NO SCHOOL (Daycare is available; students must register)
November 8 th , 9 th and 10 th	Camp Massawippi for Leslie Levinson's augmentative communication class
Saturday, November 11 th	Remembrance Day (school-wide activity will take place during this week)
Monday, November 13 th	Lifetouch Picture Day – Philip E. Layton School
Tuesday, November 14 th	Lifetouch Picture Day – Mackay Centre School
Tuesday, November 14 th	Vaccination Day #1
Wednesday, November 15 th	Distribution of report cards
Thursday, November 16 th	Parent/Teacher/Therapist Interviews
Friday, November 17 th	Pedagogical Day - NO SCHOOL (Daycare is available; students must register)
Friday, November 24 th	Board-Wide Pedagogical Day - NO SCHOOL (Daycare is available; students must register)
Tuesday, November 28 th	Governing Board meeting at 3:15 for Philip E. Layton School, in the library Governing Board meeting at 6:30 for Mackay Centre School, in the library

DREAMS TAKE FLIGHT

We are pleased to announce that three of our students have been selected to participate in the **Dreams Take Flight** trip to Disney World in Orlando, Florida on November 1st. They will be accompanied by our nurse. This will be a tremendous experience for them. **Dreams Take Flight** is a non-profit organization made up of volunteers from Air Canada. This adventure is made possible through fundraising efforts, corporate sponsors and donations.

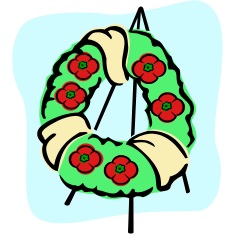




Lest We Forget.

REMEMBRANCE DAY: Saturday, November 11th

Remembrance Day is a time to recognize and honour Veterans who have served and sacrificed their lives so we can be free. It is an occasion to encourage new generations to remember the contributions they made to establish the peace in which we live today. We will be remembering through a celebration planned by our Community and Spiritual animator during this week.



SCHOOL PICTURES: Monday, November 13th and Tuesday, November 14th

At the request of the photography company, the dates for school pictures were changed. The revised dates are:

- Monday, November 13th – Philip E. Layton School
- Tuesday, November 14th – Mackay Centre School

PARENT/TEACHER/THERAPIST INTERVIEWS: Thursday, November 16th

Please mark this date on your calendar. You should have received a letter asking for your preferred time for an interview. As soon as these requested dates are finalized, you will receive a confirmation letter stating your interview time.

PROFESSIONAL DAYS: November 6th, 17th and 24th

Daycare services will be available but you must register your child beforehand.

VACCINATION DAY #1: Tuesday, November 14th

You will be receiving a letter from the CLSC nurse if your child is eligible to receive vaccinations at the school this year. A second vaccination day will take place on May 10, 2018 for second doses.

GOVERNING BOARD MEETING

The next Governing Board meetings (to be held in the school library) are scheduled for:



- Tuesday, November 28th at 3:15 p.m. – Philip E. Layton School
- Tuesday, November 28th at 6:30 p.m. – Mackay Centre School

THEME OF THE MONTH

As mentioned at the beginning of the year, each month we will be emphasizing a new theme.

This month we are focusing on PEACE. Each class will be touching on this theme during the course of the month. We encourage you to discuss PEACE at home and ask your child(ren) what they have been talking about.

TERRY FOX RUN:

On Monday, October 16th we had our annual Terry Fox Run in the school yard. It was a glorious day and everyone worked hard running and wheeling around the course, with much appreciated help from the Westmount High Leadership students, who also kindly donated to this great cause. This year we collected **\$4,196.00**. This was our 25th year that the Mackay Centre School participated in the run (1992-2017). Since our beginning 25 years ago, we have raised over **\$64,361.00** for the Terry Fox Foundation! We are very proud of the contribution of the Mackay community. This would not be possible without the support of our families...thank you!



REMINDER

We would like to remind all parents of the following:



If you are dropping off your child after 8:30 a.m. please note that there is daycare staff until 9:00 a.m. at the front entrance to receive your child; as well, if you are coming to pick up your child early (before 2:40 p.m.), you must go and see the Mackay school secretary located at the front entrance. She will then contact the personnel that will bring your child to you. If the Mackay school secretary is not in her office, please see the receptionist who will page a member of the staff. **We ask all parents to kindly refrain from going to the classrooms at any time as a measure of safety and security.** We

thank you in advance for your understanding and cooperation.

EMERGENCY SHUTDOWN OF SCHOOLS OF THE EMSB

We wish to inform you that in the event of a total or partial shutdown of the system due to inclement weather, adverse road conditions, or other emergency conditions, the announcement will appear on the Twitter section posted on the EMSB website. You can access this directly at www.emsb.qc.ca. School closings will also be broadcast on the radio in the morning on CJAD 800.

