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October 2017 Newsletter

September has flown by and we are getting into the rhythm of a new school year. We have had an exciting start and would like to thank you for your understanding and cooperation in making the beginning of the school year a success!

IMPORTANT DATES IN OCTOBER

Tuesday, Oct. 3rd

Governing Board Meeting

Thursday, Oct. 5th

World Teachers' Day

Friday, Oct. 6th

Board Wide Professional Day – **NO SCHOOL** - Daycare available

Monday, Oct. 9th

Thanksgiving Day – **NO SCHOOL** - Daycare Not Available

Tuesday, Oct. 10th

School Photos – Philip E. Layton School

Wednesday, Oct. 11th

School Photos – Mackay Centre School

Friday, Oct. 13th

First Communication (Progress Report)



WORLD TEACHERS DAY: Thursday, October 5th

Thursday, October 5th is World Teachers' Day, sponsored by UNESCO. World Teachers' Day (WTD) provides the opportunity to draw public attention to the important role of teachers within society. According to UNESCO, "World Teachers' Day represents a significant effort to raise awareness, understanding and appreciation for the vital contribution that teachers make to education and development across the globe." Please think of your child's teachers on this day.

SCHOOL PICTURES: TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10th AND WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11th

The school pictures will be taken on Tuesday, October 10th (Philip E. Layton School) and Wednesday, October 11th (Mackay Centre School). We would like your child to bring in his/her own hair brush or comb on that day. Volunteers will be available to assist the photographer and the children. The pictures should be ready before the holiday break.

THANKSGIVING DAY: MONDAY, OCTOBER 9th

This is the time of year when we give thanks for all that we have to be grateful for. On behalf of the Mackay and Philip E. Layton Schools, we wish you all a BEAUTIFUL AND A PEACEFUL THANKSGIVING!



FIRST COMMUNICATION

The Progress Report will be sent home this month. This first communication indicates how your child is progressing at this time in the various subject areas and there is a comment on behaviour.



Our Terry Fox School Run will 2017. Our goal this year is to raise our school page online, there is a <http://www.emsb.qc.ca/mackay/>.

take place on Monday, October 16, \$2000. If you wish to donate to link from our home page -

If we reach our goal several staff members have volunteered to receive a pie in the face from our students. In addition, students will receive a free swim period.

FREE HEBREW FOR JUNIORS

This is a free service provided to students during the lunch period on Thursdays. If you would like more information, please call Sara Chanowitz at 514-735-2259 ext: 239 or go to the website: www.freehebrew.com. Due to the Jewish holidays, the first day of Free Hebrew classes will be on October 19th.

IMPORTANT NOTICE: TRANSPORTATION ARRANGEMENTS

Please remember to notify the school if there is any change in your child's transportation arrangements, on any given day. **A phone message must be given to the School Secretary (1606) OR the Vice Principal (1602) AND the bus company (if your child takes the bus). This information is needed to make sure all staff know about the changes. In addition, please write a note to the teacher in the child's communication book.**

Since the beginning of the school year, the bus companies have reported different instances where students are not ready on time in the morning when the bus drivers arrive. Please note that drivers can only wait for up to **three (3) minutes** for the students due to the bus route they must complete on time. If you know that you will be absent or late when your child comes home, you must contact the bus company and make arrangements with them. **It is the bus company's policy to bring children whose parents or guardians are absent to the nearest police station. Parents or guardians are then contacted and informed of the situation.**



TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Please ensure that the telephone numbers that you have given to us are numbers (home, cell, or work) for which we can reach you immediately. Given the fact that we are dealing with a fragile and vulnerable student population, we cannot stress the importance of being able to reach you in case of an emergency.

Please note that if the school nurse assesses that your child cannot be placed on the school bus to be sent home, you will be asked to come and pick up your child.

WEATHER

As the fall season begins so do the cooler temperatures. Please ensure that your child is dressed appropriately for the weather. Until weather conditions permit, the students will be going outside to play during the recess periods. Additionally, parents are reminded to label all their child's clothing and school belongings. This will make it easier for us to return any lost item to your child.



Thank you for your continued support.