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September 2017 Newsletter



Dear Parents/Guardians:

We welcome you all to a new school year. We hope your summer was restful and you are ready for the challenges of a new academic year. September is a very busy month and the time to establish new routines. We realize that having your child attend Mackay Centre School is for us both a privilege as well as a tremendous responsibility. We thank you for sending us your child(ren) and look forward to meeting you on Thursday, September 14th for the **Meet the Team evening at 6:00 p.m.** We encourage all parents to come and meet their child's teacher.

BREAKFAST PROGRAM



The Breakfast Program is scheduled to begin in a few weeks. More information to follow. All the food for the breakfast program will be supplied by school approved companies and regulated by the nutritionist of the EMSB; in the meantime, please ensure that your child has eaten a proper breakfast and that you provide him/her with a mid-morning snack.

BUS TRANSPORTATION

Please note that if you must make changes regarding pick up or drop off for your child's bussing, you **must** contact the school first. Also ensure that you have your bus driver's contact number in case you must reach him/her. **If your child is ill and will not be coming to school, you need to call the bus company prior to your child's scheduled pick up time and then leave a message on the school secretary's answering machine.**

In the past, the bus companies have reported different instances where parents were not at home when their child was to be dropped off. 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.**

Please take note of the following phone numbers of the different bus companies:

School Board	Bus Company	Contact	Phone number
EMSB/LBPSB	Séguibus	Yanick Séguin	450-622-8242
Riverside School Board	Excel Transport Sco-Bec	Marc Boucher Supervisor on duty	514-229-2728 514-607-4018
Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board	Groupe Renaud	Diane Lalande	450-258-2789
New Frontiers School Board	Mor-Transport Ro-Bus	Joseph Ackad Jean Emard	514-428-0000 450-699-2001



DROP OFF OF STUDENTS

We remind all parents that if you drop off your child at school, to please do so in the least disruptive fashion. If you wish to speak to the teacher, write in the communication book and not during drop off time since it will disturb any class routines. We appreciate your cooperation and understanding.



EARLY DISMISSAL / CHANGE IN BUS ROUTE

If your child has an early dismissal and you will be picking him/her up, or there will be a change in drop off location at the end of the day, **please make sure to:**

- 1) **inform the bus company**
- 2) **inform the school secretary/vice principal**
- 3) **indicate it in your child's communication book if you know ahead of time**

These 3 important steps will ensure that your child is in the right place at the right time!

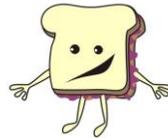
IMPORTANT DATE TO REMEMBER

September 14th - Thursday Meet the Team Evening at 6:00 p.m.

On Tuesday, September 19th many of our students from grade 2 to grade 6 will participate in an activity day organized by *Canadian Tire Jumpstart*. This event is to promote the participation of children with disabilities in organized sports and physical activity. The event will take place at the Cote St Luc. Aquatic and Community Centre. Students will have the opportunity to participate in a variety of sports and activities including wheelchair basketball, goalball and sledge hockey.

LUNCH

For parents whose children bring a lunch, snacks and drinks for the day. should be placed in a thermos as we lunch box should be labeled).



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CHANGE OF CLOTHING

For the children in pre-kindergarten and kindergarten classes, please provide an extra set of clothes that we can keep at school in the event that your child's clothes get soiled.

REMINDER: HEALTH AND SAFETY MEASURES

We would like to remind all parents that if your child is taking antibiotics, to 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 him/her back to school.**

Please note that if your child is not feeling well and the nurse's assessment deems it necessary for your child to be sent home, parents will be contacted and are expected to come and pick up their child promptly. Your understanding and cooperation in this matter is highly appreciated since we have a very fragile school population.

If your child has a fever, cough, runny nose, headache (cold symptoms), diarrhea, rash or seems generally unwell, please keep him/her home and notify the school secretary at the following telephone number 514-482-0001, ext.1606.

Finally, if your child's medical condition changes in any way you are to notify the nurse to enable her to update your child's file.

It is very important that we are aware of ANY changes.

Have a great year!

