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# MERTON HOME AND SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents,

Please feel free to contact us at the Home and School Office via phone or e-mail, or just drop by. Our doors are open from 8:00 to 10:00am Monday to Friday. There is also a box just outside our door where you can drop off any forms, payments or notes. Deadline is up for all forms that were sent out the first day of school.

**Readers Digest Magazine Subscription:** Please look through the booklet that was distributed Friday Sept. 4th. If you choose not to purchase any magazines, please recycle this booklet at home.

**ASA:** If your child will be attending Daycare on a regular basis, please make sure you have sent in your regular user fee as well as all forms filled out. Parents, due to the nice weather we are having, the children spend more time outdoors. Please send a water bottle and sun hat to school with your child. Emergency number to reach the ASA educators from 2:30 to 6:00pm is 514-249-2033.

**ASA BILLING VIA E-MAIL:** I would like to thank all the parents who have requested their invoices be sent by e-mail. Due to the overwhelming response it might take the second billing in order for the e-mailing of invoice system to be in place. Thank you for your understanding.

**Pre-K:** How exciting to kick start a new year with a full Pre-K class. I'm happy to announce we have 22 adorable children. A warm welcome to all new parents of the Merton Pre-K children. It'll be another fun filled year with lots of activities planned

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**Enrichment Package:** This package went out the first day of school. It is also up on the school website. Deadline is today. The Enrichment Committee will be setting up the classes, if there are any that are full or not enough children, parents will be called to see what they would like to do. Classes start the week of September 21<sup>st</sup>, 2009. Official dates as per class will be sent in next week's newsletter. If you have signed up for cooking please see below a note from Michelle.

**Welcome back to school everyone, hope you enjoyed your summer!**

This year in the kitchen we will be cooking up a storm with some brand new recipes designed by "Chef Liam" Hopkins and Michelle "the bead lady" Wiseman. With Liam's expertise in the kitchen and Michelle's experience in art education, party coordination and "sous chef" training, the culmination of the two creative forces will provide a program designed to cover a myriad of topics related to culinary art, cooking, nutrition, dining and entertaining. In this 8 week session, we will be discussing such topics as hygiene, health and nutrition as well as food presentation. We will learn and play with our food, sample tasty treats, play fun food related games as well as design our own table setting accessories such as place mats and napkin rings. Participants can expect to get a little messy, be super creative and share some tasty treats made with their peers! See you there!

**Pizza Lunch:** The Pizza lunch form went out this past week. You have several options as parents. You can order monthly (every month you will receive an order form through back pack mail), September to December, or for the full year. There is a complete list of Pizza lunch dates on the Home & School board outside of our office. Pizza Lunch Committee set up these dates with Mrs. Candib and these dates do not conflict with any Jewish holidays.

**Grade 6 Parents:** The first Grad Committee Meeting will be held on Monday, September 14, 2009 at 7:00 pm in the Staff Room. Please see attached letter for more details.

**Home and School Meeting:** Our first annual meeting is **Sept. 24<sup>th</sup>** at 7:30 pm in Staff Room. Everyone is welcome. These meetings do not run long. The first meeting is to vote in the budget for the upcoming school year and discuss issues. Hope to see you all there!

### **Help wanted!!**

(1) In the past, Merton School has had an **"Emergency phone chain"** this is used if ever we need to shut the school down at the last minute. Home & School is setting this up for the school. We need a parent or parents to volunteer to get this started. The task entails creating a form that includes student's name and emergency numbers (to be filled out by parents). After receiving these forms, the information must be filled out on an excel spread sheet and distributed to parents who have signed up to be **"EMERGENCY PHONE CHAIN CONTACTS"**. If you require any more information re-this task, please contact the Home and School Office via e-mail. This can be done at home.

(2) We are also looking for someone to **type up the master school list** on an excel spread sheet. This can be done at home.

(3) **Uniform Committee:** We are looking for parents to help out with uniform requests. If any parent would like to sit on the Uniform Committee, please e-mail the Home & School Office.

Regards,  
Home and School Executive