



ÉCOLE MERTON SCHOOL
September 29, 2009

Dear Parents and Students,

1. TERRY FOX RUN-The sun shone brightly on Merton as all the students gathered in the yard to prepare for the run. Mr. Molo led everyone in warm up exercises and entertained us all with music after it was over. It was a lot of fun and even parents joined in the dancing at the end. Thank you so much to all the volunteers who gave their time and made sure that the children were safe. A special thanks to Matthew Bradshaw, father of Devon, for donating the water for the thirsty runners. In total Merton walked 1312 kilometers, exceeding last year's total of 1206. Congratulations to all the students, we are proud of your effort. Please remember to bring in your pledges as quickly as possible.

2. MILK PROGRAM- Every year the Ministry of Agriculture in conjunction with the Ministry of Education sponsor a Free Milk Program. The program starts the week of October 5 and will continue until the end of May. Milk will be distributed 3 days per week, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday mornings. The milk is meant to be a breakfast supplement. If you do NOT want your child to participate in this program, please write a note to the teacher by Friday, October 2, and your child will not be given milk. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

3. WEEKLY NOTICES - This is the last hard copy weekly notice. From now on all notices will be sent home electronically. This will not only help save trees, but will also reduce the costs of mailings. Please call Mrs. Duncan and let her know if you want us to send home a paper copy. We will be happy to do so.

4. THANKSGIVING VEGETABLE COLLECTION- For the past 2 years under the guidance of our Community Spiritual Animator, Catherine Cherry, we have collected vegetables for the Welcome Hall Mission which they have made into soup. At this time of the year, we have much to be grateful for, let us share our plenty with the homeless of our community. Kindly send in your vegetables starting Wednesday, October 7. They will be delivered to the Mission Friday, October 9.

5. SCHOOL FEES AND LUNCH SUPERVISION FEES- School supplies fees and lunch supervision fees for 2009-2010 are as follows:\$75.00 per student for school supplies and \$250.00 per student or \$500.00 per family. These fees are due by September 30th. Payment should be by cheque payable to Merton School. Post dated cheques are gladly accepted.

IT IS SCHOOL POLICY THAT A STUDENT WHOSE FEES HAVE NOT BEEN PAID CANNOT PARTICIPATE IN ANY AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES OR DAYCARE.

6. GREENTECH-THINK-RECYCLE- Please send in your used printer cartridges, cell phones, digital cameras and batteries. There is a box next to the offices where you can leave your donations.

7. IMPORTANT DATES:

SCHOOL PHOTOS-Wednesday, October 7

THANKSGIVING DAY- Monday, October 10, school closed.

GOVERNING BOARD MEETING- Wednesday, October 14, 7:30 p.m.

EMSB PED DAY- Friday, October 16, school closed.

Yours truly,

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