



NESBITT SCHOOL NEWSLETTER JANUARY 2010



Sibling Registration

The registration of sisters and brothers of present Nesbitt students will take place from Monday, January 25th to Friday, January 29th, 2010. Please call the school in advance to make an appointment with Judy, the school secretary at (514) 721-2850 between 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. to best serve you and answer any questions that you may have. When you come for registration please bring:

- Child's **original** birth certificate (long version)
- Medicare card
- Older sibling's **original** Certificate of Eligibility
- One photocopy of the Vaccination Booklet

Students who presently attend Nesbitt **do not** need to re-register. However, if there will be an address change, please notify the secretary in advance so that your child will receive his/her bus pass over the summer from the School Board, if eligible.

New Registrations

Registrations for new students will take place from Monday, February 1st – Friday, February 5th, 2010 between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. For your convenience the office will remain open after school hours, from 3 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, February 3rd.

Public School Education Month

January is Public School Education Month. Paul Karwatsky, a former Nesbitt School student and presently a well-known journalist and reporter for CTV news, will speak to our students. He will stress the importance of a quality education and that a quality education can be acquired in the public system. He is the proof of this!

Important Meeting

As you are aware, Gerald McShane School has requested a change from the Bilingual Program it now offers its students to a French Immersion one. The direct effect on Nesbitt School would be that we would lose part of our French immersion territory. The Governing Board of Nesbitt submitted a response, which rejects this proposal of changing the boundaries, to Gerald McShane's request on December 11th. On Thursday, January 7th, 2010 at 8:50pm, at the EMSB Administration Building at 6000 Fielding, the Nesbitt School Governing Board parents will have the opportunity to present to the Council of Commissioners and to the Long Range Planning Committee, their views and concerns relative to their response. Final decisions will be taken at a special Board meeting scheduled for Wednesday, January 13th. All parents are invited to attend the meeting on January 13th.

Safety & Security

Parents are asked to report to the office when they come to the school. It is important that the office be aware of who is in the school at all times. Messages will be delivered to your child via the office monitor. Parents are asked to NOT go to their child's class unless they have an appointment and have first passed by the office to sign in and obtain a visitor's pass. Your cooperation ensures the safety of all our students.

Lunch Meal Tickets

Please be reminded that students cannot purchase a single meal ticket. Tickets are available only in a booklet of 10. If your child forgets his/her lunch and does not have money to purchase a meal at the cafeteria, only a snack may be provided by the office.

Physical Education Uniform

For comfort, cleanliness and safety, all students are required to wear a "physical education uniform" for physical education classes. The Nesbitt uniform includes the white short-sleeved t-shirt with the Nesbitt logo that students received, navy blue shorts or fleece jogging pants and running shoes. If a child is not wearing the color code, he/she will be loaned color code items from the office. The parent is expected to launder these items and return them to school the following day.

The children's respect for the color code depends on you, the parents. The total support of the community makes it easier for everyone. We are counting on your help.

IMPORTANT: Please be advised that by the end of January and beginning of February, weather permitting, some Physical Education classes will be held outdoors. Students need to be dressed accordingly for the weather - snow pants, hats, gloves and boots.

School Fees

There are some school fees that are still unpaid. The second payment for lunch supervision fees was due on January 4th. If you have not already paid we would appreciate payment by Monday, January 18th.

Gym T-Shirts

Gym T-shirts were given to those children whose school fees had been paid. As there was a problem with delivery of some sizes, if your child has not yet received his/her t-shirts and you have paid the school fees, please contact Judy, the school secretary.

Home & School Raffle

Congratulations to our Raffle winners:	Cycle 1	Brianna Di Libero
	Cycle 2	Bill Phan
	Cycle 3	Brandon Phaneuf

These students received \$20.00 gift certificates.

A sincere thank you to all the parents who supported this fundraiser!

Emergency Shutdown of School

We wish to inform you that in the event of a total or partial shutdown of the school due to inclement weather, adverse road conditions or other emergency conditions, the announcement will appear on the new *Twitter* section posted on the EMSB website. You can access this directly at www.emsb.qc.ca or become an EMSB Twitter follower at www.twitter.com/emsb109 (in English) or at www.twitter.com/csem109 (in French). School closing will also be broadcast in the morning on all local radio and television stations and on the EMSB information hotline at 514-798-5606.

Christmas Baskets

Thank you to all who so generously contributed to our Christmas food drive. Thirty families in our school community as well as 230 other families received Christmas baskets through St. Brendan's Church making their holidays a lot more cheerful.

Rosemount High School Band

Thank you to Music Teacher, Andrew Mangal and the very talented students for a wonderful Holiday Concert. They played many of our favorite songs and our students and staff sang along. We invited them to come again next year!

Recycling Ink Cartridges

A reminder to send in your used ink cartridges from home and/or work as well as your old cell phones to the school for our recycling project.

CanSpell Winner

On December 14th, our cycle 3 students wrote the Big Spelling Bee for CanSpell. Nishat Bari from rm. 30, Ms. Morena's class, emerged the winner. Congratulations and good luck to Nishat who will be writing another spelling bee to qualify for the Gazette regionals. Congratulations also go to our runners-up: Thuvarragga Kandiah and Simona Santorelli from rm. 29, Ms. Mercadante's class.

Field Trip

Cycle 3 students will be going to Ecole Jean Eude on Thursday, January 14th for a musical presentation of "Pierres Blanches". Students will leave the school at 9:15am. Bus transportation will be provided in case of bad weather.

IMPORTANT DATES

January 7	Governing Board presentation at EMSB
January 11	Home & School Association Meeting
January 11	Geordie Productions presentation for cycle 3, of "Once Upon a Home... from us to you from us"
January 14	Cycle 3 students to visit Ecole Jean Eude
January 20	Cycle 3 students trip to Science Center
January 25	Presentation to cycle 2 & 3 students by Mr. Paul Karwatsky
January 25- 29	Sibling Registration (by appointment)
January 29	Pedagogical day – no school for students – daycare services offered
February 1-5	Registration for New Students

Happy New Year 2010