

November 1, 2017

Dear Parents,

Please take note of the following important information items:



L.E.S. Book Fair: Last year we were informed that elementary school children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian when visiting the Book Fair. This is to respect the law on protecting elementary school children from publicity. We can no longer have children visit the book fair during a school day. We invite you to visit the Book Fair on Tuesday, November 21st, from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. or on Wednesday, November 22nd, from 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. We look forward to seeing you all there!

Fall Dance: Our PPO will be holding a fall dance on Friday, November 10th, from 6:30-8:00 p.m. for all students, accompanied by their parents. This year they are going with a "costume" theme. Please set this date aside on your calendar.

Remembrance Day Ceremony: On Friday, November 10th at 11:00 a.m. we will be holding a Remembrance Day ceremony in our gym. All are welcome to attend but we ask that you send a note with your child to let us know if you will be attending so that we can set up enough chairs.

Diabetic Association Halloween Campaign: Thank you to all who collected/donated change for this important cause. New this year, the boxes are sent directly to the Diabetic Association for counting so we do not have a total amount raised at this time. This is a wonderful change in protocol, as you can imagine how long it took for our volunteers to count hundreds of dollars in pennies, dimes and other change!!! We will keep you posted!

Spaghetti Supper: Thank you to everyone who supported our Spaghetti Supper. Approximately \$1,937 was raised to support student activities. A special thank you to our PPO for all the hard work that they put into organizing this event.

Report Cards: In keeping with the Eastern Townships School Board's (ETSB) efforts to improve communication with and for parents, a new parent portal website will be available for the November 2017 report cards. The ETSB, will be moving the student portfolios (which include the reports cards) to the new MOZAIK Parent Portal. Instructions on how to access the portal, login and view your child's report card will be sent directly to parents at the email address provided to their child's school. If for any reason you have changed the email address at which you wish to receive information from your child's school and/or the school board, please contact the school to update your information. The new parent portal will be available for the next report period on November 15th.

Parent-teacher Interviews: Parent teacher interviews will be held on Wednesday, November 22nd (one night only). Additional information regarding the interview evening will be sent with your child.

Hot Lunch Payment: Please note that as indicated at the bottom of the calendar, parents have the option of paying for meals in advance. You also have the option of paying by cheque if that is more convenient for you. If you choose to pay cash, it is very much appreciated if you send in the exact amount. Thank you for supporting our cafeteria!

Parking Lot Issues: Please note, once again, that the parking lot is for staff only. Unless you are here volunteering for an event that takes place during a large chunk of the day, you must park on Academy St. Unfortunately, we are having issues with some staff members arriving and not having anywhere to park. Also, it is very dangerous to let your children off in the parking lot when cars are coming and going. Thank you for respecting this important directive.

No parking at Uplands: Uplands museum has asked us to put the message out to our parents and community members that their parking lot is reserved use during events that take place at the museum. Unfortunately, there have been instances where they had an event at the same time as L.E.S. and their patrons had nowhere to park.

Empty Bowl's Fundraiser: On Saturday, November 18th, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., the Champlain and Bishop's community will be holding their annual "Empty Bowls" fundraiser. In past years, monies from this event have been used to help different organizations in the community, including the LES breakfast program. A \$25 donation will get you a warm bowl of delicious soup and a beautiful hand-crafted and hand-painted bowl that you can keep. The event will take place at the Hope Community Church Hall at 102 Queen Street. Tickets can be purchased at the B.U. Bookstore or by calling 819-564-3666 ext. 119.

Water Bottle Issues: While we strongly encourage our students to stay well hydrated, it is extremely important that filled water bottles are not placed in book bags with books. We have had several of our library books ruined by water leaking out of water bottles and soaking the pages of the books. It would be very helpful also, to transport books in a plastic Ziploc bag to protect them during transport.

Special Reminders: Please note that **November 17th & 24th** are planning days; therefore, there will be no classes for students on those days.

LES Website: Please be sure to check our L.E.S. website at <http://lennoxville.etsb.qc.ca/> regularly for school and community news.

Please don't hesitate to contact the school should you have comments or questions.

Sincerely,

Dawn Irving
Principal

