

September 1, 2016



Dear Parents,

Welcome back! Once again this year, we are back after a busy summer of renovations here at L.E.S.! We are happy to announce that our music, art, and projection rooms on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor have been completely renovated - a project that was long overdue. Our school now has brand new windows everywhere as well, including our gym and entrance way. Two of our classrooms on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor received new tile and three classrooms were painted. I would like to thank our maintenance staff, both here at school, and at the School Board, for ensuring that everything went off without a glitch and that our school was in tiptop shape to greet the students yesterday.

Once again, it is my pleasure to introduce the L.E.S. staff for 2016-2017:

<b>K French</b>	Marie Beaudoin	<b>K English</b> - Barbara Guthrie,
<b>Grade 1</b>	Cathy Dustin	Lyne Villeneuve
<b>Grade 2</b>	Jennifer Luce	Kim Logan
<b>Grade 3 &amp; 2/3</b>	Verna Maurice	Annette Kostrzewa
<b>Grade 4</b>	France Gagné	
<b>Grade 5</b>	Karen Christiansen	
<b>Grade 6</b>	Julie Meilleur	Nancy Richard
<b>Multiage 4-5-6</b>	Bonnie Smith	Isabelle Desbiens
<b>Resource</b>	Alana Russell	Karen Painter
<b>Phys.ed</b>		Rodney Milonja
<b>Ethics/Early Intervention</b>		Gaetan Beaulieu
<b>Music 1-6, Movement (K), French 4G</b>		Caroline Coté
<b>Cook</b>		Karen Baillargeon
<b>Supervisors</b>		Patsy Statton, Audrey Tillotson, Kathy Gibson, Serafina Gagliardi
<b>Daycare Educators</b>		Sue Rodgers, Shirley Rodgers, Cheryl Bennett
<b>School Secretary</b>		Brenda Marrotte
<b>Daycare Admin/Office Support</b>		Christine Ransom
<b>Maintenance</b>		Pierre Gilbert, Alain Lessard, Alex Gagné
<b>Integration Aides and</b>		Barbara Rowland, Kathy Anderson, Tony Ord, Cheryl Bennett, Jessica Langlois,
<b>Technicians</b>		Carrie Haskell, Donna Langlois

## Governing Board Elections:

Each year we hold an annual general meeting to elect members to the Governing Board. This year the General Assembly will be held on the evening of **Monday September 12th at 6:30 in the cafeteria**. The first Governing Board meeting of the year will take place on the same evening immediately following the general assembly at 7:00 p.m. This year there are three positions up for grabs on the Governing Board. Being a Governing Board member is a great way to get involved in your child's education. Please join us!

## Open House:

This year we will be holding our Open House on the evening of September 22nd at 7:00 p.m. Please mark this date on your calendar and encourage family and friends to come and visit our school. In an effort to involve the community again this year, we are inviting local organizations to participate. If you know of an organization that would like to set up a kiosk to share information please encourage them to contact us. This will be a great opportunity for parents, friends, and community members to come in and see the wonderful projects and events that make our school so special and also to get information about events that are taking place in the community.

## Picture Day:

This year the school pictures will be taken on Wednesday, September 14th.

### **Day-care Services:**

We are very fortunate to have a day care service at L.E.S. Should you require information about our day-care services, please feel free to call Christine Ransom at 819-347-1451 and leave a message on the answering machine. She will get back to you promptly.

### **Nuts and Peanut Products in the School:**

Please note that because we have students in the school who are allergic to these products, we do not allow these items at school. This is a severe allergy that can create a life and death situation within a matter of seconds and must be taken very seriously. Thank you for respecting this important directive.

### **Important Transportation Message:**

Please note that due to the fact that several of the ETSB buses are filled to capacity, we will not be allowed to grant any temporary bus passes for children to take different buses to go to a friend's house etc. until after September 30<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

### **Cafeteria News:**

Once again this year, our cafeteria will be operating 4 days per week. **It will be closed on Mondays. Unfortunately, in order to maintain this service, we have had to increase the cost of the meal to \$5.00.** This includes the main course, dessert and a drink. Please send money with your children to cover the cost of the meal each day, as we have a "no charge policy". Meals can also be purchased in advance and paid by cheque. If you include payment for more than one child on one cheque, we ask that you send a note to **each** teacher, informing them of this. We also ask that if you send cash, you send the **exact amount with each child**. This makes it much easier for us to balance our cafeteria books.

### **The Special Education Advisory Committee Wants You!**

The Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) advises the school board on its organization of services for students with special needs, educates parents as well as encourages them to become involved in their child's school experience.

Parents of students with special needs constitute the majority of members on this committee. The SEAC Chairperson and Parent Commissioner are selected from parent members of this committee. Other members represent the various professional and support groups in the ETSB and some social service agencies in the community.

The committee allows you to meet and talk with others who have the interest of children with special needs at heart. Meetings are held monthly in Magog at the Eastern Townships School Board Office between 7:00 and 9:00 p.m. Mileage compensation is available.

If this committee interests you, please ask your school principal for an application brochure or call the Assistant Director of Complementary Educational Services, Gail Kelso, at (819) 868-3100 x55035 to give your name or to ask for clarification. Forms should be returned to your school principal by October 3, 2016.

Have a great school year!

Sincerely,

Dawn Irving  
Principal

**Important Dates to Remember in September:** 12<sup>th</sup>- General Assembly & first Governing Board Meeting, 14<sup>th</sup>- School Photos, 22<sup>nd</sup>-Open House, 26<sup>th</sup> - Planning Day (no classes for students), 29<sup>th</sup>-Terry Fox Run,