

June 6, 2019



Dear Parents,

I hope this letter finds you well and enjoying the sunshine! It has been a while since I have written to you and I am excited to tell you about some interesting "happenings" that are taking place at L.E.S.

**ETSB Math Competition:** Each year the school board holds a math competition for students in cycle 3. I am pleased to announce that this year, all three finalist teams were from LES. Congratulations to both Mme. Meilleur and Mme. Desbien's math students who brought the trophy home to L.E.S.!

**Office Renovations:** The office renovations are coming along nicely and we will be moving in during the summer months. We are looking forward to being able to greet parents and visitors on the first floor and it will be nice for everyone to not have to trek up to the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor to check in!

**Free Lunch:** Our local Provigo will be providing a free picnic lunch for all students on Monday, June 10<sup>th</sup>. The lunch will consist of egg, ham and chicken sandwiches, veggies & dip, vegetable chips, and fresh fruit for dessert. Thank you to Mr. Lafond, the owner, for thinking of L.E.S. and providing this yummy opportunity.

**Class Groupings:** Every year at the end of the school year, the teachers sit down together and make up the class lists for the following year. There is a great deal of thought that is put into making sure that the children's needs are all met. The following are some things that are taken into consideration when making these decisions: class dynamics, access to academic support within the classroom, personalities, balancing of the groups in terms of boys and girls, behavior concerns etc. New this year, you will be notified as to who your child's teacher will be for the 2019-2020 school year prior to the first day of school. We ask that you respect the hard work that has gone into making these lists and trust your child's teacher in making the best possible placement decision. Similarly, with respect to the multiage class (MAC) the grade 3 teachers will be meeting with the MAC teachers to recommend students that they feel will be best suited for the multiage learning environment and to ensure that the groups are balanced. It is important to keep in mind that this is a 3-year commitment with the same teachers and if you as a parent are not comfortable with this choice, let us know as soon as possible. While the MAC philosophy supports the idea of placing siblings in the same class, having a sibling in the MAC does not guarantee a placement there.

**Breakfast Program:** Please note that our breakfast program has ended for the current school year. Thank you, once again, to our volunteer Mavis Robertson and also to everyone who generously donated funds. Without you, we would not be able to provide this very valuable service to our students.

**End of Year BBQ:** The PPO will be holding their annual end of year BBQ for all students and parents on Wednesday, June 19th at 12:00 p.m. The menu will consist of hotdogs, chips, juice and dessert. If you as a parent plan to attend, **please send a note with your child by Monday at the latest** so that we can calculate the amount of food needed.

**Class trips:** This year, we were able to offer many of our class trips at little or no cost to parents. I would like to thank the PPO who contributed greatly in helping to reduce the cost of these exciting opportunities for our students. Other fundraisers such as our Read-a-thon, pizza days, and certain individual class fundraisers helped to reduce costs as well. Kudos to everyone who helped to keep the cost of these trips to a minimum.

**Report Cards:** Please note that once again, we will only be printing report cards for those families who do not have access to email. The report cards will be available online on **June 26<sup>th</sup>** through the school board parent portal. If you have changed your email address, please let us know so that we can update it in the system to enable you to access the report cards.

**Friendship Day Bazaar:** The PPO will be holding their annual Friendship Day Bazaar this Saturday, June 8th. A special thank you to all the members for their hard work and also to all who donated items for the silent auction. Please come out and support our school by bidding on some of the beautiful items that have been donated and by buying snacks from the snack table.

**Are you moving?** If you are moving this summer, it is very important to inform the school before the end of the school year so that we can enter your new address into our system. This will help to ensure that your child has transportation at the beginning of the school year. You can do so by calling us at 819-569-5103.

**2019-2020 Registration:** If you know of someone who is planning to register their child for Kindergarten (or any grade) and has not yet done so, please encourage them to come in before the end of June. This will help us to better organize our groups for next year.

**School Fees:** Please note that all unpaid fees will go to collection after June 21st. It is not too late to come in and pay if you haven't done so already. Thank you to the large majority of families who have paid their fees.

**Important Dates:** **June 7<sup>th</sup>:** Regular school day (to make up for snow day), **June 13<sup>th</sup>:** Next PPO Meeting at 7:00 p.m., **June 17<sup>th</sup>:** Governing Board meeting at 6:30 p.m., **June 19<sup>th</sup>:** Free BBQ lunch, **June 20<sup>th</sup>:** Grade 6 Graduation, **June 21<sup>st</sup>:** Kindergarten Graduation and last day of classes for students, **June 26<sup>th</sup>:** Report cards will be available online.

It has been a pleasure working with you and your children this year and I look forward to greeting everyone back on August 29th. Have a safe and happy summer!

Best Regards,

Dawn Irving, Principal

