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A note from the Principal



As the “warmer” May weather arrives, we begin to sense the students’ anticipation of the end of the school year. However, there are still many school days left and evaluations to be done before the last report card. Let’s stay focused and keep working hard as the third term is worth **60%** of the school year.

Safety Concern

The thank you was too quick... **the staff parking is not to be used during student drop off in the morning** and **no one** should walk through the staff parking lot with their child, shortcut or no shortcut!

Front Entrance & Lost & Found

The front lobby got a cure of renovation as you might have seen on the cover of our school Facebook page. It should be noted that the lost & and found is now located in the former phone booth next to the stairs in the front lobby.

Access to the school at lunch

Please remember that the **front door access is limited during lunchtime!** Between 11:40 to 12:40 p.m., access to the school has to be via the daycare door. Your cooperation is appreciated!

We encourage parents to be active with their children in order to collect energy cubes. **Booklets need to be brought to school at the beginning of each week.**



Calendar



- May 9 Cross Country Run (Cancelled)
- May 11 Cross Country Run (Cancelled)
- May 11 Author visiting Grade 2
- May 15 - 19 Daycare Week
- May 14 Mother’s Day
- May 15 Dance with Mrs. Angie (GDPL activity)
- May 17 Community Officer visit
- May 17 Home & School AGM 7:00 p.m.
- May 19 Ped Day – Kindergarten orientation
- Daycare open**
- May 22 Victoria Day – **no school, no daycare**
- May 26 Afternoon recess à la GDPL
- May 29 GDPL walk (last of GDPL)
- June 5 Ped Day – **Daycare Open**
- June 6 Community Walk Fundraiser 12:30 and visit to Sr. Campus for Choir concert in the morning.
- June 7 SJF Family BBQ



Peaceful School (PALS/WITS)



MAY is Grow a Kindness garden month

Every act of random kindness and respect to others and/or the environment will be rewarded with a flower that will be put on a decorated board in each classroom. The goal is to fill the board with as many flowers as possible in order to get a school reward at the end of the month. In the meantime the first month of the peaceful school has gone very well and students had an extra 10 minute recess on a “nice and warm” Friday morning in April after their regular recess.

“PALS” (Peacemakers Agree to work it out, Listen to each others and Solve the problems) corner is in each class and has been re-introduced this year to the students and its purpose is to have students addressing issues with each other when dilemmas occur. Obviously, students need teacher’s guidance, but they also have to be willing to solve their own issue together and in a respectful manner.

WITS (Walk Away, Ignore, Talk it out and Seek help - DIRE in French) is also highly encouraged in our school and it is a tool to be used also in a situation of conflict. Class visit by the principal reinforcing the WITS strategy is part of the daily intervention when dealing with conflict. The goal is always to educate and give students tools in order for them to solve their problem. **Be a peacemaker today!**

Daycare & Lunch Programs



Our next pedagogical day is Friday May 19th. We are going to Exporail. **Registration is closed.**

Registration forms for the 2017 - 2018 school year will be sent home the week of May 15th for our current Kindergarten and Grade 1 students.

Please **return them to me by June 2nd**.
Ms. Ruta, Daycare Technician 514-694-7144

Home & School

Reminder:

Pizza lunch: Monday, May 15th

T.C.B.Y.: Tuesday, May 23rd and Tuesday, June 6th

Subway lunch: Friday, June 9th

H & S Executive Nominations 2017-18:

Please send your request to be nominated to St. John Fisher Home and School sifhands@gmail.com

H&S AGM - May 17

Everyone is welcome and members are kindly asked to attend this important meeting. The privilege of a member is to vote - your vote is your voice. There remain positions without nominations: fundraising coordinator, membership coordinator, recording secretary and volunteer coordinator.

Also the position of the H&S lunch coordinator (pizza and sandwiches) at the Junior School (maybe with a friend?) needs to be filled in order for this program to be offered in the next school year. If any of these opportunities spark your interest, please send an email to HandS. **No experience is necessary** and there will be help along the way!

Family BBQ is June 7, right around the corner!!
EMail H&S if you'd like to help.

Daycare Appreciation Luncheon is Friday May 12th. To sign up to contribute towards the lunch, please contact H&S. A few more items are needed.

Want to be involved? Our *last meeting* of the year is **Wednesday, June 14th at 7:00 pm. Jr. campus**
All are welcome! HandS meeting & Dessert Potluck.