

Dear Families,

Birds tweeting, flowers blooming, and warmer temperatures all point to the same fact - spring has finally arrived and we are ready to wrap up another successful school year. The school is buzzing with exciting events, school talent show, kindergarten and grade six graduation day, and our volunteer celebration evening.

Spring is also the time for end of year exams. We ask that you help your child keep their focus on school even in the midst of beautiful weather and outdoor activities. As you know, Term 3 is worth 60% of your child's year and more than ever, students need to apply themselves. An early bedtime, good homework habits and a healthy breakfast are all ways to help your child perform well at school.

Here is our May news...

Lunches:

Please remember that your child's snack, and lunch, play an important part in his/her learning. Healthy, nutritious foods feed the brain and allow your child to concentrate and focus in class.

Please do not send your child to school with soft drinks, chips or other sugary snacks. Also, we are noticing many sandwiches being thrown out – perhaps reviewing what goes into the lunch box with your child would be helpful. We want those bellies full!

Consumable Fees:

All the families who still owe consumable fees have been contacted. Thank you to the families who have paid them! For those who still have an outstanding debt, we have set a date of May 14th; as the final day to pay. If you have not paid the fees by this date we will be turning the list over to the collection agency. It is extremely unfortunate that we must take these measures however we are still owed quite a bit of money by parents and the school year is almost over. This money is essential to the school as it pays for supervision fees and materials for your child.

<u>**Track and Field**</u> will soon be taking up a great deal of time at recess and lunch in preparation for the annual Track Meet at Massey Vanier on Saturday June 8th with a back-up day of June 9th. Please encourage your child to become involved.

P.P.O Update - Fundraiser News:

Thanks to the efforts of our P.P.O, over \$ 4,000 was raised from our chocolate bar fundraiser. Once again, a huge thanks to the members and parents who made this possible!

Newsletters...We're Going Green!

as mentioned in the previous newsletters, we have gone green. In an effort to encourage parents and students to consult our school website for pertinent information and to conserve paper and resources, electronic posts of the newsletter are on our website each month.

Bicycles:

With spring's arrival, a few students are riding their bicycles to school, which is a great form of exercise. Parents are reminded that all children are required by law to wear a bike helmet. Cycling mishaps are the leading cause of hospital admissions for head injury in children. Wearing a bike helmet reduces the risk of head injury by 85%. Please ensure that if your child is riding his/her bike in our communities, that he/she is wearing a properly fitted helmet. Safety first!

Thank you from Linda:

I wanted to take the opportunity to send a special thank you to our great P.P.O members for the flowers and other wonderful gifts. Also, I wish to thank Andy, our magnificent parent volunteer. who should be getting the gifts. A huge thank you to students and staff who made cards and came by the office to present them to me. I am truly touched by all the kindnesses shown towards me on Secretary Day!

Important May and June Dates:

May 3	Grade 3 Math Competition
May 7 th	Grade 6 to M.V.H.S.
May 8 th	$Kindergarten \ Show$ — La Maison de la culture de Waterloo 4:30 p.m.
May 20	No School – Victoria Day
May 23	Talent Show 6:00 p.m.
May 24	Kindergarten 4 Orientation Day 12:30
May 31	Brome Fair - RCMP Show Grades 1,3,4,5,6
June 4th	Kindergarten 5 Orientation Day 8:45-10:15
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June 5 th	K4 and Grade 1 Class Trips -Zoo
June 6 th	Volunteer Appreciation Evening 5:00-7:00 pm
June 8 th	Track & Field
June 10 th	Cycliste Averti Program Gr.4
June 12 th	Class Trip Grade 2 Motion Granby
June 12 th &13 th	Cycling Evaluation Grade 4
June 13 th	Grade 6 Graduation Supper at 5:30 pm
June 14 th	Kindergarten 5 Graduation Ceremony at 10:15
June 14 th	Bike Trip Outing with Mme Martine Grades 3 -6
June 17 th	Waterslides Grades 3-6 (18th back-up day)
June 19 th	Grade 6 Laser tag & Pizza Hut
June 20 th	Play Day
June 21 st	Awards Day 9:00/ Last Day of school