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	<p>Dear JES families,</p> <p>My 2 years at Joliette Elementary School have been happy ones. The staff, students and families have been welcoming, supportive and extremely collaborative. A school very close to my home has been offered to me for next year - a bitter-sweet choice!</p> <p>I am grateful for the unique privilege of having discovered Joliette Elementary School. I will miss you all!</p> <p>From Paul Fogel from Franklin Hill Elementary School will be your new principal as of July 1, 2009.</p>
<p><b>VISION AND MISSION</b></p> 	<p>Joliette Elementary School is guided by its Vision &amp; Mission. It's always good to revisit the fundamental objectives that guide our actions at JES:</p> <p><b>VISION</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ To ensure that all our students are literate by the end of Cycle 1 and to provide opportunities to all our students to increase English proficiency in reading and writing;</li> <li>▪ To create a safe and caring school environment;</li> <li>▪ To actively involve students in their own learning experience.</li> </ul> <p><b>MISSION</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ To prioritize reading and balanced literacy activities on a daily basis;</li> <li>▪ To adapt/modify academic programs;</li> <li>▪ To ensure a safe learning environment by adhering to our school-wide Behaviour Plan;</li> <li>▪ To foster student-centered learning experiences to promote student engagement.</li> </ul>
<p><b>MINISTRY OF EDUCATION'S MATH EXAM FOR GRADE 6 STUDENTS</b></p> 	<p>Our grade 6 students have just completed their Language Arts exam and will be undertaking the MEL's Math exam from <i>May 11 - May 26</i>.</p> <p>Thank you to our teachers, Ms. Cynthia &amp; Ms. Cassandra for overseeing these sessions, and our volunteers for supporting our students during this exam period.</p>
<p><b>MINISTRY OF EDUCATION EXAM FOR BOTH GRADES 2 AND 4</b></p>	<p>In the month of May, our Grade 2 and 4 students will write a Language Arts exam.</p> <p>The dates to be confirmed.</p>
<p><b>GOVERNING BOARD</b></p>	<p>Our next Governing Board meeting is <i>Monday, May 12, 6:30 PM</i>. All are welcomed!</p>
<p><b>BRAVO MS. CAROLE!</b></p>	<p>Ms. Carole raised \$1 428 with her Book Fair and Bake Sale. Thank you to the many volunteers who helped make this event another huge success! With this money, Ms. Carole will be adding great new titles to our library!</p>

<p><b>REMINDERS</b></p> 	<p><b>Here are a few reminders:</b>  NO electronic toys (cell phones, MP3, Ipods, digital cameras, etc.) at school or on school grounds.</p> <p>With the warm weather upon us we need, <b>INDOOR</b> and <b>OUTDOOR</b> shoes, and clothing appropriate for a school environment.</p>
<p><b>DENIM DAY TUESDAY, MAY 12</b></p> 	<p>Staff and students will be wearing DENIM on <i>May 12</i> to show their support for breast cancer research. All donations will be sent to the Canadian Cancer Society.</p> <p>Together we can beat cancer!</p>
<p><b>FUNKY HAIR DAY MAY 13</b></p> 	<p>Wednesday, May 13 is Funky Hair Day. Gel and crazy colours will make it a fun day!!</p>
<p><b>MAY 13 HIP HOP PRESENTATION</b></p> 	<p>Our Cycle 3 students were offered 12 weeks of Hip Hop classes. There were so many requests that we opened two groups.</p> <p>Each group will be presenting a dance routine on May 13 at 3:00 p.m. That promises to be the envy of Hollywood! Families of dancers are welcomed.</p>
<p><b>MAY 1 &amp; 19 PEDAGOGICAL DAYS</b></p> 	<p><b>A reminder - MAY 1 and 19 are our last Pedagogical Days this year!</b></p>
<p><b>MS. SOPHIE'S CLASS AND THEIR PEN PALS MAY 21</b></p> 	<p>On Wednesday, May 13, Ms. Sophie's students will be visiting their pen pals at École Marie-Anne in Rawdon.</p> <p>An annual highlight for Ms. Sophie and her students.</p> <p>Enjoy your visit!</p>
<p><b>VOLUNTEER TEA</b></p>  <p><b>HOW WOULD WE SURVIVE WITHOUT VOLUNTEERS?</b></p>	<p>Volunteers are invited to a tea on Friday, May 22 at 3:00 p.m. - our way to say thank you for their hours of devotion to making our school such a marvelous and caring community.</p> <p>Personalized invitations will be sent to each of our volunteers.</p>
<p><b>KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION MAY 25, 2009</b></p> 	<p>Our 2009-2010 munchkins will be visiting our Kindergarten class on May 25. Parents and their little ones will be receiving an invitation specifying their date and time.</p> <p>We look forward to greeting our new students!</p>
<p><b>LAURIER GALA</b></p>	<p><i>Wednesday, May 27</i>, five (5) of our Grade 6 students will be honoured for their outstanding achievement. The event will be held at Le Grand Théâtre Olympia de Deux-Montagnes. The Cirque Fantastique will entertain our honorees! Personalized invitations will be sent to our students.</p> <p>Congratulations on your work well done!</p>

<p><b>GRADE 6 ARUNDEL CAMP</b></p> 	<p>Our Grade 6 students will be enjoying three days and two nights at the Arundel Nature Centre from June 3 - 5, 2008.</p> <p><b>Deadline for payments is May 8.</b></p> <p>Ms. Cynthia &amp; Ms. Cassandra are organizing three fabulous days for our grads!</p>
<p><b>LOST &amp; FOUND</b></p> 	<p>We have several unclaimed items in our <b>Lost &amp; Found</b> bins (gym and portable area). Please come by and take a look.</p>
<p><b>SUNSCREEN</b></p> 	<p>The warm weather has finally arrived and we encourage our students to wear sunscreen when playing outside.</p> <p>Thank you for your support!</p>
<p><b>LUNCH</b></p> 	<p>Many thermoses have hot food in them and by lunch time, they are very difficult to open.</p> <p>You may want to verify your child's containers.</p>
<p><b>HEALTHY EATING</b></p> 	<p>Our school nurse has reminded us that students require 5 portions of fruits and vegetables DAILY! What is one portion? One average fruit or vegetable, a juice box, a handful of dried fruit, or a cup of fruit salad.</p> <p>Thank you for preparing healthy lunches for your child!</p>
<p><b>HOT LUNCHES</b></p> 	<p>Our first hot lunch was a great success! An amazing 87 students bought a hot lunch for \$5,00 with a portion of that amount going to our school fundraising to support student activities.</p> <p>Next Hot Lunch? May 8</p> <p>Your menu will be sent on April 30 and the money will be collected May 4 only. If your child is absent on the hot lunch Friday, there is no reimbursement. Sorry!</p>
<p><b>MR. FOGEL VISITS JES</b></p>	<p>Mr. Paul Fogel will visit Joliette Elementary on Friday, May 15. We are all anxious to welcome him to the JES family.</p>
<p><b>PUBERTY CLASEES FOR OUR GRADS</b></p>	<p>May 20 and 29, JES will be welcoming a trained professional in the field of adolescence. Boys and girls will have separate classes and their questions will be answered in a respectful and straightforward manner.</p>
<p><b>VISITORS TO GRADE 3 CLASS</b></p>	<p>One of our Grade 3 parents will be visiting her daughter's class at JES for a presentation with her own students on May, 27, 2009. We look forward to greeting our guests!</p>
<p><b>SWINE FLU / "GRIPPE PORCINE"</b></p> 	<p>The daily newscasts are concerning us all.</p> <p>The Ministry of Education (MELS) will be making a statement shortly.</p> <p>We ask you to please keep your child home if flu symptoms appear.</p> <p>Please remind your child to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Wash hands frequently</li> <li>▪ Cough ("tousser") in the fold of his/her elbow.</li> </ul> <p>Here is a link to Public Health Agency of Canada's <i>frequently asked questions</i>:  <a href="http://www.phac-aspc.gc.ca/alert-alerte/swine-porcine/faq_rg_swine-eng.php">http://www.phac-aspc.gc.ca/alert-alerte/swine-porcine/faq_rg_swine-eng.php</a></p>

**MAY CALENDAR ON REVERSE SIDE**