



McCaig's November 2009 Notes

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Reporting an Absence from School

Due to the increase in students away from school and our need to monitor and report on the number of students with flu-like symptoms, please mention the **reason for your child's absence** when leaving a message on the school answering machine. It would be helpful to call us before 9am to report the absence. Thank-you for your collaboration.

Fundraising Committee

We are looking for volunteers to join the Fundraising committee. Fundraising is what gives our kids lots of little extras to enhance their **educational experience**. Extras like playground equipment to develop their **physical fitness and social skills**, classroom materials to enrich their **reading and learning** and special outings and events to promote **peer interaction, cultural growth and academic achievement**.

These "extras" require time, effort and – of course – money. If you are interested in helping out please contact M. Goffredo at 450-621-6111 or mgoffredo@swlauriersb.qc.ca for more information.



GREEN TUESDAYS UPDATE

Our GREEN TUESDAY school-wide initiative is well underway.

Before beginning our project, we collected 37 large bags of garbage, during lunch, on a weekly basis. 35 bags of garbage were collected after our first green Tuesday. It is our hope that this amount of garbage decreases steadily with the weeks to come and that new habit are formed in your family and in our school. Look out for a special **'Tips for Making Waste-Free Lunches'** info letter for neat ideas. Thanks for making this initiative possible for your children!

Bus Campaign: Good Behavior Tickets

The campaign will begin **November 1st and end November 30th**. Bus drivers will distribute the tickets to students modelling good behaviour on the bus. The tickets will count towards our School Pride Goals.



Nut and Peanut Free

Many of our students are **highly allergic** to Nuts and Peanuts. Be vigilant when packing your child's lunch so as to not include anything with nuts and peanuts. Please note that **Nutella and Honey-Nut Cherrios** both contain nuts and are not allowed at McCaig.

REPORT CARDS

Report cards will be handed out the week of November 30th and conferences will be taking place on the evening of December 3rd. More details will be sent by teachers.



Catholic Religious Instruction

Due to the fact that Catholic Religious Instruction is no longer taught in Quebec Schools, the Catholic Diocese has stressed that the onus is upon the family to contact their parish where they attend for information about Sacramental Preparation. Both the French and English Parishes will be offering First Communion and Confirmation Courses for their parishioners. Please note that McCaig School is not connected with Catholic Instruction or Sacramental Preparation and therefore will not be sending home any information in this regard.

REMEMBRANCE DAY ACTIVITIES



On November 5th and 6th soldiers will visit our school. They will speak briefly to the students and distribute poppies. Please send in a donation if you wish. A **Remembrance Day Assembly** will take place on November 11th. We are also setting up a Memorial Station in the main foyer. If you have any memorabilia, please send them in with your child's name and homeroom on the back. All identified items will be returned to you at the end of the month.

Fall Fundraiser



Thank you to all students and parents who made our fall fundraiser a huge success. The pick up date for Cookie Dough and Christmas Items will be December 1st from 4-8pm in the gymnasium.

Workshop for Parents

Association PANDA Thérèse-de-Blainville et Laurentide will be hosting a conference on **Attention Deficit / Hyperactivity Disorder**. It will take place on November 10, 2009 from 7:30-9:30. Attending the conference will cost 5\$ and you must register for the session before hand by calling the following telephone number 450.979.7263.

