

INTRODUCING THE MCCAIG GLADIATOR'S ICE HOCKEY TEAM---

2009-2010



**McCaig Gladiators Ice
Hockey Club Year 2 and
Climbing to new Horizons!**



Rosemere- McCaig Elementary School has implemented an extra-curricular ice hockey program available for all its grade 3 to 6 students starting from the month of October all the way up to March this year. Any boys and girls who sign up and desire to play the game and enjoy the game among friends and schoolmates are welcomed. Under the guidance of teacher Dan Strina, and several volunteers, the students practice and play their favourite sport early in the morning before school even starts. The students arrive at the nearby arena at 6:30 am every Tuesday mornings, ready to suit up and play. New teams are made every day. Over 28 youngsters have signed up for this activity. They practice and play for over an hour, get changed and then get driven to school to arrive in time just before the bell.



"It's not easy to organize myself early in the morning, I myself having two children and one participating in the activity, but with a little sacrifice and determination, just to see those kids smile, and saying thank you is all takes to make the effort. I know some parents had to rearrange their schedules to have their kids participate, but they all tell me that it was worth it. They say that their kids enjoy going to school ", says Mr.Strina.



You ask the students why they enjoy coming so early in the morning, and they will answer you with a smile “It’s fun to play the game with your friends.”

For some of the students, it’s an opportunity to have more ice-time, practice and acquire new skills to bring back to their own respective city hockey clubs.

This year most of the members of the Morning club also played on the McCaig Gladiators School Team. Mc Caig has joined the Montreal based 6 team elementary school league and played against the following schools: Lower Canada College (Montreal-West), Selwyn House Elementary (West-Mount), College Stanislas (Outremont), Kuper Academy (West Island) and Royal Vale (Montreal-West). The season included a 10 regular game season which had a home and away game against each team. McCaig finished 5th out of the 6 teams and was not able to make the play-offs as the 1st four teams advance to this level. The Mc Caig Gladiators competed and definitely made every game a close game. The level of skill was high and kids played with heart and tried their best every time.

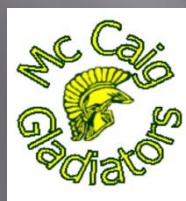


McCaig Gladiator' Ice Hockey team s also played in three full day tournaments for a total of 12 additional tournament games.

The first day tournament was hosted by College Stanislas at the Outremont Arena on Friday, November 13th where McCaig played a total of 4 games. The schools participating were LCC, Selwyn House, Stanislas and Kuper. McCaig gave a good challenge to all the teams there.

The second day tournament was hosted by L.C.C at the LCC arena in Montreal West, Thursday January 27th 2010. McCaig played 4 games: LCC "A", LCC "B", Upper Canada College (Toronto) and Notre Dame de Sion (St-Laurent). A successful day as McCaig won 2 out of the 4 games.

The third day tournament was hosted by Selwyn House at the Westmount Arena on February 19th 2010. McCaig played 4 games: Selwyn House, L.C.C, College Stanislas and U.C.C "B"(Toronto).



McCaig's first year in the League is a year to remember. We are the only elementary school in the Laurentians or the Laval region to have such a program in place.

The kids on the team are proud to wear the McCaig Gladiator's Jersey and represent our school. Wow! A total of 22 games were played and many memorable moments have come from this experience. Way to go McCaig for a great year! Go Gladiators!!!

