

# PINEWOOD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER - NOVEMBER 2009 – VOLUME 6.2

For information or any changes, please call the school building your child is attending.  
Campus A (Kdg, Cycles 2-3- Grades 3 to 6) 477-5353      OR      Campus B (Cycle 1 – Grades 1 & 2) 477-9977  
DAYCARE: (450) 968-2737

## Respect Medal Winners...



October-Respect Medal Winner for:  
"Organizational Skills"

K01 Ellie Fournier  
K02 David Parker  
E11 Megan Stanton  
E12 Emily Catalano  
E21 Maria Signore  
E22 Anne Parker  
E31 Daphné Lucas  
E32 Erika Bériau  
E41 Samantha Di Carlo-Tonia  
E42 Leila Caruso  
E51 Myla-Alexandra Lalonde  
E52 Chelsea Dumulong  
E61 Claudia Santillo  
E62 Sabrina Vigneault

*Congratulations  
to you all!*

Our next students' award assembly will be held on the week of November 30<sup>th</sup>. Prize donations for our good deeds ticket draw would be appreciated.

## Pizza Lunches

We will have a Pizza Luncheon for all the Respect Medal students on December 8<sup>th</sup>.  
A great big THANK YOU to the PPO for contributing funds for making this all possible!



## Governing Board

Welcome and congratulations to our new or returning Governing Board members...

### Parent Members:

Brigit Larocque (Chairperson)  
Luigia Graceffa (Vice-Chairperson)  
Dina Mariani (Treasurer)  
Cathal Marlow (CPC Representative)  
Dina Mariani (CPC Representative, alternate)

### Teachers:

Beth Watson                      Linda Mageau  
Angela Piacek                      Fil Bonanno

### Support Staff:

Merilinda Presti-Sandiford

### Day Care:

Marie Karamanoukian

### Community Representatives:

TBA

### Principal:

André Gionet

All Governing Board minutes and meetings are public. Minutes are posted in the main entrance of Campus "A".

**Next Meeting Date:** November 10, 2009.

## I-Learn

If you are interested in educational support for your child for example: homework problems, practice questions, review of course and tutoring in Elementary or Secondary, please go on line to [elc@learnquebec.ca](mailto:elc@learnquebec.ca) or call toll free: 1-877-647-6060 to register – it's free!

## P.P.O. News

The first official PPO meeting was held on September 24, 2009. Thank you to all the parents giving their time and energy to our school and to the following members for joining the PPO executive:

Diana Cimo (Chairperson)  
Victoria Stamper (Vice-Chairperson)  
Nathalie Sgarbi (Secretary)  
David Linard (Treasurer)

Should you wish to join the PPO, please e-mail André Gionet at: [agionet@swlauriersb.qc.ca](mailto:agionet@swlauriersb.qc.ca)  
The more parents on our PPO, the more we can make things happen for our students!!!

**Next Meeting Date:** November 17, 2009.

## P.P.O. Halloween BBQ

On Saturday, October 17<sup>th</sup> the P.P.O. held their 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Halloween party. It was a smashing success. The haunted house was frightfully fun and the baked goods daringly delicious. Thanks to all those who volunteered their time and/or provided bake sale items. We look forward to seeing you at our "Milk and Cookies with Santa" event on December 12<sup>th</sup>.

Mme Candy's music students did a fabulous job singing their hearts out for all to enjoy.

## P.P.O. PIZZA DAY FOR STUDENTS

The P.P.O. is putting on a Pizza Day for the students on November 26<sup>th</sup>. The cost will be \$2.00 per slice.  
Thank you to all the parents who volunteered to help us out for the October Pizza Day. Due to the number of responses, some parents were not

contacted; there will be many other opportunities throughout the school year. Your help is always appreciated.

## Scholastic Book Fair

We wish to thank all students, parents; staff and the many **VOLUNTEERS** who helped make our "Galaxy of Books" book fair a great success...

*Very special thanks to  
Alan Arthur & Claire Leroux  
for coordinating the book fair.*

## Floating Ped Days

Please be aware that we have Floating Pedagogical Days on;

**October 30<sup>th</sup> / November 27<sup>th</sup> / February 20<sup>th</sup>**

## Important Reminder

Several children have severe allergies to peanuts in our school. Please check the ingredients of the foods you send to school with your child. None of the food should contain nuts or peanuts. **Thank you**

## Absences

Kindly call the school when your child is absent. The secretary has to make too many calls in the morning. We have an answering service for you to leave a message – thank you.

### Important Procedures in Both Buildings

- No pick-up changes are permitted AFTER 1:00pm.
- Late Arrivals – all students arriving late must ask for a late slip at the office in order to return to class. Three unjustifiable lates will result in a lunchtime detention.
- Please ensure your child arrives on time for class.
- For health reasons, children are **discouraged to share lunches**. Too many students have allergies.
- Lunch orders past the due date will be returned to the parents.
- Please verify your child's lunch box on a daily basis in the event the supervisors may leave you a note with respect to your child's meals.
- We also ask parents to ensure that your child has his/her lunch with them when they leave the house in the morning. Too many lunches are being brought to the school! This causes too much loss of time on behalf of the secretary, lunch monitors and children.

SAFETY FIRST – In order to ensure an utmost safe environment for our students, we must ask all parents and visitors to report to the secretary's office to obtain a pass to circulate in the building. Unauthorized visitors may not wander in the halls or go to classrooms. Visitors are also not allowed in the schoolyard or in the bus area while busses are loading or unloading. Thank you

### School Dress Code

As approved by the Governing Board once again last year, all students **MUST** wear the school dress code of navy blue and white at all times. You may refer to the agenda for details.

### For Special Occasions

**Please note** that on special occasions children from Campus B will be walking to Campus A and vice-versa for certain school activities.

### Reminders

- Office Hours – 7:30-3:00
- Microwaves are not available for students to warm meals during lunch hours.
- Last minute changes to pick-up, bus procedures must be called in prior to 1:00pm.
- November 26<sup>th</sup> Parent-Teacher Conference Night. More information to follow.
- End of term #1 November 13<sup>th</sup>. Report cards shall be sent home November 25<sup>th</sup>.
- **DAYCARE:** Please avoid having unscheduled meetings with teachers when picking up your child from daycare. Teachers need this valuable time after student dismissal to prepare for the next day. Your respect and cooperation would be greatly appreciated by scheduling appointments with teachers.

Children will not be permitted to retrieve forgotten items in classes during daycare time. All classroom doors will be locked after the homework periods.

### TRANSPORTATION

Students are not allowed to board a school bus other than the one assigned to them. **This is a School Board policy.** Parents are asked not to talk to bus drivers or send notes to the office requesting that their child go home with their friend. The only time this is permitted is if there is an emergency which must be approved by the principal.

### Community Announcements

The Mascouche Police will be distributing neon necklaces and candies on Halloween evening. Look out for the fire trucks and police cars stationed at different corners of your neighborhood.

Are you looking for something fun and inexpensive to do with your children? The Mascouche arena is open every Saturday evening and families can skate for only \$1.00 a person.

*A. Gionet*  
Principal

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shapely  
Maple grieves  
the ghosts of her  
Departed leaves.

The ground is hard,  
as hard as stone.  
The year is old,  
the birds are flown.

And yet the world,  
in its distress,  
displays a certain  
Loveliness---

