

PINEWOOD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER
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For information or any changes, please call the school building your child is attending.
Campus A (Kdg, cycles 2-3) 477-5353 OR **Campus B** (cycle 1) 477-9977.

**WELCOME TO ANOTHER EXCITING
SCHOOL YEAR!**

We wish all the students and parents a wonderful and successful school year!

NEW TEACHING STAFF...

We wish to extend a warm welcome to some new and returning teachers in our school:

Miss Rosemary Di Giambattista (K -01)
Miss Véronique Landry (Cycle 1 French)
Miss Sonia Biunno (Phys. Ed. –Campus B)
Miss Candy Luk (Cycle 2 Year 1)
Miss Jennifer Silva (Cycle 2)
Miss Maria D'Annessa (Cycle 2 Year 2)
Miss Pheleshia Hudson (Cycle 3 Year 1)
Mr. Danny Renaud (Phys. Ed. - Campus A)
Mrs. Annie Cyr (Homeroom S56)

WE WISH YOU ALL A PLEASANT AND
SUCCESSFUL SCHOOL YEAR!

HEALTH FORMS

Your child has been given Health forms from there homeroom teacher. Please return completed forms by September 7th, 2010. It is important and urgent for schools to have these forms as soon as possible.
VACCINATIONS: This year grades 4 will receive vaccinations for Hepatitis B. Parents shall receive forms by our school nurse prior to the vaccinations.

PARENTS' HANDBOOK

As in previous years, we have put together a Parents' Handbook. In an effort to be more ecologically wise, we have chosen not to send home a copy to every family: most of this information is already available in your child's

school agenda. If you would still prefer to have a copy of the handbook sent home, please make a request by telephone with the school secretary.
Also, please take a few moments to read with your child the school rules of life in your child's agenda, as well as sign the contract on page 9.

WEEKLY DAY SCHEDULE

Please note that we are now working on a weekly day schedule from Mondays to Fridays and not on a 1 to 5 Cycle days schedule.

SCHOOL DAY REMINDER:

Campus A (on Chemin des Anglais-Kdg. & Cycles 2&3)

8:00	Morning Bell
10:14-10:24	Recess
11:28-12:28	Lunch
2:30	Dismissal

Campus B (on Thacker Road-all CYCLE ONE)

7:50	Morning bell
10:14-10:24	Recess
11:18-12:18	Lunch
2:23	Dismissal

NOTE: As recess is late, please ensure your child has a good breakfast and snack in the morning.

SCHOOL FEES

As stated in the package sent home with students' report cards in June, fifty percent (50%) of the fees are payable as soon as students begin school. The balance is due October 4th, 2010.

Parents are required to come to the school to make these payments. Supplies will only

be given out once parents have made the first payment.

Should you experience difficulties making payments, please contact the school principal or the school secretary.

**PLEASE AVOID ANY PRODUCTS
CONTAINING NUTS!!**

Several children have severe allergies to peanuts in our school. Please check the ingredients of the foods you send to school; foods containing nuts or peanuts will not be permitted.

**IMPORTANT PROCEDURES IN BOTH
BUILDINGS...**

- NO pick-up changes are permitted AFTER 12h00.
- LATE ARRIVALS: All students arriving late must ask for a late slip at the office in order to return to class. Three "unjustified lates" will result in lunch detentions. Please ensure your child arrives on time for class.
- For health reasons, children are discouraged from sharing lunches. Too many students have allergies.
- Please verify your child's lunch box on a daily basis your child's supervisor may leave you a note with respect to your child's meals. (These messages may include whether or not your child ate adequately that day, etc.)
- We also ask parents to ENSURE that your child has his/her lunch with them when they leave the house in the morning. Avoid dropping off their lunches at school; you will save the secretaries, lunch supervisors and your child a lot of time.

DAYCARE

Please note changes & reminders:

- Parents must sign in their child's presence every morning when dropped off in daycare.
- SWLSB transportation policy states that sporadic use of the bus transportation is not permitted. Students must have a fixed bus & daycare schedule.
- Ped day operational hours are from 7:00-5:30
- Children will not be permitted to retrieve forgotten items in classes during daycare time. ALL classroom doors will be locked after the homework periods.

SAFETY FIRST...

We aim at providing the safest school environment possible. This includes keeping strangers and "outsiders" visits well monitored. Parents can help us by passing by the office before circulating in the building. There they will be given a pass signaling to our staff and students that they are permitted to be in the building. Visitors and parents are not permitted in the bus loading area of the school yard during school entry or dismissal.

PARENTS' GENERAL ASSEMBLY...

Elected parents make very important decisions on the Governing Board that have a great impact on your child's education. Some parents shall be elected at this next General Assembly to be held on September 9th. We highly recommend you attend and make a difference in your child's school.

Curriculum Night...

Your child spends two thirds of his/her time in school. In order to be better equipped to help your child this school year, we strongly recommend you attend this event to be held on the evening of September 9th, 2010. PLEASE DON'T MISS THIS OPPORTUNITY TO MEET YOUR CHILD'S TEACHERS.

SCHOOL UNIFORM AND DRESS CODE

As approved by the provisional Governing Board once again last year, all students must wear their school uniform/dress code AT ALL TIMES. You may refer to the agenda for details. It is advisable to label your child's clothing and materials. Your child should have two pairs of shoes; one pair for outside and one for indoors. Please support the school in this regard.

CATERING SERVICES

We are pleased to announce that **SOUP-ER-LUNCH** will remain as this year's caterer. SOUP-ER-LUNCH is already doing business with many of Sir Wilfrid Laurier Schools and was highly recommended by all the principals who were being served by them. Please remember that orders must be returned on time and cheques are to be made payable to Candice Stella.

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.

STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE 2010-2011

During the first weeks of school your child will bring home a pamphlet on accident insurance available to families.

The school board insurance does not cover student accidents therefore; you may wish to consult your own personal insurance or an insurance broker.

Please note that the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School board does not endorse any particular insurance provider.

OUR SCHOOL THEME THIS YEAR IS:

"Care and Share!"

Wishing everyone a good school year!

