

# St. Dorothy Express

**JANUARY**



## **Major School Change Consultation**

On December 12<sup>th</sup>, the St. Dorothy Governing Board voted to adopt the Major School Change Consultation brief written by the brief sub-committee. This brief was then submitted to the EMSB Long Range Planning Committee on December 16<sup>th</sup>. As well, our Governing Board indicated to the EMSB Long Range Planning Committee the desire to present comments and recommendations to the Council of Commissioners (represented by Trustee Marlene Jennings) at a hearing to be held in the evening of either January 8 or 9 at the EMSB.

Many thanks to everyone who contributed their valuable ideas to the brief, and to the members of the brief sub-committee for their many hours of work in preparing the brief. The result is a well written brief that proudly represents our wonderful school.

## **St. Dorothy Community Support Needed!**

Please pencil in the dates January 8 or 9 to attend the above-mentioned hearing in the evening at the EMSB, 6000 Fielding, Montreal. You will be receiving a memo from our Governing Board Chairperson as soon as the date and time is confirmed for St. Dorothy. **It is of vital importance that we have a strong showing of support from our community at the hearing.**

## **Governing Board Meeting**

The next meeting will take place on January 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm in the staff room.

## **Grade 6 Grad Committee**

A meeting will take place in January, date and time to be confirmed. It is not too late to volunteer to be on the planning committee. Please call the office and leave a message for Ms. Maroun if you wish to join.

## **Parent Participation Organization**

A heartfelt thank you to Ms. Sandra Scalia and her dedicated team of volunteers for making our Breakfast with Santa event so very special this year!

## **Spirit of Giving Week**

Thank you to all staff and parent volunteers who helped make this week of activities fun and heartwarming for everyone. St. Dorothy School filled 26 boxes of non-perishable items to donate to families in need. Bravo!

### **Music Program Workshops**

Percussion and dance workshops will take place during the month in music classes, funded by a "Culture in the Schools" grant.

### **Ped Day January 20<sup>th</sup>**

The school will be closed, and the Daycare will be open.

### **Ultimate Math Round #2**

A big "thank you" to Ms. Cristina Zomparelli for organizing this math competition. Best of luck to our student participants as they represent our school in this board-wide activity!

### **Cycle 3 Winter Camp**

Our Cycle 3 students will be having adventures at Centre De Plein Air Le P'tit Bonheur in Lac-Supérieur on January 30 and 31.

### **B.A.S.E Daycare**

I would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year! There has been an increase in daycare rate as of January 1<sup>st</sup>. The rate has gone up to \$8.50 for regular students (children who attend 3, 4, or 5 days a week). The rates stay the same for sporadic children (\$11.00) and ped days (\$9.00). We will be starting our new B.A.S.E activities the second week of January; please make sure to look at the bulletin board near the daycare door for more information. Please note that January 20<sup>th</sup> is a ped day and Dynamix will be coming to the daycare to animate an activity the fee for the day including the activity will be 20.00\$ and a letter will be sent home shortly. If you have any questions concerning the B.A.S.E activities or the ped day please feel free to call me at 514-381-1488.

### **Cold Weather Reminder**

Please ensure that your children are dressed appropriately for the weather. The children go outside to play for recess whenever possible, with the exception of stormy weather or very cold temperatures/wind chill factors. Students need the freedom to roll around and play in the snow during recess and lunch and therefore proper snowsuits, waterproof boots, hats, mitts and scarves must be worn. We ask that students have a pair of shoes in their lockers because they are not permitted to enter the classroom with their boots. They should also have an extra pair of socks and mittens in their lockers should they need to change. Thank you for your usual cooperation!

### **Cold and Flu Season**

During the winter months we experience an increase in colds and flu viruses spreading around the school. Please do your best to keep your children home when they are experiencing fever. As well, we must all do our part to educate the children to protect themselves by washing their hands frequently, keeping their hands away from their eyes, noses, and mouths, not sharing food/drink with others, and covering their mouths/noses with their arms when coughing/sneezing.

### **In the Event of a School Closure**

In the event of a school closure due to inclement weather or other emergency conditions, the announcement will appear on the **Twitter section posted on the EMSB website at [www.emsb.qc.ca](http://www.emsb.qc.ca)**. School closures will also be broadcast in the morning on all local stations and on the **EMSB info hotline at (514) 798-5606**

### **Kindergarten Parent Corner**

The **Montreal Families** website is a great guide to finding out which activities the whole family can participate in around the city of Montreal. When visiting the website, simply click on "**Things to Do**" to view a list of top monthly activity picks around the city and information about each event. The Montreal Families website also offers parent information and articles on a wide range of subjects. You can also enter contests to win exciting prizes! Sign up to receive free weekly newsletters all year long by clicking on the "**About Us**" section and by then clicking on the word "**Newsletter**".

You can access the Montreal Families website at: <http://www.montrealfamilies.ca/>

*"While we try to teach our children all about life, our children teach us what life is all about"* - Angela Schwindt

**Candice Madden, Kindergarten Transition Agent, Student Services Department, EMSB**