



DANTE NEWSLETTER

JANUARY 13, 2012

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your loved ones health, happiness and prosperity in the New Year.

Open House

We will have our Open House on January 18 from 9:30-10:30 am./1:30-2:30 and 7:00-8:15 pm. If you have friends and/or family who are looking into schools for their little ones, please inform them of our event.

Ski Week

Ski week is quickly approaching and no doubt the students are eagerly preparing for this exciting time. The students will be departing on Sunday, January 29th and returning on Thursday, February 2nd.

Storytelling

The cycle 3 students are preparing for the Dante Storytelling Festival which is held on February 29th. Please encourage your students to take part in this event. Two students will represent Dante School on March 14 at Pierre de Coubertin at our Regional Storytelling Festival.

Registration for the 2012-2013 School Year.

If you have a child who will begin school next year, pass by Dante School during Registration week from February 6-10 from 9:30-11:00 am , 1:30-2:30 daily and Wednesday, February 8th we will also offer extended hours from 4:00-6:30 pm. If you already have a child enrolled in our school, the siblings are not automatically registered.

Parents must bring with them:

- *The child's birth certificate (long version) showing the names of mother and father*
- *The child's Medicare card*
- * The Certificate of Eligibility of the child being registered, if available, otherwise the Certificate of Eligibility of an older brother/sister/natural parent (or report card and birth certificate of one of the parents).*

Huggies Campaign

*Dante Elementary would like to ask for your generosity during the Valentine season of love. Dante will once again be participating in its **Huggies Valentine's Day basket drive for the Montreal Children's Hospital.***

*The goal of the project is to create Dante gift baskets for many of the patients at the Montreal Children's. Gift basket ideas can be **NEW** toys, games, magazines, coloring books, and Valentine's Day cards. These special gifts should range for children from the ages of 1 to 14 years old. Please **do not** bring chocolates or sweets, as it may worsen the condition of the patient at the hospital. Deadline for dropping off toys will be February 9, 2012.*

Nutrition

At Dante School we reinforce the importance of healthy eating. It is imperative that your child come to school with a balanced lunch along with morning and afternoon snacks.

Within our school community we have many students who have allergy to foods predominantly peanuts and nuts.

Dante School prohibits all peanut and nut based foods to be part of our school environment. We also discourage from sending in goodie bags filled with chocolates and candies.

Science Fair – February 16^d.

The children have received a Science Fair registration form. All students who are interested in participating in this fair must complete the form indicating their idea. The children may work in pairs (groups of 2) but the partner must be from the same cycle.

Dropping Off

Students

Please make sure to use Lachenaie Street to park or drop off your child at school. Do not use our parking lots to drop off your child as this can be a safety issue.

Absence

When your child is not able to attend school, please call the school at 514-254-5941 and inform the secretary of the absence and the reasons why your child is not attending school. Should you call prior to 8:00 am., please leave a message stating your child's name, class number and the reason for the absence.

Lockdown Drill

We will be having a lockdown drill. It is essential to practice with the students and staff a lockdown drill as we practice other safety drills. This drill consists of the students and teachers remaining in class with their classroom door locked and in total silence. Prior to this drill, the teachers will explain the importance of practicing another safety drill.

Measles Vaccination Campaign

If your child was not vaccinated at a CLSC, therefore the government does not have a record of it. If this is your case, we will shortly send you a pamphlet asking for proof of vaccination. Please read the pamphlet carefully and fill in the required information. Do not forget to return the pamphlet to your child's teacher.

Dates to Remember:

January 29 - February 2nd-Ski Week

January 18 - Open House

January 26 -PPO and Governing Board Meeting

**February 3rd, 2012-Pedagogical Day—
Day care services available.**

February 14-Huggies Campaign

Sincerely,

**Ida Pisano
Principal**