



Dante Newsletter #2- October 2009

RESULTS OF THE GENERAL MEETING FOR GOVERNING BOARD ELECTIONS

Dear Parents/Guardians:

The General meeting for Dante's Governing Board Elections took place on Sept. 22, 2009. Congratulations to the 4 new Governing Board parent members who were voted in by acclamation. They are Ms. Rita Randazzo, Ms. Fil Iammatteo, Ms. Nobuko Nadeau, Ms. Sabine Choltus.

Members in their 2nd year mandate are Mr. James Fuoco, Ms. Maria Annibale, Mr. John Le Piane, Ms. Rosie Pompa, and Ms. Genevieve Papineau. Mr. John Le Piane was elected unanimously as our Delegate to the Regional Parents' Committee and Mr. James Fuoco was elected unanimously as the Alternate Delegate. The first Governing Board meeting is scheduled for October 8th at 7:00 P.M. in the school staff room.

I wish to express a sincere thank you to the out-going Governing Board members for their dedicated service: Mr. Jovan Antunovic, Ms. Gloria Battista, Ms. Caroline Mrazik, Ms. Rosanna Rubino.

The General Assembly of parents present voted to have a PPO (Parent Participation Organization) again this year. P.P.O. meetings are held in the evenings once a month.

If you were unable to attend this meeting and would like to add your name to the parent volunteer list for P.P.O., Kindly send back the response coupon on the last page of the Newsletter.

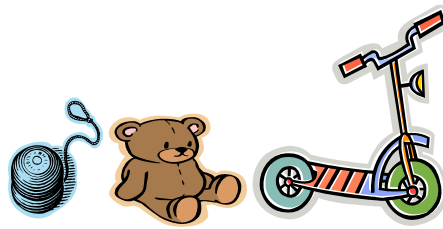
Thank you to all parents who attended the General Meeting.

H1N1 REMINDERS TO PARENTS- IMPORTANT

Parents are reminded **not to send their child(ren) to school if he/she has a fever and a cough**. If your child(ren) is suffering from flu-like symptoms you are asked to keep him/her at home for 7 days, unless you have a doctor's note saying that you child may return to school beforehand. Kindly advise the school if your child is at home with a fever and a cough and flu-like symptoms. At the school level, among some of the specify preventive measures taken, is the more frequent daily cleaning of frequently touched surfaces as hand railings and door handles. We are sending home children who display flu-like symptoms.

Please help us re-enforce good hygiene (frequent & proper hand washing) and cough etiquette at home as well as at school. This is the biggest factor in reducing the spread of the virus.

Doubloon Prizes/Canadian Tire \$\$\$\$ Needed



Halloween is almost here and December is just around the corner. The school days and months pass quickly. In order to be ready for the annual December Doubloon draw we need your donations of prizes etc. **Parents are reminded to start sending only new articles**, such as games, non-violent toys and sports articles etc. which will be used as Doubloon prizes. Please remember to keep your Canadian Tire money coming in too as this is used to purchase the coveted big prize(s).

Teachers always encourage students to do their best and to strive for excellence. Dante's incentive Doubloon program helps teachers reward students' positive efforts by giving them Doubloon coupons with his/her name to deposit in the Doubloon box in the office. The more Doubloon coupons a child receives the greater his/her chances are of winning prizes. The more prizes donated, the more children will be rewarded.

FITNESS PLAYGROUND COMPLETE

The additions to the Evangelista Fitness Playground were completed on September 17th. The children are enjoying this enhanced challenging apparatus both during physical education classes and at unstructured times. It's inspiring to hear the cries of glee as they play outside my window. Thank you to Mr. Frank Evangelista for his imagination and collaboration in bringing this project to completion.

Homework Assistance Program



Our Homework Assistance Program will begin on October 13, 2009. This teacher referred program entitles students to receive extra resource help in subjects such as Math, French, and/or English. We will divide the program in three sessions throughout the year. This will enable the tutors to service more students.

Much Success to All!

Extra Curricular Afterschool Activities

You will be receiving our list of after school activities shortly. The activities are selected keeping in mind the interest of children of all ages; whether it is through sports, art, and logics activities. If you are interested, please fill out the form and return it to your child's teacher along with the payment.



HAVE FUN!



Dear Parents/Guardians,

The Laurier Macdonald Community Learning Center, in conjunction with Patricia Waters, MEd., Parenting Educator (Quebec Federation of Home and School) is pleased to offer a **Homework Workshop “Teaching Your Child To Be Responsible”**. [This interactive session will](#) be made available through our Center’s Video Conferencing Unit.

Description of the Homework Workshop:

- Understand the connections between problem solving, decision-making skills and children taking responsibility.
- Learn about the importance of homework in developing responsibility and brainstorm solutions for homework issues at home.

**Place: Laurier Macdonald High School 7355 Viau (Door #15, back entrance)
Community Learning Center**

Date: November 5th, 2009

Time: 6:30 pm to 8:15 pm

**RSVP: By November 2nd, 2009 by calling
Laurier Macdonald High School (514) 374-6000
Gina Bergantino, Coordinator
gbergantino@emsb.qc.ca**

Message from our Spiritual Animator, Mr. Vince Lacroce

This year, Dante Elementary school will celebrate a multi-faith thanksgiving celebration. The theme of our celebration is inspired by John Lennon’s Imagine. John Lennon was someone who wanted us to imagine a world where there is no war, no hate, no hunger, no sickness and where everyone is at peace with him/herself and the world around them. Unfortunately, our world still needs a bit of help to get to this point but if we all try and make an effort together just within our school, just within our family; we will already have made an important change. There are many people who will come into our lives and make a profound change in who we are and who we become, it may be a teacher, a mom or dad, or a good friend Thanksgiving teaches us not to take these people for granted and to honor them every day of our lives. Dante’s Cycle 2 & 3 students will partake in a Remembrance Day celebration called “Proud to be Canadian”. The purpose of our celebration is to keep alive the achievements and sacrifices made by those who served Canada in times of war and peace; to engage communities in remembrance of these achievements and sacrifices; and to promote an understanding of their significance in Canadian life as we know it today.

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES:

October 12th – Thanksgiving Holiday- SCHOOL CLOSED TO ALL
October 13th Thanksgiving Celebration & Draw for Principal’s Summer Reading Club
October 28th - Progress Report card

The academic year is now in full swing and we hope that everyone has settled into cooperative and enriching routines at home and school. Please do not hesitate to advise us if you have any concerns about your child’s emotional or academic progress that we should be aware of. Parents are also reminded to check the school website regularly for newsletters, memos and other school information.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Alice Buchanan
Principal

Mrs. Ida Pisano
Vice Principal

“Where there is love there is life”
Author: Mahatma [Gandhi](#)



Please sign up to **join the Dante Parent Participation Team.**
Complete and returning the coupon below to your child’s teacher **by Friday.**
Oct. 9th.

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<input type="checkbox"/> Yes, I would like to add my name to the parent volunteer list for P.P.O
Parent’s Full name: _____
Child(ren)’s name: _____ Room # _____
Telephone # _____
Cell and/or work Tel # _____
Email address(Please print carefully) _____

Parent's signature: _____