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DANTE NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY ISSUE

Dante Fundraiser for Earthquake in Haiti

The earthquake in Haiti was tragic. When we heard the news, we felt bad. We thought it was horrible when we saw it on TV or the internet, or when our parents told us about it. Some students almost cried.

We think a fundraiser was a very good idea because a lot of people are giving money. The cause really touched Dante parents and students, who donated very generously. Our school raised \$2758.55, a lot of money for a small school like ours. We hope the people of Haiti get food and clean water with the money raised by Dante School and other EMSB schools.

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Gazette Canspell

We are very proud to announce that Giordana Sardelli in group 501, with the help of Ms. Maria Trigatti, has qualified to compete at the Gazette Canspell on February 21, 2010 at McGill University Moyses Hall..

Congratulations Giordana....you have made us proud. Good Luck!

Ski Week

The grade 6 students are eagerly preparing for Snow Week, which is from February 22-26. For the ski part, the students will be skiing at Mont Blanc. Children who remain at school will have activities planned for them. One of the activities will be an outing to the Base de plein air des Cedres on Friday, February 26, 2010.

DOUBLOON DRAW

We had our first doubloon draw on February 4, 2010

We would like to thank the parents who made donations and provided games and books in order to allow the doubloon draw to take place. Mr. Sylvain also made a special donation: a hat with the Boston Bruins logo, his favorite hockey team!

Science Fair—2010

Our Annual Science Fair will take place on March 31st. During the day, the students will visit the fair. In the evening, Parents, family, and friends are invited to visit our aspiring scientists. We look forward to seeing the innovative and exciting projects.



Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week—Feb.8-12

This special week is set aside to display our gratitude for all you do for the students. Your dedication, commitment and caring is what makes our school special.

The Dante staff was pampered on February 8th with manicures and hand massages from students at Laurier MacDonald High School. On February 10th, many parents brought in cakes, cookies and many other treats for our staff to enjoy. Thank you to all the parents who helped make this week special. On March 25th, members of PPO are offering a



Dante Express

Our school newspaper will be launched this month. This project is an initiative of Mr. Vince Lacroce and Mr. Tony Di Francesco. The name was chosen by our cycle three students. There will be a monthly edition bringing you Dante updates. The children will be working closely with the two gentlemen. Congratulations!



The Green Team

Our Green team is successfully continuing the Waste Free Lunches every Wednesdays. There is less and less waste every week! Children are beginning to understand the importance of this project and are undertaking it seriously. A special thank you goes to you, the parents. Through your support, encouragement, and actions, you are showing that Dante School is becoming part of the solution to a greener planet!

Our green team is on a roll!! Once again we have won a \$1000.00 donation from Metro Grocery chain for our composting project. This money will be used to build a compost.

Congratulations to our committee: Mme. Elain, Ms. Alty, Mme. Nahal and a parents volunteer, Ms. Nobuko Nadeau. Kudos to you all.



Chinese New Year

Chinese New Year lasts 15 days. Chinese New Year began on February 14th of this year. The special colours are red and yellow (gold). They are good luck colours. The Chinese calendar is represented by a different animal each year. The Buddha chose the 12 animals that came to him. This year is the year of the tiger.

"Gung Hay Fat Choy" is a way of saying Happy New Year. A dragon dance is done and firecrackers go off to scare away the bad spirits.

Pre kindergarten Registration

Finally, Miss Tina's Pre K is still taking registrations for next year. Your child must be four years old by September 30, 2010. So, if you would like to register your child or know of someone who is looking for a great, dynamic, and bilingual Pre K, please call Ms. Tina at 514-972-4495.

