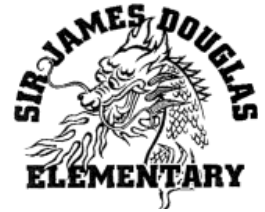


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Bulletin # 3

Bonjour! We hope that everyone is keeping well and staying warm during the onset of this cold weather. A reminder to send your children to school with warm outer wear including a hat and gloves if needed and spare clothing and socks. Have your children lost anything? Please stop by our lost and found located about halfway down the hallway on the south side. Thank you to parents for keeping your children home to rest when they are sick and calling in absences and signing your children in at the office when they are late or have to leave early.

Important Reminders

Icy Conditions - As we are now experiencing freezing temperatures, just a caution about the possibility of sidewalks and especially the staircase leading from E. 60th Ave. to the playground being slippery. Our building engineer will be using ice melt on the stairs and the school pathways leading to our front and rear entrances as well as the path leading to the portable, but please be careful!

Fundraising - We are excited to share an on-going fundraiser: Mabel's Labels (Labels for the Stuff Kids Lose!®) These wonderful labels are laundry, dishwasher, and microwave-safe - choose from many styles and sizes. They also raise funds for the school while keep your children's belongings out of the Lost and Found! Labels are mailed directly to whatever address you provide. For every order placed, the Annex keeps 20% of the money. If you have friends who need labels, they can also place an order and support our school - simply direct them to campaigns.mabelslabels.com and have them search for Douglas Annex Elementary School. Merci!

School Fees – A message from Mme Mimi. There are still a substantial amount of school fees that have not been paid. The school fees pay for materials such as pencils, notebooks, paper, and crayons which our students use on a daily basis. You can log in to check if you have any outstanding amounts for supplies or field trips if you click the "Pay fees" tab at the top of our school website. Outstanding library replacement costs for lost books have also been uploaded to individual accounts. Please contact our school administration if you are facing financial hardship and are not able to

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pay the fees for a field trip or school supplies at this time.

Students on Holiday when School is in Session Please note that teachers will not be providing learning materials for students who are on holidays when school is in session. Learning is experiential and happens in many shapes and forms in the course of the day. If you are on holiday, make sure to engage with your child, have books handy, and encourage your child to keep a journal of memories. Please remember to let the office and your child's teacher know of your child's absence.

Report Cards We are using the same format of communicating student learning with parents as we did the last school year. For parents who are new to our school, there are two report cards that go home during the school year. The first report card documents mid-year progress and will be sent home at the end of January. The second report card is a final report card for the whole school year and is sent home on the last day of school, June 25. The report cards are just one way that your children's educators share updates about their learning progress. During the school year there is a minimum of three other points of communication about student learning with parents. At Douglas Annex, we have two series of parent teacher conferences that are either teacher or student led – one in November and one in April. The format of the third point of communication is at the discretion of the teacher.

What's Been Happening at Douglas Annex?

Halloween and Pumpkin Patch A big thank you to all of the volunteers who assisted with our annual pumpkin patch. All of our students received a pumpkin and enjoyed the beautiful day. We would also like to note that students remained safe and responsible for Halloween and had a whole lot of fun in the process. We had a costume parade down the length of our hallway to some spooky tunes.

On November 7, we had a lovely Remembrance Day assembly. There was a beautiful display of the word peace created by all of the students in all of the languages represented in our school community. We would like to commend our students for their excellent audience behaviour. It was also

great to have some parents attend.

On Nov. 15 we had an assembly to celebrate our little “**Les Bons Dragons**” from each class. We recognize children on a monthly basis who demonstrate good citizenship and positive social responsibility along the lines of our school code of conduct every month.

We Take Care of Ourselves
We Take Care of Others
We Take Care of this Place

We recognize students on a daily basis by giving positive reinforcement and “bons dragons” tickets. The students who were recognized for the month of October are:

Mme Ashley’s class: Milo
Mme Louise’s class: August
Mme Emily’s class: Kalyssa
Mme Bénédicte’s class: Japjeet and Naaya
Mme Nadja’s class: Emily
Mme Anna’s class: Preston
Mme Elizabeth’s class: Sahana
Mme Chantal’s class: Arjun
Mme Jessica’s class: Yiko

Congratulations!!! You will see your picture on our lovely display in the hallway.

We also recognized all of our students for being calm and safe for the most part this past month. They were calm and cooperative during the exciting Halloween festivities and an excellent, respectful audience during our Remembrance Day assembly.

On a daily and monthly basis, we recognize students who make an extra special effort to speak French on a monthly basis. This award is called “**Je parle français.**” We highlighted France this time as an area in the world that speaks primarily French.

The students who were recognized for “Je parle français” during the month of October are:

Mme Ashley’s class: Arthur
Mme Louise’s class: Craig
Mme Emily’s class: Manraj
Mme Bénédicte’s class: Benjamin
Mme Nadja’s class: Fred
Mme Anna’s class: John
Mme Elizabeth’s class: Daniel
Mme Chantal’s class: Keira
Mme Jessica’s class: Ben

Congratulations on your French speaking!!! You will see your picture on our lovely display in the hallway.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Dec. 3-5 **Usborne Book Fair**
Dec. 6 **PAC Bake Sale v**
Dec. 13 **Kindergarten Hearing Screening**
Dec. 18 **Winter Concert dress rehearsal** (whole school will watch)
Dec. 19 Winter Concert (tickets required)
Dec. 21-Jan. 5 Winter Break

Winter Concert Thank you for handing in your ticket requests on time. We are pretty much full for both concert times. **We are sending home two tickets to each family who requested them today** and were able to accommodate all requests for either the am or pm show. At this time, in order to observe our gym maximum capacities, we are not issuing any extra tickets yet. We anticipate holding a draw for a small number of additional tickets closer to the concert date.

We will be welcoming any monetary or food and basic essential (diapers, formula, etc.) donations for the food bank on and leading up to the concert day.

Have a great weekend!

Sarah McAlister