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NOVEMBER 2018 NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Health and Safety Measures

The following is the protocol of the health and safety measures we send home each year. Please read the following information carefully:

- If your child is sick (has a fever, cough, runny nose, headache, diarrhea, rash or seems generally unwell) please keep him/her at home and notify the school: 514-483-0550, extension 1253.
- We would like to remind all parents that if your child is taking any antibiotics, please ensure that he/she has been taking the antibiotics for a **minimum of 48 hours and appears to be responding to the treatment before sending him/her back to school.**
- Any child that needs Tylenol or any other over-the-counter medication before coming to school **should not be in school.**



As you know Mackay Centre School & Philip E. Layton School have a vulnerable school population. These recommendations are put in place to protect them as well as your child and family. We thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

IMPORTANT DATES

Please take note of the following dates for November:

Tuesday, November 6 th	Governing Board meeting for Philip E. Layton School at 3:15 p.m. Governing Board meeting for Mackay Centre School at 6:30 p.m.
Friday, November 9 th	Pedagogical Day - NO SCHOOL (Daycare is available; students must register)
Sunday, November 11 th	Remembrance Day
Thursday, November 15 th	Distribution of report cards
Friday, November 16 th	Pedagogical Day - NO SCHOOL (Daycare is available; students must register)
Tuesday, November 20 th	Lifetouch photo retake day for Mackay Centre School & Philip E. Layton School
Thursday, November 22 nd	Parent/Teacher/Therapist Interviews
Friday, November 23 rd	Pedagogical Day - NO SCHOOL (Daycare is available; students must register)

DREAMS TAKE FLIGHT

We are pleased to announce that four of our students have been selected to participate in the **Dreams Take Flight** trip to Disney World in Orlando, Florida on November 7th. This will be a tremendous experience for them. They will be accompanied by the Vice-Principal, Mr. Greg Watson. **Dreams Take Flight** is a non-profit organization made up of volunteers from Air Canada. This adventure is made possible through fundraising efforts, corporate sponsors and donations.



REMEMBRANCE DAY: Sunday, November 11th

Remembrance Day is a time to recognize and honour Veterans who have served and sacrificed their lives so we can be free. It is an occasion to encourage new generations to remember the contributions they made to establish the peace in which we live today. We will be remembering through a celebration planned by our Community and Spiritual animator on **November 2nd**. We will have piper Mr. Ron Rice and Holocaust survivor Mr. Sydney Zoltak who will address the students.

PARENT/TEACHER/THERAPIST INTERVIEWS: Thursday, November 22nd

Please mark this date on your calendar. You will be receiving an interview time soon. Additionally, we would like to remind you that November 9th, 16th and 23rd are professional days (**Daycare service is available but you MUST register your child beforehand**).

GOVERNING BOARD MEETING

The next Governing Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 6, 2018 at 3:15 p.m. for Philip E. Layton School and at 6:30 p.m. for Mackay Centre School.

TERRY FOX RUN:

Terry Fox lives on at Mackay Centre School and Philip E. Layton School! On Friday, October 5th we had our first Terry Fox Run in the front of our new school. It was a glorious day and everyone worked hard running and wheeling around the course. This year we collected **\$4,400**. Over the past 25 years that the Mackay Centre School has participated, we have raised over **\$64,521.75** for the Terry Fox Foundation. We are very proud of the contribution of the Mackay and Philip E. Layton community. This would not be possible without the support of our families...thank you!

REMINDER

We would like to remind all parents of the following:

If you are dropping off your child *after* 8:30 a.m. please note that there is daycare staff until 9:00 a.m. at the front entrance to receive your child. If you are coming to pick up your child early (before 2:40 p.m.), you must stop and announce yourself to the security guard located at the front entrance. He will then contact the personnel that will bring your child to you. **We ask all parents to kindly refrain from going to the classrooms at any time as a measure of safety and security.** We thank you in advance for your understanding and cooperation. The security guard will be present until the new camera and buzzer system have been installed.

EMERGENCY SHUTDOWN OF SCHOOLS OF THE EMSB

We wish to inform you that in the event of a total or partial shutdown of the system due to inclement weather, adverse road conditions or other emergency conditions, the announcement will appear on the Twitter section posted on the EMSB website. You can access this directly at www.emsb.qc.ca. School closings will also be broadcast on the radio in the morning on CJAD 800.

