



Pierre de Coubertin School

Newsletter - September 2019



Dear Parents,

I would like to welcome the returning families as well as the new families who have recently joined Pierre de Coubertin School and trusting their children to us. We are a collaborative community with one focus, our children and their future; and sharing one mission: academic proficiency for all students. Education is a partnership that cannot occur without the support of every staff member, the involvement of every parent, and the commitment of every student.

Your child has brought home his/her agenda for this school year. Please ensure that, together with your child, you read the rules of conduct. The form on page 17 must be signed and returned to the homeroom teacher. This will indicate that your child understands what is expected of him/her during school hours.

On behalf of all the staff at Pierre de Coubertin School, we would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a successful school year.

Pierre De Coubertin and General Vanier Cohabitation

As many of you have already heard, the General Vanier community is now cohabitating with Pierre De Coubertin. We welcome the 143 students from GV. The students from both schools will be sharing common recess and lunch recesses as well as other school wide events that will take place throughout the school year. This is a year of change and we are determined to make it work for our students!

New Staff at PDC

We welcome several new staff members to PDC – Ms Claudina – art/drama and French communication teacher, Ms. Sarah Rose Annibale Boisvert – grade 4 and 6 French teacher, Ms. Stephanie Zinicola – kindergarten teacher, Ms. Stacey Medeiros – grade 1 and 2 English teacher, and Ms. Antoinette Iacono – closed class teacher.

We also bid farewell to Ms. Francesca Magliocco who is off on preventative leave. We wish Ms. Francesca well. Mr. Mike Guerriero is now the interim Vice Principal at PDC.

Life Threatening Food Allergies

Our school community is devoted to the well-being and health of all children, as such, we are a peanut free school.

Some of the children who attend our school are extremely allergic to peanuts, nuts and other foods. Parents are asked to omit foods containing nuts and /or peanuts from your child’s snacks and meals. These measures are intended above all to provide a safe environment for these children. If there are students who have allergies other than nuts in your child’s class, the teachers will send home a notice of the foods that should be omitted from your child’s lunch box.

We thank you for your cooperation.

Absences

If your child is absent on a given day, please make sure to call the school to declare the absence. If you call prior to 8:00 am, please leave a message indicating your child’s name, class number, and the reason for the absence.

Safety

Parents are asked not to use the school parking lot to drop off or pick up your children or for any other reason. The school parking lot is reserved for the school staff only.

Safety is everyone’s concern!

Parking—Bus Zones

The last thing that anyone needs is a parking ticket. Please do not park in the Bus Zone on Valery Street. The area is restricted for busses only.

Parent Information Evening /General Assembly

On Thursday, September 19th, the staff at Pierre de Coubertin School will be having an Information Evening from 6:00-8:00 pm. On this occasion, parents from Cycle 1 to Cycle 3 will meet with their child’s teachers to receive important information regarding the competencies that will be evaluated throughout the year, homework assignments, classroom rules and practices. Please make a special effort to attend this evening because you play an important role in cooperating with the school in your child’s success. This information session is not meant to be used for personal interviews.

The General Assembly to vote for the Governing Board members will take place on the same evening. We encourage many parents to stay for the General Assembly as you will be voting for the parent members who represent you on Governing Board.

School Hours

All students should arrive at school by 8:45. Supervision in the yard begins at 8:35 and students should not be dropped off in the school yard prior to this time.

8:35	Arrival in the yard	12:10 – 13:25	Kindergarten Lunch
8:45	Entrance	12:28 – 13:25	Lunch – all levels
10:20-10:40	Recess – level K, 1, 2 & 3	14:37 – 14:57	Recess- all levels
10:56-11:16	Recess – Level 4, 5 & 6		
		15:51 - Dismissal	

Dismissal

Students **not** going to daycare or taking the bus after school, will exit the building through the two exits in the schoolyard. Students in Kindergarten will be dismissed from the Kindergarten doors (in the playground area). Students in Grades 1-2-3 will be dismissed from the “Park Gate” (gate closest to the park). Students in Grades 4-5-6 will be dismissed from the “Main Gate” (gate closest to Rue Valery).

Library Volunteers

Volunteers play an intricate role in the functioning of our school. We ask that if you can spare a few hours a week, please help us out in our library. Our library technician, Mr. Walter Pitman, is looking for library volunteers. If you are interested in helping out in the library, please call the school at 514-323-6586 and leave a message for Mr. Walter and he will return your call.

Agenda- School Rules and Policies.

At the start of every year, parents are asked to take the time to read and review with their child(ren) the pages at the front of the agenda in order to understand and discuss the underlying reasons and importance of following school and classroom rules. We count on your support to take the time to read the inserts in the agenda with your child(ren).

Social Media

Pierre de Coubertin is on Facebook! Like our page at <https://www.facebook.com/pdcemsb/> for the latest pictures, videos and much more. Also, make sure to follow us on Twitter @PDC_EMsb for things such as instant updates on field trips and activities. For all other questions, please visit our website at <http://www.emsb.qc.ca/pierredecoubertin> where you will find more in depth information about the school.

Memos

Paperless memos was initiated several years ago and it has been successful. We will continue with this initiative once again this year. We will send all memos to the email address that was given to us on the child’s confidential form. If you have not done so, please make sure to send us the email address of both parents. All memos that require a response will be sent as a hard copy via your child.

School Bus

In the afternoon, attendance is taken for the students taking the bus. If there is a change in your child’s dismissal schedule and your child will not be taking the bus on a particular day, please make sure to write a note in the agenda advising the office that your child will not be taking the bus. We need your cooperation in this matter. If there are changes to your child’s dismissal, please make sure to call the school prior to 3:15 pm. We will not make changes after that time.

Our children’s safety is our priority.

Lunch Time

All student will be having lunch in their classroom. Please supply a *cloth place mat* for lunch. The mat will be returned home daily. If a parent is picking up their child for lunch, it is imperative you write a note in the agenda stating so.

Welcome Back to School Activity

We will be having our Welcome Back to School event on September 18. The children will be having a fun-filled day playing many team building activities with their peers from PDC and GV.

Best Regards,

Ida Pisano
Principal

Mike Guerriero
Vice Principal