

# Dear Parents,



Nelcome back from spring break, we hope you enjoyed your time with your children. We are happy to see them back happy, healthy and excited for their final term.

# Thank you to the Dante Parents

In the month of February, we celebrated Staff Appreciation week. Everyone on staff joins me in thanking our G.B. and P.P.O. parents for organizing a special day, in which staff was surprised with a delicious lunch. We were lavished with tasty treats and beautiful poems.

We thank all the parents that sent in goodies during that week, to be shared with staff. Thank you for making this week an extra special one.

#### Storytelling

On Thursday, February 25th, our cycle 3 storytelling finalists, entertained our staff and students with their creative stories.

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#### **Our storytelling finalists**

Daniela De Los Santos	Gianni Falato	Domenic Mancini
Emma Ragusa	Brandon Olynyk	Samantha Calabres
Gabriella Giacomini	Marisa D'Andrea	Olivia Carrara
Alessandro De Marco	Lucas Eguren	Pietro Masella
Noah Grisé		

#### Our storytelling runner-ups (2ND place)

Alessandro De Marco	Something Good	(English)
Lucas Eguren	DoDo	(French)



#### Our storytelling winners (1st place)

Pietro Masella La Grosse Patate (French) Noah Grisé Smelly Socks (English)

All the winners and runner ups from each east-end school, are invited to an EMSB Regional Storytelling event on March 23<sup>rd</sup>, at East Hill School. All the winning students, will share their stories at this event. It is a wonderful way to celebrate every storyteller's talent.

## **Fundraisers**

Cookie Batters orders and payments are due by Monday, March 14<sup>th</sup> The delivery date for the cookie dough batters will be on **Thursday, April 7**. The cookie dough batters will need to be picked up on that day, since they require refrigeration. You will be receiving additional information concerning the retrieval of your order.

**Bad Monkey Popcorn**, information sheets were sent out this week. We ask that a form be completed for each child. It is important to clearly indicate if your child will be selling the 10 popcorn bags or making a donation of \$20.00. Each student is to sell the popcorn or make a donation.

During **Halloween**, students were given boxes from the Montreal Children's' Hospital, to collect money to help the hospital. We returned all the full boxes to the Hospital in November to be counted. We just received a plaque, thanking our Dante students for collecting a total of **\$ 1710.36**. That is fantastic, your generosity will bring hope to so many children.



# Dress Down Day- Thursday, March 17<sup>th</sup>

In keeping with the spirit of St. Patrick's Day, students are asked to wear green clothing on **Thursday, March 17**<sup>th</sup> The students do not need to wear their school uniform. Students are asked to bring in a loonie or toonie for this dress down day. Money collected from this day, will be used to help purchase classroom computers.



## UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

٠	Friday, March 11 <sup>th</sup>	No School (daycare is open)	
•	Monday, March 14 <sup>th</sup>	Return 20.00\$ contribution or permission form to sell popcorn	
•	Monday, March 14 <sup>t</sup> –	Grade 6 students will receive a 'Brain Awareness' workshop during Brain Awareness Week	
٠	Monday, March 14 <sup>th</sup>	Cookie Dough orders are due, return your order form.	
٠	Tuesday, March 15 <sup>th</sup>	Improvement Committee will be holding a meeting at 6:00 p.m.	
•	Thursday, March 17 <sup>th</sup>	St. Patrick's Day'Green Day' All staff and students are asked to join in our Irish tradition of wearing green. Students are to bring a loonie or toonie.	
•	Friday, March 18 <sup>th</sup>	Grade 6 boys and girls, will play mini-soccer at Vincent Massey High School.	
•	Tuesday, March 22 <sup>nd</sup> -	TCBY distribution	
•	Tuesday, March 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Science fair participants will display their projects and explain their	
		topic to the Dante students. In the evening, parents, grandparents and	
		friends are invited from 6:00 to 7:30 to Dante.	
٠	Wednesday, March 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Storytelling Festival at East Hill School ( a.m. event)	
•	Wednesday, March 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Geordie Productions will come to Dante School and present the	
		Play 'Sidewalk Chalk'. The play will be for the entire school to	
		enjoy in the p.m.	
٠	Wednesday, March 23 <sup>rd</sup>	PPO will meet at 6:15 p.m.	
٠	Wednesday, March 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Governing Board will meet at 7: 15 p.m.	
٠	Friday, March 25 <sup>t<u>h</u></sup>	No school, no daycare service.	
٠	Monday, March 28 <sup>th</sup>	No school, no daycare service.	
٠	Wednesday March 30 <sup>th</sup> –	In school celebration of New Life with our Spiritual Animator	
٠	Tuesday, April 5 <sup>th</sup>	Mr.Beausoliel is a spokesperson for the Shriners Hospital and he will	
		be addressing the topic of Bullying.	
٠	Tuesday, April 5 <sup>th</sup>	TCBY distribution	
٠	Thursday, April 7 <sup>th</sup> –	Arrival and pick-up of the cookie dough	
•	Tuesday, April 12 <sup>th</sup> –	Graduation pictures will be taken for Kindergarten & Grade 6	
٠	Tuesday, April 12 <sup>th</sup> –	Chief Top Leaf will visit Dante students. Students will learn about how	
		The native people lived more than 500 years ago and how they are	
		closely connected to nature.	

Wishing you and your family a Happy Easter!

Ms. D. Lattanzio School Principal