



# PIERRE DE COUBERTIN

## OCTOBER 2023 NEWSLETTER



### **OPEN HOUSE**

Our Open House will be held on October 27th. We are working on posting videos and pictures that will give everyone a sense of what we do at Pierre De Coubertin. Please follow us on Facebook and Instagram. Kindly share our posts as this allows us to reach a wide audience.

### **SPANISH HERITAGE PROGRAM**

October is recognized as Latin American Heritage Month in Canada. This month is an opportunity for our students recognize and celebrate the heritage, culture, achievements, and contributions of Latin American and Hispanic communities across Canada. The Grade 6 students at Pierre de Coubertin school invited the organization PAAL to share the Mexican tradition of El Día De Los Muertos with us.

### **« CONNEXION QUARTIER » PROJECT**

Nous sommes heureux d'annoncer un nouveau projet, « Connexion Quartier », qui débute à l'école primaire Pierre de Coubertin - un projet qui favorise la collaboration et l'apprentissage. Ce projet offrira l'opportunité à nos élèves de communiquer avec des élèves d'une école francophone du quartier, l'école Gabrielle-Roy.

In addition to providing an authentic and fun French immersion experience to our students, it will allow the GR students to develop their spirit of collaboration and leadership.

For this project, each Grade 1 class will be paired with a 4th or 5th grade class from Gabrielle-Roy. Each pair of classes will meet three times at the Saint-Léonard library. Students and their teachers will walk there. By using the Saint-Léonard library, students will have the opportunity to interact and create links around reading.

## **SOCIAL SKILLS WORKSHOPS**

The children in Kindergarten, Grade 1 and Grade 2 will receive an 8-week social skills workshops. The topics vary from week to week and include themes such as dealing with anxiety, playing with friend, making new friends, empathy

## **PRINCIPAL'S SUMMER READING CLUB**

We are very proud of our students who participated in the Principal's Summer Reading Club. 26 students submitted their forms and together have read over 400 books over the course of the summer. Each child who participated in this club and submitted their form indicating the books they read, will receive a certificate and a \$10.00 Indigo gift card.

## **MILK PROGRAM**

The milk program is in full force once again. This program is open to all children who wish to have milk in the morning.

## **PROGRESS REPORTS**

Your child's progress report was made available on October 14, 2023, via Mozaik. The intent of this report is to provide you with an understanding of your child's academic progress and regarding his/her behaviour.

## **MEDICATION AT SCHOOL**

Students are NEVER allowed to have medication (including cough drops) of any kind in their possession. If your child is required to take medication prescribed by a doctor while at school, a **Consent Form signed by the parent must be given to the school secretary. This must be accompanied by the medication in the original container from the pharmacy (including dispensing label)**, with the doctor's name clearly visible on the label. No medication will be given to a child unless it is prescribed by a doctor. A student is encouraged to wear an allergy belt which holds their EpiPen. If your child has asthma, a pump must be kept at school. The child may not keep it in the school bag.

## **HALLOWEEN**

On October 31st, students will be permitted to come to school dressed in their Halloween costume. No accessories nor masks will be allowed (swords, wands etc...). We will also be having our annual "Halloween Idol" on October 31<sup>st</sup> along with a school carnival.

The PPO committee will transform our school library into a Haunted House for our students to visit.



**Treats: We would like to take this opportunity to remind our parents of our school's food policy. For the security of our children, we will not distribute any food or treats provided to us by parents. Please do not send in goody bags filled with candy. We ask for your understanding and cooperation.**

We would like to thank the teachers on the Halloween Committee along with the parents who will take part in building our Haunted House.

### **EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES – AFTERSCHOOL**

Our after-school activities will begin next week. The activities are selected keeping in mind the interest of children of all ages, whether it is through sports, art, and logics activities. Many other activities will be planned during the year. Base is also offering a variety of activities to the daycare students.

### **HOMEWORK- TIPS FOR PARENTS**

Create routines conducive to work (quiet place, well lit, close enough to you to ask questions, standard time).

Help support autonomous behaviors:

- help your child get started (decide which assignment to start first, make a checklist)
- answer questions when your child gets stuck
- avoid sitting beside your child the whole time (do not do the homework for your child!)

Ask questions that help clarify and summarize what was learned.

Model appropriate learning strategies (referring to a dictionary, being curious, reading,).

Communicate with teacher(s) if your child is unable to complete their homework.

### **ACTIVITIES OF THE MONTH**

During this month, the following activities have taken place or will be taking place for our students at PDC:

Grade 1	Saint-Leonard Library Visits
Grade 4	Insectarium and Pizza Lunch at Pizzeria Napoletana (offered by Pizzeria Napoletana)
Grade 5	Holocaust Museum

Grade 5	GMAA
Grade 6	Visits from different High School Administration
Grade 6	Video Gaming – begins October 17
All Grades	Thanksgiving Celebration prepared by our Spiritual and Community Animator -Mr. Vince Lacroce
All Grades	Halloween Celebrations
All Grades	Picture Days
Daycare	Apple Picking PED Day Outing

On behalf of the entire PDC community, we want to wish everyone a Safe Halloween.

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Principal

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Vice Principal