



École Pierre Elliott Trudeau School Newsletter

Dearest Parents & Guardians,

I would like to welcome you back for the 2019-2020 school year. I hope your summer was great and you are excited for the beginning of the new school year. I am proud and honored to be part of the PET Family and look forward to creating a culture of success and perseverance at Pierre Elliott Trudeau School. To do this, we will be working on helping students change their thinking to be success oriented and understand that struggling through something is an important part of learning. We want our students to leave Pierre Elliott Trudeau being resilient, successful and ready to tackle any challenges life throws at them. Our theme for this year continues on last year’s growth mindset moto and focuses on diversity. “In diversity, there is beauty and there is strength.” - Maya Angelou. Throughout the year, students will learn about diversity and how our uniqueness and strengths make all of us successful.

Our school times have changed, however similar to last year, we are asking students to be seated in their classroom for 7:45am. Due to the second recess, the end of the day is now at 2:25pm. More information will be provided during curriculum night on Thursday, September 19th.

The 2019-2020 school year is going to be another great year at Pierre Elliott Trudeau.

September

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<u>2</u> Labour Day	<u>3</u> First day of school (Levels 1 to 6) Progressive Entry (Pre-K & K students)	<u>4</u> Progressive Entry (Pre-K & K students)	<u>5</u> Progressive Entry (Pre-K & K students)	<u>6</u> First full day of school Pre-K & K students
<u>9</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>13</u>
<u>16</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>19</u> Curriculum Night 6:30 – 8:30 Adults only please Governing Board elections Chocolate Bar Fundraising Campaign	<u>20</u>
<u>23</u>	<u>24</u> First Governing Board meeting @ 7:00 pm	<u>25</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>27</u>
<u>30</u> Attestation Day	<u>Oct 1</u> First P.P.O. meeting @ 7:00 pm	<u>2</u> School Picture Day 	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u> PED Day /NO SCHOOL Daycare available

MORNING ENTRANCE

Our school buses will drop off students and pick them up in the senior yard. **All students** who do not attend our daycare and are dropped off by parents **MUST enter by the daycare entrance (junior schoolyard) PLEASE DO NOT USE THE FRONT DOOR BETWEEN 7:25 AND 7:45.** As there is no morning outside supervision in the schoolyards, children **SHOULD NOT arrive before 7:25 a.m.**



DISMISSAL

School ends at 2:25pm. Please note that **students, who take the bus, will leave by the senior yard. Students who are picked up, will exit through the daycare entrance (junior schoolyard), while Pre-K students who do not take the bus and are picked up, will exit by the small yard in front of the school (Pre-K schoolyard).** If you are picking up your child at the end of the day, to ensure everyone’s safety, **please wait by the gates.**

CHANGE OF ROUTINE

Please remember to send a note to your child’s homeroom teacher and to our Daycare Supervisor if there is any change to your child’s regular day schedule. **For your child’s safety and security, we will not take a child’s word for a change in his/her routine.** For a change to occur, we must either receive a note in the agenda, or a telephone call from the parent before 1:30 p.m.

LUNCH

Please be mindful of the fact that our school does not have microwaves to warm food. However, for those parents who so desire, **there will be a hot meal program available every day starting September 16th**. Menus will be sent home shortly along with clear instructions.



DRESS CODE

Students are to be dressed in white tops and blue bottoms. Jeans are not an option.

MEET THE TEACHER NIGHT

Please note that we have set aside **Thursday, September 19th**, as an evening when teachers will explain their curriculum. The goal of this evening is to meet with your child’s/children’s teachers who will explain the programs, homework assignments, projects and class discipline that your child will be doing or following during the coming school year. Please make every effort to attend this important evening.

VOLUNTEERS



Every year we have wonderful parent / community volunteers who help out in various ways at Pierre Elliott Trudeau School. Parents have volunteered to supervise sports teams to their games, special outings, and event like Breakfast with Santa. In accordance with the English Montreal School Board policy, all volunteers are required to complete an annual Judicial Form. If you plan on volunteering in the school, please drop by the office and see Ms. Helen for an application form or complete one during your visit with the teachers on curriculum night.

GOVERNING BOARD ELECTIONS

Our Governing Board is an essential component of our vibrant school life, and it makes important decisions about our governance. This September, we need to select some new members. For everyone’s convenience, the date of the Governing Board elections has been set for **September 19th** as parents are already in school. Elections will be held prior to meeting with the teachers. We know we can count on your participation.



CHOCOLATE FUNDRAISER

“Chocolate Bar Fund Raising Campaign” will begin on Thursday, September 19th and ends on Monday, November 4th.

THE AGENDA

Your child has received his/her agenda. He/she should use it to write down homework and to keep track of assignments. You may use the agenda as a communication tool with your child’s teacher, and as a means of verifying your child’s homework. **It should be checked and initialled DAILY by an adult.**



PARENT’S CORNER

Ideas for promoting diversity and difference:



- Teach your children to use inclusive language by discouraging and avoiding labelling;
- Use respectful language;
- When talking to children about disabilities, emphasize strengths;
- Model inclusive behavior and language.

CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS

If you would like your child to celebrate his/her birthday at school, though there is no obligation to do so, you may send muffins, doughnuts or doughnut holes (preferably nut free). However, we ask that a large cake or “loot bags” NOT be sent.

ABSENCES

Your child’s absence should be reported to the school **before 8:00 am**. This will cut on the number of telephone calls our secretary needs to make.

ATTESTATION DAY

All students are to be in school on Mon. Sept. 30th. This is the day the children are counted by the government as being part of our school.

Ms.T. Alvares
Principal



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