



# Sunnyside December 2016 Newsletter

## **Christmas Baskets**

This year Sunnyside's Christmas baskets will be provided to families by CAB Rediker. Sunnyside will still be holding special events to encourage donations, everything received will be given to CAB for the baskets. Please contact the school if you would like to receive a Christmas basket.

## **Special Event to encourage donations**

Sunnyside will be holding a Hat Day on December 9<sup>th</sup>! All students will be charged \$1 to wear a hat at school all day long, all proceeds will go to CAB Rediker.

## **Christmas Concert**

This year our Christmas Concert will be taking place on Wednesday, December 21<sup>st</sup>. Doors open (and all students must arrive) at 6pm. The show will begin at 6:30pm.

## **Christmas Dinner**

There will be a free Holiday dinner held for all students and staff on Thursday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>. Details will follow.

## **Santa Shoppe**

This year the Sunnyside PPO will be holding a Santa Shoppe on December 21<sup>st</sup>! Your child will be able to select an item as a Christmas gift for the family! Details will follow.

## **Dress for the weather**

Winter is finally upon us and it is important that your child is dressed properly for the temperature. Please ensure that your child comes to school with their hat, mittens, snow pants and jacket and winter boots. Each day they will go outside at recess and during lunch time so they must be dressed properly.

## **Safe School and Bully Prevention**

Everyone at Sunnyside works hard to make this school a safe place for all students. Emergency response practices including Lockdown and Fire Drill help all of learn how to act in a crisis. Through classroom lessons and regular interventions on the playground we are helping student to continually improve their social skills and develop strategies to prevent aggressive behaviour. Parents are reminded to inform the school right away if your child comes home and reports that he/she has been hurt by another student. We follow through on all reports and are constantly monitoring behaviour. Communication is the best form of prevention.

## **Reading is Essential**

Reading is an absolute must at all ages. At Sunnyside we start teaching children to read their letters in pre-K and Kindergarten and continue with advanced reading comprehension all the way through Cycle 3.

*Parents: keep reading with your child; it is one of the best ways for children of all ages to improve reading skills and vocabulary.*

### **Healthy Snacks**

Thank you for sending healthy snacks for your child, such as fruit, vegetables, and some protein such as boiled eggs, cheese, yogurt, or even half a sandwich. Nutrition has an impact on student learning and we all want the best for our children and students.

### **Peanut Free School**

Sunnyside is a Peanut Free school NOT a nut free school. Other nuts, such as almonds, walnuts, cashews etc... are allowed.

### **Shoes**

Please remember that each child requires both an indoor and an outdoor pair of shoes. This is extremely important for the gym floor.

### **Emergency closing**

Winter is coming and there will be days when you will want to know if school is closed. The first place a closure is announced is the ETSB website [www.etsb.qc.ca](http://www.etsb.qc.ca) or you can listen to one of the following radio stations: CBC 91.7 CHRD 105.3 CITE 102.7 MIX 96 CJAD 800. Note that the ETSB decides on closing based on reports from throughout the Townships. If school is not cancelled, but you think that the roads where you live are not safe, then it is for parents to decide to keep their child home.

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