



École Pierre Elliott Trudeau School Newsletter

Dear Parents:

I would like to welcome you back for the 2016-2017 school year. I hope your summer has gone well and you are excited for the beginning of the new school year. I anticipate an exciting year, as we collectively strive towards leading our school community and team in a new direction as we shift towards a STEAM School Model.

STEAM- Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics - is the broad umbrella for how the curriculum, in this new and innovative program, is designed and organized. Students will tackle concepts while incorporating the 4 C's of 21st Century learning skills (critical thinking, communication, collaboration, and creativity) needed to compete in an ever changing world. Teachers will be working in teams to design and develop lessons in which students gain vital knowledge and skills. Students will be working for extended periods of time to investigate and respond to complex questions, problems and challenges under the broad umbrella of STEAM. More information will be provided during the "Meet the Teachers" evening on Thursday, September 8th. Make sure to visit our state of the art 21st century learning space (room 212 & 213)!

We have some changes to our staff roster. I would like to welcome several new staff members this year to Pierre Elliott Trudeau - Stephanie Dalcourt, Sara Howard, Sandy Lima and Tania Siconolfi. We also welcome back Maria Sonia D'Amato and Nadia Di Mattia.

The 2016-2017 school year is going to be another great year at Pierre Elliot Trudeau.

September

<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>
		<u>31</u> First day of school Levels 1 to 6	<u>1</u> First day of school Pre-K & K letters A to L	<u>2</u> First day of school Pre-K & K letters M to Z
<u>5</u> Labour Day	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>  Orientation Night 6:30 – 8:30 Meet the teachers Governing Board elections	<u>9</u> Corn Roast
<u>12</u>	<u>13</u> First Governing Board meeting @ 7:00 pm	<u>14</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>16</u>
<u>19</u>	<u>20</u> First P.P.O. meeting @ 7:00 pm	<u>21</u> International Peace Day	<u>22</u>	<u>23</u>
<u>26</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>29</u>	

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

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, please wait by the gates, these new measures are to ensure everyone's safety.



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.

OFFICE HOURS

The office is open from 7:30 am to 3:30 pm.

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 14th**. Menus will be sent home shortly along with clear instructions.

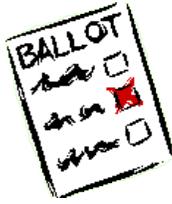


EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

We offer a variety of extracurricular activities in the areas of Sports, Fine Arts and Leadership growth bi-weekly during an extended lunch period.

MEET THE TEACHER NIGHT

Please note that we have set aside **Thursday, September 8th**, 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.



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, five members are up for re-election, and we need to select new members. For everyone's convenience, the date of the Governing Board elections has been set for **September 8th** as parents are already in school. Elections will be held prior to meeting with the teachers. We know we can count on your participation.

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 initialed DAILY by an adult.**



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.

Anna Sanalidro
Principal