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Welcome Back!

Happy New Year! It's nice to have everyone back for a busy second term!

The students have already started to prepare for the Science Fair that will take place on February 26. Before that, they get to enjoy some fun on the slopes during the ski trip to Stoneham, Quebec from February 8 - 11. Several of our students are leaving for the 2nd part of our cultural exchange with the AIM school in Monterrey, Mexico on February 27 for 10 days. Added to that, parents can expect to receive another set of Interim Reports and a Parent Classroom Visit.

This term is very busy and goes by quickly. Good luck to everyone and let's have a great term.

Tracey

Update on "Let's Score Some Boards" Campaign:

I am pleased to report that we have raised \$6000 toward replacing the school hockey boards! The Christmas Craft sale profits were \$3000 and the Holiday Fundraising Campaign profits were also \$3000. Only \$2000 to go in order to reach our goal! Thank you to everyone for your support.

Venta Students Win Big at the Louis Riel Classic Track and Field Meet:

The Venta "Vipers" Track and Field team did very well at the Louis Riel Classic held in December. Our students competed against 250 students from over 18 high schools across the city. We came home with 15 medals and Justice Iris set an event record for the 150 meter dash!

The full results can be viewed at:

<http://www.ottawalions.com/ottl/data/ResultsNStats/Results/2009/LRC09.htm>

Congratulations!

Ski Trip to Stoneham, Quebec:

A reminder that the permission forms and payment for the ski trip are due this Friday, January 8.

Also, the Junior 1 parents are to return the form indicating whether or not their child will participate in the activities planned at the school during the ski trip. This form is also due on Friday, January 8.

Victory In Europe Trip - Deadline to Register, January 18:

If any student (J4 and up) or parent is interested in joining us on the Victory in Europe trip in early May, please be aware that applications have to be made before January 18th.

This is a wonderful educational experience for students and for adults too. We will be spending several days in Paris touring the city including Versailles, the Louvre, the Eiffel Tower and a night time boat trip on the Seine River. We then travel to Normandy to visit the beaches where

our Canadian troops came ashore on D-Day, and then we follow the path of the army back through France. We continue our visit with trips to WWI memorials at Vimy Ridge and at Beaumont Hammel where the Royal Newfoundland Regiment was decimated on the first day of the Battle of the Somme. The piece de resistance of the trip is our visit to Holland for the 65th Anniversary of the end of WWII when the Canadian soldiers fought to free the Dutch people. There are many ceremonies in which the students will have a major role, and it is rumoured that the Dutch Royal Family and our own Queen will be present.

At the moment we have 23 people enrolled, including several staff chaperones, but we would love to take as many of our older students as possible as this is going to be a trip that they will remember for the rest of their lives.

To enroll to to www.eftours.ca and press enroll. Enter our tour number which is 747932 and fill in the application form. Our tour orgnizer at EF is Mary Erskine. Her number is 1 800-387-1460 . She will be happy to help you if you have any questions. I am also available to help, either by e-mail at amoore@ventapreparatoryschool.com or by phone at 613 839-2175 ext. 232.

Anne Moore

2010-2011 Re-Enrollment:

Parents can expect to receive an Intention to Re-Enrol form next week. The form will be sent via e-mail, along with the 2010-2011 Fee Schedule. We appreciate if parents can return this form as soon as possible as it helps us plan for next year.

The formal registration packages will be mailed home at the beginning of February and are due back to the school, along with the appropriate fee payment (ie. deposit and post-dated cheques) on March 1, 2010.

If you have any questions about re-enrollment or the forms, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Tracey

Non-Uniform Day - Thursday, January 14:

Our next Non-Uniform Day is Thursday, January 14. This will be a regular dress-down day.

Intramural Hockey - Friday, January 15:

Weather permitting, Intramural Hockey is scheduled for the afternoon of Friday, January 15.

Chess Lessons?

The Chess N' Math Association is once again offering private chess lessons to our students beginning January 11 for 8 weeks. The price is \$65 per student. We need at least 8 students in order to cover the cost of the lessons. If you are interested in registering your child , please contact me as soon as possible. Thank you!

Tracey

Open House - January 20, 7:00 p.m.

We are holding an Open House for prospective families on Wednesday, January 20 at 7:00 p.m. Please feel free to invite anyone you know who has expressed an interest in learning more about our school.

I am also looking for 2 parent volunteers to represent the school at the Open House. Often times prospective parents appreciate having the opportunity to speak to a current parent. If you are willing and able to help out, please contact me as soon as possible. Thanks again.

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