



Eastern Townships  
Learning Centre



# Fall Newsletter

Dear Parents/Guadians:

I hope that this first term has been pleasant and that students are well settled in for a successful school year. As you may be aware, due to circumstances beyond our control, Mr. Morin has returned to his work at the Ministry of Education and you now have a new Vice-Principal, Mr. Jim Lemaitre. I am very pleased to have his leadership and expertise at the Learning Centre and know that our students will benefit from his involvement. Mr. Lemaitre & I will be further assisted by the Vice-Principals at Galt, Mr. Element. & our newly appointed Interim Vice-Principal, Ms. McCully. All four administrators are now responsible for both schools.

Peggy McCourt  
Principal

I am very pleased to have been given the chance to take on the role of vice-principal at The Learning Centre. I will be relying on my experience having taught in multiple grades, in a variety of settings, to help all the students and staff move toward success. Even though I have only been in the E.T.S.B. for a small part of my 20 years in education, I am proud to be part of such a dynamic group of educators and students. I hope you take the time to visit our school in the near future.

Best wishes towards an exciting year,  
Mr. J. LeMaitre  
Vice-Principal

## Parent's Night

The Eastern Townships Learning Centre's Term 1 finishes on November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2014. Report cards will be available on Parent's Night, Wednesday, November 26<sup>th</sup>, 2014 from 6:30 to 8:00 pm. Come and meet your child's teacher!

## Coaticook Cheese Fundraiser:

**The Coaticook cheese fundraiser is in full swing, having started November 3<sup>rd</sup> and finishing November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2014. All funds raised will be going to the Annual Holiday Outing and, should we surpass our goal, any additional funds will go to our next winter activity.**



**We are raising this money as a team, as a community, in hopes to cover the cost for everyone! The students will also get a chance to vote on their choice for our lunch location! After all, they are the fundraisers and the community that we want to foster!**

**If your child did not bring home an order form and you would like one to fundraise or just to order for yourself, please contact the school at (819) 822-1385, ex. 25001.**

**Thank you in advance for your support!**



We are very excited to have the Scholastic book fair again this year! The book fair will run from Wednesday, November 19<sup>th</sup> to Wednesday, November 26<sup>th</sup> at lunch hour. The book fair will also be open during Parents' Night from 4:30 to 9:00 p.m. The profit made will go to buy books for the classrooms. Come encourage the school while finding a great book to read or a Christmas present! The book fair can be found in C-201, behind the Galt cafeteria.

### Breakfast Club

The Breakfast Club continues to serve Learning Centre students every morning in the student lunch room! The Breakfast Club menu follows the Canadian Food Guide and provides students with a **full healthy breakfast** or a snack before the school day begins. Each breakfast is served with fruit and either juice or milk. Research has shown that eating breakfast increases concentration and confidence in class. Breakfast is **50 cents** per day. A week of Breakfast is \$2 and a whole month of breakfast is \$8. If you

are unable to pay for the Breakfast Club we graciously accept any food or monetary donations. If you have any questions, comments or wish to request a menu, please do not hesitate to contact Meghan Allan at the school or by email, [allanm@ped.etsb.qc.ca](mailto:allanm@ped.etsb.qc.ca).

**SCHOOL FEES:**

Thank you to all the families who have already paid their school fees. Families who have not yet made arrangements to pay their child(ren)'s school fees are asked to please contact the school. The money received from school fees offsets the cost of supplementary activities, consumable materials and noon-hour supervision, and are extremely important in the operation of the school. School fees that aren't paid penalize the students.

School Board Survey:

Please find the attached letter concerning a survey that the school board is requesting students complete on-line. Your son/daughter might appreciate your support while completing this survey!

**Knitters & Sewers: Group 2 Needs Your Help!**

Group 2 is very excited to have started a variety of knitting and sewing projects as part of their Life Skills Unit. If any friends of the Learning Centre have useful materials for these projects, we would greatly appreciate donations. Any questions, please call (819) 564-3666, ex. 232. Thank you in advance for your generous support!

**SCHOOL CLOSURE & EMERGENCY CLOSING**

In the event that the school must be closed due to inclement weather or for any other reason, information will be broadcast on the following radio and television stations:

**CBC (FM 91.7);  
CJAD (AM 800); TVA/TÉLÉ 7;  
Rythme 93.7; CKOI 107.7;  
CJMQ (FM 88.9); NRJ 106.1**

**CHRISTMAS BASKET CAMPAIGN**

December is almost here and so is our annual Christmas Basket Campaign. As always, this will be a huge undertaking. We rely on the generosity of our students, our parents, the churches and the community at large for donations of food and money in order to help us meet the needs of many Galt and Learning Centre families. If you wish to receive a basket, contribute food, money or your time to the campaign, **please contact Mrs. Barbara Beech at extension 22064.**

**Dates to Remember**

- Friday, November 14<sup>th</sup>                      Vaccinations (age 14 yrs.)  
\*All families of students expected for vaccination were contacted by the nurse and received a form to sign\*
- Sunday, November 16<sup>th</sup>                      Citrus fruit arrives
- Nov. 17<sup>th</sup> – Dec. 19<sup>th</sup>                      Christmas Basket Campaign
- Thursday, November 20<sup>th</sup>                      Coaticook Cheese Fundraiser – all orders must be in

**Wednesday, November 26<sup>th</sup> Parents' Night 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.**

- Thursday & Friday  
November 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>                      Ped. Days (no school for students)
- Thursday, December 11<sup>th</sup>                      Coaticook Cheese orders arrive
- December 17<sup>th</sup>                                  Galt Cafeteria Christmas Dinner (\$6.00 for main meal)
- TBD    ETLC Holiday Outing
- Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup> – Jan. 2<sup>nd</sup>                              Christmas Vacation
- Monday, January 5<sup>th</sup>                              Ped. Day (no school for students)