



WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL

Mary Gardner Newsletter

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Dates to Remember:

	Sept 14th 19:00h
Cross Country Run in Ormstown 	Sept 27th (28th in case of rain)
Terry Fox Run 	Sept 29th
School Pictures SAY CHEESE! 	Sept 30th
Attendance Day	Sept 30th

Principal's Corner

Greetings Parents and Families of the MGS Community!

I trust that each and every one of you had a great summer, filled with great memories with family and friends!

As the new principal of Mary Gardner Elementary School, it is my pleasure to welcome you back to school this year, a year that promises many great and exciting learning opportunities and activities for our students! I'm very passionate about education and I look forward to partnering with you to provide our students with a rigorous and engaging year. As the parent of two boys ages 7 and 12, I recognize the importance of a strong home-school connection and I believe that by working together, we can ensure that your child's social, emotional, and academic needs are being met.

Before coming to Mary Gardner, I had many unique experiences with the New Frontiers School Board. In my twenty one years with NFSB, from classroom teacher to Collegial Coach to Vice Principal, I have the most rewarding opportunities to grow as an educator. I have also represented our school board on a number of committees including Special Needs Advisory Committee, Reform Implementation Committee, Governing Board and Provincial Advisory Committees. These experiences have allowed me to support my colleagues in many areas and develop my skills as a leader. I am therefore looking forward to sharing and working collaboratively with our staff, students and parents to ensure the success of each and every child at MGS.

I believe that great schools are the results of great teachers and support staff. MGS has a strong team with 23 teachers, 8 Special Education attendants, 2 Special Education technicians, 5 Day Care educators, 4 lunch time monitors, as well as our secretary Ms. Karine Noël and our custodial team Mr. Randy Legresly and Ms. Karen Thomson. I will be working closely with our entire staff to guarantee to offer the most academic and uplifting social/emotional support that are students at MGS are accustomed to.

I look forward to the opportunity to serve the families of MGS as principal and look forward to a great year. It is an honor to become a member of the MGS team and the greater community!

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions, concerns or ideas that you may like to share.

Kind regards,
Lynn Harkness

Student Rights and Responsibilities

I have a **RIGHT** to learn.

It is my **RESPONSIBILITY** to listen to instructions, work quietly at my desk, raise my hand if I have a question, concern, or need to leave, and to complete assignments.

I have a **RIGHT** to hear and be heard.

It is my **RESPONSIBILITY** not to talk, shout or make loud noises when others are speaking.

I have a **RIGHT** to be respected.

It is my **RESPONSIBILITY** not to tease or bother people or to hurt their feelings.

I have a **RIGHT** to be safe.

It is my **RESPONSIBILITY** not to threaten, kick, punch, or physically harm anyone else.

I have a **RIGHT** to privacy and to my own personal space privacy.

It is my **RESPONSIBILITY** to respect the personal property of others, and to accept their right to privacy.

Peanut/Nut-Free School

More and more children are being diagnosed with severe peanut allergies. Some of these children attend Mary Gardner School. To limit the risks of any unfortunate incident of allergic reaction that our students may encounter, the Governing Board passed a motion to declare Mary Gardner School a NUT-FREE school. Therefore, we ask for the support of parents and students to read labels carefully and refrain from sending or bringing food in snacks or lunches containing peanuts, nuts or their by-products.

The school has implemented several measures to provide a safe environment for all:

- ⇒ All students will attend an information session at the beginning of the year explaining the banned food products and the danger they can cause to those allergic to them.
- ⇒ Lunch boxes will be checked on a regular basis to detect food products that may contain nuts or peanuts. Should peanut or nut products be found in the students' lunchbox, parents will be called and/or reminders will be sent home.
- ⇒ Signs carrying the warning will be posted at the front entrance of the school.
- ⇒ Reminders and suggestions for nutritious nut-free snacks and lunches will be made in the newsletter.

We realize this policy poses an inconvenience for parents and students when packing lunches, we wish to express our sincere appreciation for your support and understanding of this life threatening allergy.

Lynn Harkness
Principal



Supervision Fees

You will receive your invoice concerning the 2016/ 2017 Student Supervision Fees in your child's agenda late September/early October. The 2016/ 2017 budget for the New Frontiers School Board calls for student service fees to be charged at 120\$ per student. This fee has not changed since last year.

Remember that if for some reason, you cannot pay these fees, arrangements must be made with the MGS in order to avoid increased costs due to late payment.

Payments can be made through online banking, cash, or debit/credit at the school.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.



The Daily Life at Mary Gardner School

Review of the organization of a school day at MGS:

08:20h	Children arrive at school (No supervision before this time)
08:25h	Children enter the school
10:10h-10:25h	Common recess for all students
11:30h-13:00	Lunch for Kindergarten
12:00h-12:30h	Lunch for grades K, 1, and 2
	Outside recess for grades 3,4, 5 and 6
12:30h-13:00h	Lunch for grades 3, 4, 5, and 6
	Outside recess for grades K, 1, and 2
13:05h	All children are back to class
15:05h	Walkers and students being picked up will meet their parents in the gymnasium.
15:10h	Students boarding the bus
15:20h	Busses' departure

Let's make a special effort to be on time as the front door will be locked and children must be let in by Karine. Late arrivals are very disturbing for all children, but especially for your own child. It is not a good way to start the day.

Thank you!



A huge thank you goes to
Meuble Domon
for getting us a super deal on a much
needed stove for our cafeteria.
Your generosity is appreciated!



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Meet the Teacher Night

Our first official opportunity to meet with you will take place on **Wednesday, September 14th at 19:00h** for the **Meet the Teacher Night**. Important information will be communicated and your presence is required.

Do not miss the opportunity to meet with your children's teachers and inquire about the programs he/she is following. We would like to remind parents to **keep all children at home** and due to time restraints the teachers will not be able to discuss the progress of each individual student.

Elections for parent representatives on the Governing Board and on Parent Participation Organization will also take place on that night. It is very important for parents to attend if they want to be involved in the future of our school.

School Pictures

Student pictures will be on September 30th please take note as this is the day each child wants to look his/her best.

Sibling pictures will be taken later (date still to be confirmed), on retake day.

Smile for the camera!



2016 / 2017 MGS Team

We are pleased to welcome back our staff members and we are confident that our students will continue to benefit from the dedication and team work of our personnel.

Cycle 1

Therese Schmocker Babcock	K
Lolita Fuhlrott	K
Jeannie Whitteron	K
Kimberley Hindle	1
Maryse Pelletier	1
Melissa Roy	1
Mark Cowley	2
Tara Carroll/Marie Josée Dumontier	2
Allan Primeau	2

Cycle 2

Cheryl Contant	3
Lucie Allard	3
Anik Verner-Bernard	3-4
Tracy McNally	4
Nicolas Gagnon	4

Cycle 3

Mary Quinn	5
Myriam Guillemette	5
Michelle Powell	5-6
Pascale Caouette	5-6

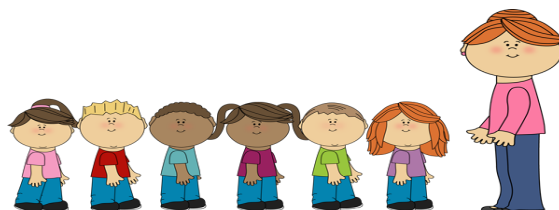
Ghislaine Zariffa	Resource Teacher
Sonia Eng	Music
Raul Castro	Physical Education
Cristina Gonzalez	Technology/Health
Allison Sklar	Art/ French Resource
Candy Champagne	Technician
Valencia Broomes	Technician
Diana Deschamps	Attendant
Sandy Chaussé-McLeod	Attendant
Wendy Floyd	Attendant
Karen Gadoua	Attendant
Donna Manfred	Librarian
Louise Cooper	Resource
Heather Dempster	Daycare Coordinator
Danielle Serres	Nurse
Janet Schurman	Psychologist
Randy Legresley	Custodian
Karine Noel	Secretary
Lynn Harkness	Principal

Daycare & Lunch Hour Supervisors

Beverly Brown, Shanna Lefrancois,
Adrienne Hartigan, Kim Lapensee
and Donna Manfred

Daycare Animators

Heather Dempster, Beverly Brown,
Heather Leslie, Murielle Laramee &
Shanna Lafrancois



P.P.O

New Members

This year, as always, the P.P.O is looking for new members. For those of you that don't know us, we are a group that has been responsible for fundraising for field trips along with school activities such as fun day BBQ, dances, the haunted house, scavenger hunts, etc...

We also make recommendations to the principal and Governing Board on issues that can directly effect our children.

If you would like to have a direct impact on your child's school experiences, then please, join our committee. You can join us on September 8th, after the general meeting or you can contact the school at your convenience. Whatever time you have to offer is appreciated and new ideas are always welcome.

We know that everyone's time is precious but we believe that our children are just as precious and deserving of our support.

Remember, to support the P.P.O is to support your children.

MGS BIRTHDAYS!!

August

Aiden Riffin (1st)
Leah Maharaj (1st)
Audrey Gédéon (3rd)
Elliot Linstead (4th)
Jayci Toth (6th)
Tessa-Lee Wolfear (6th)
Emylia Tuck (6th)
Brayden Pyke-McCallum (9th)
Jonathan Quintal (9th)
Julia Hammond (9th)
Nikkie Lamontagne Scammell (9th)
Kayden Whitebean (10th)
Maddox Mansi (10th)
William Arblaster (10th)
Carson Croteau (15th)
Gabriel Savoie (15th)
Noah Forget (16th)
Bianca Caron (19th)
Melodie Kessler (19th)
Collin Higgs (21st)
Isabelle Beaudoin (21st)
Massimo Perez (21st)
Brandon Lopes (22nd)
Sareena Singh (23rd)
Carter Provost (24th)
Gannen Bryan (24th)
William Monahan (24th)
Aislinn Delgado Vezina (26th)
Kailey Kowal (26th)
Mack Malacad (26th)
Connor Kelly (27th)
Payton Odem (27th)
Kristopher Fillion (30th)
Mackenzie Meehan (30th)
Zachary Hay (30th)
Kelsey Lajeunesse (31st)

September

Payden Deschamps (1st)
Logan Fuhlrott (3rd)
Matthew Fisher di Cesare (5th)
Alexandre Savoie (7th)
Aidan Parades (8th)
Cameron Daley (8th)
Kenya Flynn (8th)
Logan Majors (8th)
Rebekah Muirhead (9th)
Thomas Burns (9th)
Zachary Burns (9th)
Brady Cassivi (10th)
Tylor Whitebean (10th)
Tyler Voet (11th)
Noah Goodhue (12th)
Viktoria Benard (12th)
Peyton Graham-Dugual (13th)
Jeriah Warren (14th)
Melina Adams (14th)
Jasim Jamal (16th)
Isabella Savard (17th)
Timothy Gilmour (17th)
Shannon Jones (17th)
Logan Lombardi Fure (18th)
Aidan Kelly (19th)
Emric Lagacé (19th)
Yahir Pineda-Velasquez (19th)
Che May (21st)
Jade Letham (22nd)
Kaylee Charrette (22nd)
Matti Kivinen (22nd)
Kyra Hopkins (23rd)
Caelum Stacey (25th)
Alejandro Wadey (26th)
Mark Anthony DeCastris (26th)
Joshua Letham (29th)
Nathaniel Gladio (30th)
Noah Gelinas (30th)



Physical Education Corner



This month in gym class:

- 1-3 Soccer, Frisbee
- 4-5 Soccer, Soccer baseball
- 6 Soccer, Cricket

Interschool Competition: Cross Country Run
Levels 3,4,5,6 September 27th

Intramurals: September & October
Levels K, 1, 2, 3 Climbing Wall Club
Levels 4, 5, 6 Soccer

I will be collecting Canadian Tire money again this year. You can send it in with your child. Thank you in advance! Last year, we collected 129.70\$ in Canadian Tire money.

Last year with this money we bought:

15 Frisbees, 18 skipping ropes, 2 frisbee games, and 2 frisbee golf hoops

Students have until the end of September to get their colour code gym uniform (Navy and/or white)

Raul Castro

Sou-Pa-Loo

Hi Everyone,

Elyse and Helena are very happy to be with you this year. We hope that you will appreciate our meals. Votre santé nous tiens à coeur.

Have a nice year and we hope to see you at the cafeteria.

Elyse and Helena

