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"Through Caring and Sharing We Learn"

June 2019

St. Roch Express

Principal's Message

Dear Parents/Guardians,

The school year will soon be coming to a close. It always amazes me just how quickly the academic year flies by. At this time of the year, we always have a few good-byes to say to some staff members, as well as welcoming new staff who will be with us in September.

Ms. Gross and Mrs. Mahajan will be moving on to new adventures as they will be retiring at the end of June. They have both devoted many years of dedication and commitment to their students' learning and well-being. Ms. Gross and Mrs. Mahajan have been an integral part of the staff and of the Henry Larsen community over the years. Their contributions and passion for working with children will be greatly missed. They have touched and positively influenced the lives of many. We wish Ms. Gross and Mrs. Mahajan much enjoyment, relaxation and new adventures as they begin this new journey in life!

We are pleased to announce that Miss Jamie-Leigh Cowkur will be joining the Henry Larsen ECE staff full-time in September as a PM shift Early Childhood Educator. She is coming to us from Meadowlands Public School and is very much looking forward to being a Henry Larsen Husky!

Mrs. Lafreniere, our Office Assistant, is moving on to full-time employment. We thank her for her time at Henry Larsen and we wish her all the best in her new journey.

Finally, I would like to extend a sincere and heartfelt thank you to our School Council for their hard work and contributions to supporting our students and parents throughout the school year with various activities.

Also, a huge thanks to our staff, wonderful students, caring parents and the entire Henry Larsen community for your ongoing commitment and teamwork.

A reminder, our **Volunteer Breakfast is on Thursday, June 20th, from 7:30 – 8:30am in the library** to acknowledge all the amazing work that all our volunteers provide throughout the school year. Please join us for some delicious food and amazing music. Childcare will be provided free of charge. I hope to see many of you there.

Have a wonderful and relaxing summer with your families!

Christine Camus-Shepley, Principal
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<u>Upcoming Dates:</u>	
Board Track & Field Meet	June 13
Marathon (Gr.1-8)	June 19
Volunteer Breakfast, 7:30-8:30am	June 20
Report Cards go home	June 25
Centennial Park (Gr. 3-5, BIP)	June 26
Berriault Park (Gr. 1, 2)	June 26
School Leaving Ceremony	June 26
Last Day of School for students	June 27
PD Day (no school for students)	June 28

Tentative School Organization for 2019-2020

Staffing and school organization are always tentative at this time of year and until the end of September, due to changes in enrolment and staffing allocations.

At this time, our tentative school organization for the 2019-2020 school year is:

Kindergarten – 2 classes	
Gr. 1	EFI
Gr. 2	EFI
Gr. 3	EFI
Gr. 3/4	EFI
Gr. 5	EFI
Gr. 6	EFI
Gr. 7/8	EFI
Behaviour Intervention Program	
Gr. 6/7	MFI
Gr. 7/8	MFI
Gr. 6/7	English
Gr. 7/8	English

A Message from your School Council

How time flies when you are having fun! We had the pleasure of welcoming many new faces to the School Council this year and were pleased to support many great activities: Monster Mash, School Dances, the Holiday Store, and some family fun nights like Bingo, Yoga, and a Movie Night.

We also had a busy year with several fundraising initiatives. A big thank you to everyone for your support throughout the year! Thanks to the various fundraising efforts, Council was able to purchase items in support of the students and school (items like the Forest of Reading books, Hockey nets & mini sticks, and Marathon medals & ribbons). We are also anxiously awaiting an outdoor seating and socialization space in yard C. Preliminary construction drawings have been developed, the project has been put out for tender, and we are hopeful that

construction will start this summer. This is a major milestone for Council's Henry Cool Yard fundraising efforts.

Thank you to all of those who take the time to volunteer and support the School Council. If you have any questions about School Council or want to be added to the Council mailing list, please let us know – henrylarsensc@gmail.com.

Wishing you all a fun and safe summer holiday and we look forward to seeing and hearing from you in the 2019/2020 school year.

Sincerely, your School Council

Grade 8 Leaving Ceremony

Dear Parents/Guardians and Grade 8 Students,
This year's School Leaving Ceremony will take place on **Wednesday, June 26th** beginning at **11:00**. We ask that guests be seated by 10:45. Afterwards, the Grade 8 students will proceed to the gym for refreshments, drinks and their last Henry Larsen dance, which will end at 3:00 pm. Students are encouraged to wear appropriate school attire for this event.

As this is an Elementary School Leaving Ceremony, rather than a formal Secondary School or College graduation, major expenses need not be incurred. Parking spaces will be limited, but some extra room will be provided on the paved areas around the C wing of the school.

Field Trips

Berriault Park: June 26th

Grade 1 and 1/2 students will be going to the park for a Picnic and Play outing. The plan is to leave at 10:25 and return for 2:45. As students will be eating lunch there, they must bring their own lunches with them. If it is going to be a hot day, students are encouraged to bring their swimsuits, towels, sunscreen, and proper footwear since there will be a spray pad. Only students with swimwear are permitted to get wet.

Queenswood Heights – Centennial Park: June 26th

Students in grades 3, 4, 5 and BIP classes will be going to the park for a Picnic and Play outing. The plan is to leave the school at 10:45 and will return by 2:45, but plans are weather dependent. Students must bring their own lunches, and are encouraged to bring their swimsuits, towels, sunscreen, and water shoes/sandals as there is a spray pad.

In School Events

Gardening Club

The Gardening Club will resume in June, however, meetings are weather and schedule dependent so students are encouraged to listen attentively to morning announcements. Bring a friend!