



Tamarac News

“Reading to or with your child daily will significantly improve their reading ability.”

Where Learning Comes To Life!

May, 2017

Principal's Message

Dear Parents/ Guardians,

It is with excitement and commitment that I compose this Principals message for you this month. I want to thank the many parents, students, staff and community members for their support and kind words during my busy transition from Vice-Principal to Principal over the last few weeks. Together, I hope that we will continue to build on the positive experiences, interactions and initiatives already well underway here at Tamarac Education Center.

I want to thank Mrs. Verla MacNeil for her assistance, time, energy and enthusiasm here in the office over the last few weeks. Thank you also to Mr. Boudreau for his guidance and patience throughout this process.

I look forward to working with all educational partners at TEC over the next school year. We will continue to strive towards providing ALL students the educational experience they deserve so that they may see themselves as successful learners.

The month of May will prove to be a very busy one. We have included school events in the May calendar. We will continue to send memos from the office to remind students

and parents of these events. I will continue to use the Powerschool alert system to notify parents of events, changes in events and other necessary communications.

If you have any questions or concerns you wish to discuss, please feel free to give me a call or to drop by the main office at your convenience.

Suzanne Delaney
Principal

Important Dates:

May 9- Grade 7 Immunizations

May 11- Test Drive for “Food 4 Children”

May 15- Grade 6 MMEC Students tour TEC

May 16- Grade 8 Parent Session SAERC-6:30-8:30

May 17- Grade 8 Orientation-SAERC (More info will be sent home nearer to the date)

Grade 6 MMEC Orientation-TEC

May 23-26- Spring Fling –Food Bank

May 26 – Special Olympics

TEST DRIVERS NEEDED!

Food4Children needs your help!!!

We are a local group of volunteers who provide healthy snacks to TEC students and weekly backpacks of food to children who need support. Ford Canada will donate \$20 to our cause for every person who takes a test drive at Canso Ford on Thursday, May 11th between 11am and 4pm.

We need people with a valid driver's licence, over 18 years old who will give us less than an hour of their time. Sorry, only one driver per household. We are looking for 300 volunteers to bring \$6000

to our communities. Bring a friend! Come for BBQ lunch! Thursday, May 11th 11am-4pm
@Canso Ford

Strait from the Heart

The annual "Music Strait From the Heart" concert, which has featured Grade P-8 choirs and school bands from across the Strait Regional School Board, will not take place this year. Although the decision has been a difficult one, the music teachers who have organized, prepared for, and directed this event, have decided to put the show on hold. There is not enough time to appropriately plan such a big event. This event may return in future years, it may develop into a whole new event at another time, or individual schools may decide to showcase their musical ensembles in their own way. Mrs. Morrow-DeCoste would like to say a heartfelt thank you to parents and school staff for their support of this concert. A special thank you is also extended to the parent and staff chaperones who helped out at the event - helping students get ready, getting t-shirts ready, serving food and drinks, getting such a large choir quietly to the stage area, and so on (the list is endless)!! Thank you!!

Swim to Survive is a Lifesaving Society survival training program.

The Society – Canada's lifeguarding experts – defines the minimum skills needed by all Canadians to survive an expected fall into deep water. These are expressed in a skill sequence in the Canadian Swim to Survive Standard: ROLL into deep water – TREAD water (1 min.) – SWIM 50 m.

Basic swimming ability is a fundamental requirement in any meaningful attempt to eliminate drowning in Canada.

- Swimming is a life skill that all children need to learn. It's no different than fire safety or street-proofing.
- The Society estimates about half of Canadian

children never take traditional swimming lessons – even though "swimming" is the second most popular activity (after bicycling) in Canada among school-age children between five and 12 years of age. The Lifesaving Society wants to ensure every child has the basic skills to survive.

- Our research shows that most drownings occur close to safety. If every child in Canada could pass our Swim to Survive standard, we would reduce the number of drownings by half.

This is a very worthwhile program that TEC is very fortunate to be a part of yearly. If you have a child in a Grade 3 classroom, please watch for additional information coming home with your child.

Band News

Our school band was a part of the Los Primos ticket sales for Nova Scotia. This program provides musicians in Nova Scotia and Cuba access to more music. Our TEC band raised \$700! Congratulations to all involved in this fundraiser! Ms. O'Brien is very proud!

There was a seller bonus, where if students sold so many tickets, their name was entered in a draw. We were very excited to hear that Connor MacDonald in grade 6 won the largest prize for all of Nova Scotia. His name was drawn for the \$750 gift card for Long and McQuade. This is for Connor to use to buy music gear to continue with his music studies! We hope Connor will enjoy his prize! Congratulations to all!

Ms. O'Brien



Thinking about Math

Every month in this section we offer tips and advice on how to help your child understand math. Numbers are used to describe quantities, to count, and to add, subtract, multiply, and divide. Understanding numbers and knowing how to combine them to solve problems helps us in all areas of math.

Ask your child to help you solve everyday number problems:

- We need six tomatoes to make our sauce for dinner, and we have only two. How many more do we need to buy?"
- "We are having a birthday party with nine friends. If each person gets three party favours, how many favours do we need?"
- "Two guests are coming to eat dinner with us. How many plates will we need?"

Practice skip counting:

- Together, count by 2s, 5s, 10s, 3s, and 4s.
- Roll two dice, one to determine a starting number and the other to determine the counting interval.
- Ask your child to try counting backwards from 10, 20, 100, or even 1000.

As part of Waste Reduction Week 2016, elementary school students across Canada were challenged to design a creative poster that promotes the 3Rs - reduce, reuse, recycle. More than 300 students submitted a design and 13 schools were presented with cash prizes for their school's environmental initiatives.

Madame Leanne Paon, French Immersion teacher at Tamarac Education Center invited her students to take part as well. It was the Art work of Nolan MacNeil (Grade 5 Immersion) and Chiara Zovatto (Grade 4 Immersion) that earned Tamarac Education

Center 1st place at the Provincial level this year. The class was awarded a \$500 check to spend towards taking care and protecting our environment. Below is the Art work both of our students submitted to the Waste Reduction Challenge.

Congratulations to both students and thank you to Madame Paon for her efforts and initiatives at helping our students recognize the importance of respecting our environment.

