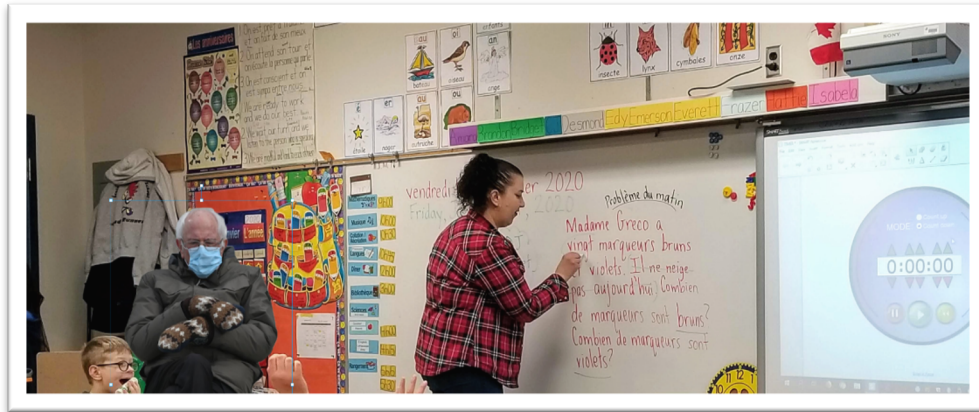




The Communiqué

January 25 - 29, 2021



Message from the Administration

Amanda Gorman, the Youth Poet Laureate who spoke at Joe Biden and Kamala Harris' inauguration on Wednesday, sparked renewed hope in many of us. It was great to read that her children's book and a book of poetry have rocketed to the top of the bestseller list. Several of our classrooms watched her poetry delivery this week and talked about her impact.

After a brief winter blast that sent us into indoor recess, the temperatures thankfully relented. Please know that our cold weather guidelines are provided by the school division and indicate indoor recess when the temperatures, including wind chill, are below -28°C .

School Patrols

Patrols from 115C (formerly 210) are on duty this week.

Reminder: Virtual Open House 2021

It's not too late to register for our Open House, **Wednesday, January 27 at 6:30 PM**, for parents who wish to find out more about the school and the procedures to register their child in school. Click [HERE](#) to register for the online session.

Our families in Nursery have already received “intention” forms for next year (to indicate preference for am/pm English/French Kindergarten). These are returned to the office and used to plan for classroom enrolment for the fall. Our families in Kindergarten (and subsequent grades) need not reapply for the following year. Unless we hear otherwise, we move children into the following grade and program.

Valentine’s Day

As we prepare for Valentine’s Day this year (celebrated at school on Friday, February 12th), we hope to be able to have children share cards with others in their classroom. We are asking that if Valentine’s Day cards are being shared, that there is one for each classmate. In addition, this year, we ask that you be ultra-organized... The valentines will need to “quarantine” for a few days prior to being distributed – please have them ready to be dropped off at school by **Tuesday, February 9th** to allow for this to happen. Thank you in advance for your support with this.

Festival du Voyageur

We will be celebrating French Cultural the week of February 15th (just after the Louis Riel weekend). Along with additional arts programming during the week, students are asked to dress as a voyageur on Thursday, February 18th and consider “growing a beard” for the occasion! Stay tuned for more details!

February is... *I Love to Read* Month!

We LOVE to read! Classrooms will be recognizing *I Love to Read* month with several fun activities, including “DEAR” time (drop everything and read), dressing as our favourite fictional character and earning reading ballots to enter a draw to have a catered breakfast with Madame Powell! More information to come.

Parent Advisory Group (PAG) Update

Fundraising: We are now 1 week in for our 2nd Fundraiser of the School Year! A BIG Thanks to the families who have placed orders this week! If you haven’t, don’t worry - there is still one week left for you to place your order for Sunset Gourmet. Sunset Gourmet has a wide variety of sauces, spices, dips, cheeseballs, breads, soups, and desserts as well as gluten and dairy free options.

These products are selling any 2 for \$25, and we receive 40% of sales. That’s \$10 for every 2 items sold! Money raised will allow the PAG to help support and enhance the learning and outdoor environments for the students of École Robert H. Smith School.

All products are available for purchase Online using our hot lunches system:

<https://rhs.hotlunches.net> Deadline for orders is Sunday, Jan 31st.

Watch our PAG Facebook Page (link below) each day during the fundraiser for product info and special recipes! If you have any questions or concerns regarding this fundraiser please email the Fundraising Committee at: fundraising@roberthsmithpag.ca

Don’t forget to checkout our **PAG website:** www.roberthsmithpag.weebly.com and our **PAG Facebook Page:** <https://www.facebook.com/RobertHSmithPAG> (please like and follow us). As always if you have any questions, concerns or would like more information on our PAG please email Melanie at: chair@roberthsmithpag.ca

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