

Heroes' Memorial School  
317 South Street  
Cowansville, QC J2K 2X6  
(450) 263-1612

2009-2010  
Grades: K-Secondary One

Hours of instruction: 8:15 a.m. to 2:35 p.m.



### *Heroes' Memorial*

At Heroes' Memorial, we believe that children have a right to the highest standard of education in a safe and caring environment.

We strive to prepare our students for a lifelong journey in learning and to instil in them a love of learning. Our focus is on the individual child as we encourage the growth and development of our students to reach their fullest potential both academically and socially.

We strive to foster in our students, respect for self and others, thus preparing them to become responsible and respectful citizens of the local and the global community. Strong ties to the local community help to make our school unique. We believe that on-going and open communication between home and school is vital in the children's journey towards lifelong success.

### **Governing Board**

**Chair:** Martin Wickham

The Heroes' Memorial Governing Board consists of five parents, four teachers, one support staff member, one daycare representative, one community representative, and the principal.

### **About our School**

Heroes' Memorial is located in the heart of Cowansville and draws its student population from surrounding communities such as: Cowansville, Dunham, Frelighsburg, Brigham, East Farnham, Adamsville, and Bromont. The majority of our student body is of English mother tongue, however, approximately twenty percent of our population is French speaking. Our school takes pride in the fact that we have extremely strong ties with our community and we make every effort to support our community in whatever way we can.

#### **Facilities:**

- Two Kindergarten and ten regular classes, including secondary 1
- Library
- Large gymnasium which also serves as an auditorium
- Daycare service
- Resource rooms
- Cafeteria
- Large playground
- Large and small conference rooms
- Two open interior play areas
- Locker facilities
- Access for handicapped individuals

Student Enrolment: 204

### **School Community Information**

PRINCIPAL Blaine MacDonald – Terry Bell

STAFF ASSISTANT Louise Smith

SCHOOL SECRETARY Maryse Ménard

CARETAKERS Perry Mason  
Rodney Smith

DAYCARE Judy MacDonald

## Learning at our School

### Academic Program

#### Curriculum Program

- Bilingual Kindergarten Program
- Mathematics
- Science and Technology
- Language Arts
- Social Studies
- Music and Art
- Health and Physical Education
- Ethics, Religion, and Culture Program
- Second Steps Conflict Resolution Program
- Language Support Initiatives

#### French Second Language

- Vocabulary building
- Thematic approach
- Emphasis on oral skills
- Reading and writing skills developed
- Enriched work where necessary

#### Special Needs

We believe in the philosophy of inclusion and we make every effort to ensure that each child's needs are met. Individualized educational plans are developed for children with special needs. Individual and small group instruction is available for children where needed.

#### Other

Our school works hard to incorporate information technology into everyday learning.



### Co-Curricular Program

- Soccer
- Cross-Country Running
- Choir
- Band
- Volleyball
- Badminton
- Track and Field
- Ski Program
- Gymnastics
- Terry Fox Run
- Jump Rope for Heart
- Yearbook
- Annual School Drama Production
- Haiti Relief
- Homework Program



### School Events

Theatrical production: Wind in The Willows, The Grannie Awards, School Board Math Competitions, Remembrance Day Assembly, Christmas activities involving concerts by the Heroes' Band, and Choir, Christmas Basket Food Drive, Terry Fox Run, McHappy Day, Penny and Change Drive, Lion's Club Peace Poster Contest, Science Fair, Bazaar, Scholastic Book Fairs, Kindergarten Picnic, "I Love to Read" reading week and Assembly, Year-end General Awards Assembly, Academic Awards Assembly, Farewell Ceremony and Reception, Field Trips, Sports Day, Breakfast Program, Booster Camp, and Entrepreneurial Projects.

## PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

Heroes' Elementary believes strongly in ensuring that our children are provided with the proper tools and instruction needed to develop skills in reading and writing. We are currently implementing such programs as Soundprints and Later Literacy to complement our regular classroom Language Arts programs. The Early Intervention initiative continues to put a focus on early language development. We plan to continue to make literacy the focus of our success plan while paying careful attention to the development of other curriculum areas as well as to the development of social and conflict resolution skills. The "I Love to Read" reading week is a good example of our school's commitment to developing literacy skills. The week included spelling bees, a day to dress up as your favorite book character, reading circle, Literacy Trivia Quiz, certificates and prizes. Our school uses a variety of materials and techniques in the teaching of mathematics and our students have developed a strong appreciation for this subject. "Jump Math" continues to show promising results. The teaching of French as a second language is an important priority at our school and we are working hard to implement programs that will foster bilingualism in our children. Success both academically and socially is at the forefront of our teaching philosophy and our aim is to continue on with these important programs in the future.

## COMMUNITY RELATIONS

Heroes' Memorial has a strong commitment to our surrounding community. We appreciate the tremendous support that we receive for various activities that take place throughout the school year including our breakfast program, the annual school drama production, our Remembrance Day Assembly, Christmas Food Drive and our Terry Fox Run to name a few. The following is a list of several local organizations that support our students: "Bucks for Kids Organization", Cowansville Lion's Club, Scouts Canada, The Retired Teacher's Association, Cowansville Optimist Club, Yamaska Literacy Council, Royal Canadian Legion Branch 99, The Robinson Residence, Dunham Women's Institute, Fordyce Women's Institute, The Sherbrooke Record, *Le Guide*, *Services de Loisirs Cowansville*, Loblaws, IGA, Super C, *Terrasse Sud Restaurant*, local churches and many other local organizations too numerous to mention. We are also receiving tremendous support from the Town of Cowansville, enriching our school program with special events (cooking program, Sidewalk Art), and outings (Olympic Day at the beach, swimming at the municipal pool).

The following groups and associations use our facilities: Missisquoi Community School, Jazzercise, Cowansville Community Pre-school, The Brome Squares, Line Dancing and the Canadian Legion Branch 99.

## MORE ABOUT OUR STUDENT/SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENT

Our school website has been up and running for several years, and we encourage parents to visit it regularly.

We are very proud of our school library that is operated by devoted parent volunteers.

Our children are rewarded regularly for good behaviour, effort, and improvement in all academic areas.

