

Mission: Pope Memorial offers a well-rounded education that encourages the academic, physical, social, emotional and moral development of every child.

Pope Memorial Elementary School
523 Stokes
Bury, QC JOB 1J0
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2009-2010
Grades K-6
Multi-Age Kindergarten
Hours of instruction: 8:20 a.m. – 2:40 p.m.



About Our School

Pope Memorial Elementary School is located at the far eastern end of ETSB and draws its students from Bury, Island Brook, Scotstown, Bishopton, Weedon and other surrounding areas. The majority of our students are English mother tongue. Our school population has declined slightly in the past year.

Facilities:

Situated on land donated by the Pope family, Pope Memorial is bordered on the east by Pope Pond and on the west by Pen-Y-Bryn Golf Course. The one story school has eight classrooms, a library, resource room, meeting room, kitchen and a gym that doubles as a cafeteria. Our school is wheel chair accessible. Two large landmark pine trees on either side of the bridge had to be cut down as a safety precaution.

There is a playground at the back and side of the school complete with a soccer field and a variety of regular playground apparatuses for the children.

Student Enrolment: 63 including 4 year olds

Number of Staff: 15 (4 full-time, 11 part-time)

POPE MEMORIAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

School Community Information

<u>PRINCIPAL</u>	Luc Rodrigue/ Claire Beaubien
<u>HEAD TEACHER</u>	Jocelyn Bennett
<u>SECRETARY</u>	Rosemary Lowe
<u>COMMISSIONER</u>	Duncan Eastman
<u>OFFICE HOURS</u>	7:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.



Governing Board

The Pope Memorial Governing Board consists of four parents, three teachers, one support staff, two community representatives and the principal. The governing board met five times throughout the year. The meetings are open to the public.

Pope Memorial has a Parent Support Group, which meets monthly. The PSG is our prime fundraising group in the school and also acts as a sounding board for our governing board.

Learning at our School

Academic Program

Curriculum Program

- Bilingual multi-age kindergarten
- Language arts
- Mathematics
- Science and technology
- Social studies
- Art/music
- Physical education
- Moral and religious instruction
- Second Step

French Second Language

During 2009-2010 all students in cycle 1 to cycle 3 received 450 minutes of instruction in French per week. This included the regular program along with physical education and one other subject in French. This is part of the ETSB Language Initiative.

Special Needs

All special needs students with active IEP's are integrated into regular classes. Our resource teachers and psycho educator provide support to help students develop toward meeting their full potential.

Book Bag Initiative

An at home program to encourage child/parent interaction using these topic bags with books, games and videos.



Co-Curricular Program

- Homework program
- Soccer
- Beach volleyball
- Basketball
- Badminton
- Track and field
- Cross country
- Swimming program
- Theatre
- Music
- Fundraising
- Christmas dinner
- Spring Circus



School Events

Pope Memorial is proud of the many activities and events organized to compliment the academic program. We begin each year with a welcome back barbeque and then continue throughout the year with a variety of seasonal events including: Walk-A-Thon and Welcome Back B-B-Q, Halloween, craft sale, Remembrance Day ceremony, Spring Circus show, sports events, theatre groups, Naturalist - Kate Usher, Breakfast Program, artists and writers in the school, public speaking, annual Compton County track and field meet, entrepreneurship and graduation ceremonies and class trips. Cycle 3 participated in 2 green apple projects, resulting in less idling (CO2) in the community as well as a battery collection for proper disposal.

STRIVING FOR SUCCESS

Pope Memorial Elementary, like other ETSB schools, is implementing the new Quebec Education Program throughout all cycles. All elementary students receive 450 minutes of instruction in French as part of the ETSB Language Initiative. During 2009-2010 we continued with the implementation of the Dennis McCullough Initiative - Enhanced Learning Strategy. Through the use of laptops and up-to-date technology, it is our objective to improve student achievement. Our Homework program provided additional support to students in small groups. Over the coming year we will review and update our educational project and success plan and align both with the ETSB's three-year strategic plan. By continuing to support our teachers in the many new practices of the Reform through professional development, we expect to stay on the cutting edge of education in Quebec and continue to ensure educational success for our community.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS

Pope Memorial is the hub of the English community in our area of the Townships. We make every effort to involve our entire community in all school events and to provide information to parents about services and activities involving the larger community. May 2007 was the official launch of the Eaton Valley Community Learning Centre (EVCLC). A community learning centre is a way of responding to community needs by working in partnerships to benefit students, families and the community at large. Efforts may include educational programs and services, health and social services, family support services and community economic and social development. During the 2009-2010, the EVCLC offered a weekly Internet café/evening, painting, aerobics, line dancing, badminton, scrap booking and monthly Tele-Health sessions through our video conferencing system.

Our CLC is located in the school and is a collaboration of Pope Memorial Elementary School and New-Horizons Adult Education Centre of the Eastern Townships School Board. It is currently overseen by a dedicated steering committee including community members, teachers, community partner organizations, principals and coordinators.

The library is run by a group of volunteers and their many hours of dedicated service is much appreciated. A liaison with "Literacy in Action" provides our students with additional literary opportunities. Community members are very generous in their support of our school and student activities. Our school is open to school or municipal groups for a variety of after school or evening activities. Our children are proud to say they are from Pope Memorial and this shows in all they do.

Our school was very fortunate to have received a government grant for renovations to our school. A new roof was installed and the building received a cosmetic face-lift. Three sets of doors will also be replaced.

More About Our Student/School Achievement

We are proud of the academic and athletic prowess of our students who are motivated and encouraged to give their best effort in all they do.

At year's end we recognize our top students with certificates, special prizes and trophies in front of their peers at graduation ceremonies. Our students who move on to Alexander Galt are well prepared and represent our school well.