

SES October 2011 News...



Office Closed October 28, 2011: Please be advised that due to renovations commencing on the 1st floor, the **office will be closed** on Friday, October 28, 2011. The **Daycare will continue to remain open** for those who have pre-registered. The school is otherwise closed for all other purposes.

Daycare Returns to Regular Daycare Rooms in Basement: We are happy to advise that effective Friday, October 28, 2011, daycare services will be delivered from their regular Daycare rooms in the basement. **As of Friday, October 28th, please use the Daycare Entrance, Door #5**, at the North Entrance to access Daycare. We wish to extend deep appreciation to you for your patience during this period of renovations.

Cycle 3 Laptops: All Cycle 3 students have been assigned a laptop on a 1:1 basis to support learning again this year. As you may have experienced, there have been some issues with internet connectivity and printing from home. Our IT department is currently working to resolve this glitch and we expect all to be resolved over the next couple of weeks. We regret any inconvenience this may present.

Please be advised that in the interest of the best performance and service/repair of our laptops, students **are not permitted to change the background of their desktop** (ie. to personalize with a photo) or **to move/hide their dock**.

Further, students **are not permitted to delete their internet history**. Please be advised that an empty history will be considered as admission of guilt and consequences will be applied.

The best internet safety mechanism is the supervision and monitoring by adults. We will continue to do spot checks at school and we highly recommend your assistance in monitoring appropriate internet use at home as well. A good rule of thumb is to keep computer use in a visible area of your home where it is easier to keep an eye. Communicate regularly with your child, permitting him/her to show and to explain to you how he/she is using his/her computer – the students will teach us a great deal, and we can be more aware of how they are using the technology.

Please be reminded that Facebook is prohibited for children **under the age of 13**. As indicated last year, use of Facebook by students is prohibited at SES. Further, as it is against Facebook policy for our students to use Facebook, any conflicts arising as a result of Facebook will be referred to the authorities and will not be considered a school issue.

iPads, Netbooks, Mobile Labs & Digital Cameras: Through both SES and the ETSB, our students across all levels also have access, at the teacher's discretion, to the use of mobile laptop labs, iPads, Netbooks (8 units only currently on trial), and digital cameras. These tools may be sent home with certain students as they are involved in specific projects. Please note that before a student may take one of these tools home, the parent will be required to sign a user agreement (similar to the laptop user agreement) for this tool. Students wishing to use their personal digital cameras at school will be asked to provide written permission signed by their parents and the school will not be able to assume responsibility for these.

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Loss, Damage, Theft Deductibles: Unless advised otherwise, the deductibles remain the same as last year, and will be applied to all tools falling under the “ELS” (laptops, netbooks, iPads, digital cameras...). The deductible is \$150 (\$100 for Damage) for the first instance, \$300 for the second and \$500 for the third instance. Please remind your child to take proper care of the laptop and all parts (these should be kept in the case at all times when not in use to prevent loss). Also, over the years there have been several instances of theft. Please be reminded to never leave the laptop visible in your vehicle when unattended.

Halloween Parade: Parents are invited to join us for the annual Halloween Parade on Monday, October 31st at 1:15. Please sit in the balcony, accessible from the centre stairwell on the 2nd floor.

Lamontagne Cheese: Please be reminded to pick up your Lamontagne Cheese orders. These will be available on October 31st from 2:30 – 5 p.m. and again on Tuesday, November 1st from 8:30 a.m. – 4 p.m. You may report directly to the computer lab on the 1st floor during these times. Thank you very much for your encouragement of this fundraiser. Through your support the school has earned approximately \$6000 that will be put toward playground enhancements.

Dressing for the Weather: With the temperatures dropping this week, please remember to make sure your child is well dressed for the weather, keeping in mind that they are outside for extended periods of time. Also, please make sure your child’s clothing is clearly identified with his/her name. Our Lost and Found frequently overflows, often with unidentified and unclaimed clothing that cannot be returned to its owner.

Supervision Fees: Please be advised that the supervision fees are now past due. If you have not paid them, please do so immediately.

Consumable Fees: The bill for consumable fees will be issued shortly (all workbooks, photocopied material, and other materials ‘consumed’ (written, cut, coloured...) by your child). We will again offer a payment plan option in order to ease this possible burden on families. Please note the payment deadlines as we must send all unpaid bills to collection after the dates shown.

Student Absences & Transportation: Thank you for your ongoing cooperation in sending advance written requests for any changes to your child’s transportation routine. In addition, thank you as well for advising us when your child will be absent from school. If you are not yet doing this, please remember the rules regarding changes in daycare, transportation (including pick up), as well as the rules regarding leaving a phone message to explain your child’s absence from school. All of these rules are for the safety of our students.9

