



COMMISSION SCOLAIRE  
**Eastern Townships**  
SCHOOL BOARD

# ETSB Connections Newsletter



*November 20<sup>th</sup> is a  
Pedagogical day!*

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sur notre site web prochainement*

## The Tillotson Coaticook Region Fund Supports ETSB Schools & Centres

The Tillotson Foundation was created when Mr. Neil Tillotson, who was a resident of New Hampshire but was born in Hereford Hill Quebec, passed away at the age of 102.

Upon his death, the bulk of his wealth was donated to the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation. In 2012, the Tillotson Coaticook Regional Fund was awarded \$3,000,000 US and has been donating the interest from the fund back to the community ever since.

This year, the Tillotson Coaticook Regional Fund gave back \$124,600 to local organizations and schools in need.

On behalf of the Eastern Townships School Board for all the worthwhile projects that have been graciously supported by the Tillotson Coaticook Regional Fund over the years, we say thank you.

Find out more about this year's recipients on page 3.

## *COVID-19 - Staying vigilant is paying off in Estrie*

All schools and centres of the Eastern Townships School Board, with the exception of Drummondville Elementary, are under the territory of the *Centre intégré universitaire de santé et de services sociaux de l'Estrie* (CIUSSSE), which is referred to as the Estrie Region.

Currently the Estrie region is still classified as an orange zone. Although the recent statistics for our region are encouraging we want to take this opportunity to remind everyone to be vigilant and continue to follow the directives from the government so that together we can break the COVID wave.

In recent days, we have seen some cases across the Eastern Townships School Board's network. With the collaboration of the *Direction de la Santé Publique* (DSPu), these cases have been dealt with in a timely manner to ensure the safety and well being of our students and staff. To help us with this process, it is important that the school be made aware as soon as possible of any student who receives a positive result. By doing so, the investigation can begin sooner to ensure that those individuals at risk are identified and informed promptly.

### Reminders

- If your child has symptoms related to COVID-19 or lives with a family member who has tested positive, you must keep them at home. We invite you to call 1-877-644-4545 for instructions and recommendations, and you can also use the COVID-19 self-assessment tool at: <https://covid19.quebec.ca/surveys/cdd2/introduction>
- If you have any questions regarding COVID-19, please visit this website: <https://www.quebec.ca/en/health/h/health-%20issues/a-z/2019-coronavirus/>
- If your child receives a positive COVID-19 result, kindly inform your child's school.
- **If your child receives a positive test result on a weekend, please contact the school board directly at 1-833-381-1196.**

Once again, we want to thank you for your continued support and collaboration. Together, we will break the COVID wave.

## **Important Reminder for Secondary Students**

The Direction de la Santé Publique de L'Estrie (DSPu) is reminding parents of secondary students of the importance of following the sanitary and social distancing measures. The DSPu has learned that students are gathering off school grounds in groups during break and lunch times. These gatherings do not respect the measures in place and can help spread the virus. The DSPu is asking parents to talk with their teen and remind them of the importance of social distancing, mask wearing, hand washing and all the measures in place. [For more information, click here.](#)

## The Tillotson Fund continued...

### *Alexander Galt Regional High School*

AGRHS received \$5000.00 towards the purchase of new soccer uniforms. Proceeds from the Annual Piper Classic Golf Tournament will also be used for the balance of the purchase.

*New Soccer uniforms*



### *Ayer's Cliff Elementary School*

ACES received two grants; one in the amount of \$5000.00 for its breakfast program and another in the amount of \$3500.00 for the purchase of instructional materials for students with special needs. Some of the materials that will be purchased are: noise cancelling headphones, weighted lizards and snakes, speech and language therapy games and books, kinaesthetic sand, wiggle seats, timers, sensory games and emotion charts.

### *North Hatley Elementary School*

NHES also received \$4000.00 for the purchase of instructional material and equipment for special needs students, which will be similar to those at ACES.



*Tracey Harding, Principal of Ayer's Cliff & North Hatley Elementary Schools*



### *Lennoxville Vocational Training Centre*

LVTC received \$3000.00 for its Student Help Fund, which offers support to students in need so that they can continue their studies.

### *Sunnyside Elementary School*

Sunnyside received \$1500.00 for their visual arts program. Sunnyside teacher Tammy Mosher describes the project:

*"The purpose of the grant application is to provide all the students at Sunnyside the opportunity to learn various art techniques and produce projects. The funds will be used to purchase the art materials needed for the Visual Arts class. Projects will include the use of various mediums such as watercolour paints, gouache, charcoal, oil pastels, chalk pastels, modge podge, canvases, clay, construction paper, watercolour paper, hot glue sticks, popsicle sticks, etc. Visual arts are extremely important at Sunnyside and it provides the students with a different media to express themselves. Included in the grant application is a request to have money for a local artist to come into the class in grade 5-6 in December to walk them through a step-by-step painting that the students can then give as a present. At the end of the school year, I am in hopes to plan an art exhibit at Sunnyside to showcase the students' pieces of art so the community can see their many talents."*



*Sunnyside Principal, Jim Lemaitre*

## Report Cards and Term Dates

This year the reporting schedule for student progress has been revised to include only two rather than three terms. Therefore, the first term will now end on December 22<sup>nd</sup>, with the first report card being available on the [MOZAïK Portal](#) on January 22, 2021.

In the interim, the first communication concerning how students at school are progressing is already or will soon be available on the [MOZAïK Portal](#). Information concerning November parent teacher interviews will be sent to parents directly by their child's school.

The second term will now end on June 23, 2021 with the final report card being made available before July 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

In alignment with the new reporting schedule, parents will receive new Standards and Procedures for the evaluation of learning from their child's school.

## Accident Insurance

The school board holds liability insurance covering its actions and those of its employees. However, the ETSB does not hold accident insurance for students.

In order to cover any injury or material loss suffered at the school during an outing or activity, the school board strongly recommends that parents have insurance coverage.

Broken glasses, teeth, a damaged school bag or clothing that is torn at the entrance or outside of classes, bus stop (drop-off zone) or at school during recreational or sports activities or during recess or school trips are not covered by the ETSB insurance. The ETSB does not hold accident insurance for students.

In this regard, parents and adult students are encouraged to check with their insurer about their coverage in the event of damage resulting from accidents for which the ETSB is not responsible.

In certain situations, that may be considered more at risk, the use of supplementary insurance in regards to an accident insurance may be relevant. For more information, you may communicate with Éric Campbell, Secretary General: [campbelle@etsb.qc.ca](mailto:campbelle@etsb.qc.ca)

