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A few words from our Director General ...

DEAR ETSB PARENTS & GUARDIANS,

It brings me great pleasure to reach out to you for the first time through our internal parent communication, Connections, and I hope this message finds you well, filled with resilience and positivity. As we navigate the last days of February, I can't help but think that this is the month between winter and spring that invites us to reflect on the shared journey we are all part of. These are the days that bring a yearning for sunshine, a time when both students and families feel the pressures of the approaching end of term, yet look forward to the new opportunities coming with the longer days, change of time and March break.

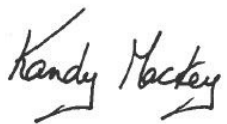
February was the month we collectively celebrated academic and school perseverance during Hooked on School Days. Additionally, we highlighted the importance of bus safety through the "Did You See Me?" Weeks. Our schools and centres were vibrant with local festivities such as winter ski programs, carnivals, sports tournaments, career fairs and thoughtful Valentine's Day gestures, contributing to the richness of our learning communities.

It was also the time to offer services to our students who needed additional support after the unique fall we lived, and I wish to express my appreciation for your unwavering support and dedication to your children. Our teachers and staff quickly set the Ministry's *Plan de rattrapage* in motion – an impressive feat and a clear demonstration of commitment shown by our students and staff.

The impact of a child's education is immeasurable, influencing their lives and society at large. Our goal is to provide a rich and meaningful experience in preparation for life as conscientious and contributing citizens. Kindness is a powerful force, and if you have been in our schools lately, you may have noticed our newly created posters on Civility and Respect. Let's continue to treat one another with kindness in every encounter – student kindness, staff kindness, parent kindness and community kindness. It all starts with one act of kindness, and children learn from what they see and experience. Thank you for embracing and supporting this important message.

As March approaches, I would like to close by extending my warmest wishes to you for an amazing March break. Looking ahead to the final stretch of the school year, I am confident that, together, we will achieve great things.

Sincerely,



Kandy Mackey
Your Director General



Pedagogical Educational Services

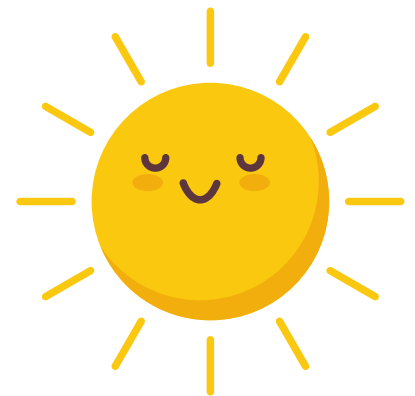
Report Cards and March Break!

Please note that due to the recent teacher strikes, we have extended term 2, to allow for more time for students to access learning. As a result, you will be able to access your child's second report card on the portal as of March 13, 2024 (March 20, 2024 for Massey-Vanier and Sutton Schools).

As we approach the March break, we want to extend our deepest gratitude to you, the parents of our students, for your unwavering support and dedication to your children's education. May this upcoming March break be a time for you and your family to unwind, recharge and create cherished memories together. Thank you for your continued commitment to ensuring the success and well-being of your children.



Solar Eclipse 2024



For the first time in decades, Eastern and Atlantic Canada will find themselves cast beneath the shadow of the Moon on April 8, 2024. As the Moon passes directly between the Earth and the Sun, it will create a total solar eclipse, completely blocking the Sun from view for a few spectacular minutes. This is truly a once-in-a-lifetime event for Ontario, Quebec and the Atlantic provinces, as the next total solar eclipse over eastern Canada will be in 2079, and in 2106 after that!

We invite you to discover valuable information about the upcoming eclipse, including what to expect and safety guidelines, by visiting the provided [weblink](#). The ETSB enthusiastically supports this event and has procured Eclipse Viewing Glasses for all students and staff members. Furthermore, we have partnered with [Eclipse Estrie](#) to offer educational opportunities across all our schools about this remarkable phenomenon. Stay tuned for more details on this extraordinary event in the upcoming weeks.

ADULT EDUCATION

New Plumbing and Heating training offered at LVTC

Registration is now open

Training begins in March 2024
Register now at www.admissionfp.com

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- Great field for aspiring entrepreneurs

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BECOME A SCHOOL DAYCARE EDUCATOR

Training begins on **March 18, 2023**



Please complete
your registration
here:

SAE Estrie -
Lennoxville Sector

SAE Estrie -
Cowansville Sector

The Scoop!

Earn a Skills Training Certificate from March 18 - November 1, 2024.

- From Monday to Friday: 8:30am-11:30am.
- Participants will be responsible for the cost of materials or books.
- Prerequisite: Secondary School Diploma (SSD) or its equivalent.
- This program is a joint collaboration between 8 English School Boards of Quebec.

Ever dreamed of becoming a school daycare educator?

In collaboration with 8 English School Boards across Quebec, the ETSB is proud to offer you an exciting course to become a SCHOOL DAYCARE EDUCATOR!

Training begins on March 18th, why not register TODAY!

For more information and to register, check out the links below:

Services aux entreprises (SAE)

Estrie – Cowansville Sector:
REGISTER HERE!

Estrie – Lennoxville Sector:
REGISTER HERE!

Click to enlarge



Train to become a CARE GIVER!



ETSB is offering a brand NEW and exciting program in the HEALTH sector!

Could you be interested in taking a Short-term training program to become a care giver? Ever consider learning a new trade while getting PAID to do it!

Registration is now open for the CARE GIVER program offered at two locations ...

Lennoxville (*EST*) sector: REGISTER HERE!

Cowansville (*OUEST*) sector: REGISTER HERE!

Please reach out to Jasmine Rousseau if you need more information.

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It's Hammer Time for Carpentry Students!



The new Carpentry program is off to a smashing start with groups running out of Cowansville and Lennoxville. Students are enjoying the hands on learning experience with two enthusiastic teachers leading the way along with a project coordinator keeping everything on track. Congratulations!



Complementary Educational Services

Information Sessions for Parents

- **IEPs (Individual Education Plans)**

We were very fortunate to have Kymberley Morin, teaching principal at Mansonville Elementary School and former Special Education Pedagogical Consultant, offer an information session to parents on IEPs. It was well attended, and the feedback was extremely positive. Fortunately, it was recorded and you can access the recording as well as the handouts [here](#).

- **Educational Pathways**

On February 21st, we had the privilege of having our guidance counsellors give a joint presentation on the Educational Pathways offered in our ETSB secondary schools and in our adult sector. Again, this session was recorded and it available on our [website](#).

- **Adaptations and Modifications**

SAVE THE DATE! On April 21st, Kymberley Morin and Eleanor O'Neill will be giving a presentation on adaptations and modifications. Some students who have IEPs are entitled to adaptations as part of their IEP while others follow modified QEP (Quebec Education Program) outcomes. Our presenters will clarify the difference between these two types of measures through concrete examples and will explain the impacts they have on the pathways available to students once they reach secondary school. An invitation will be sent to all ETSB parents through email later this Spring.



ETSB Special Education Website

Please visit our [Special Education Website](#) for information on IEPs and other topics related to special education. This website was designed with the valuable input of the members of the ETSB Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC). We will be adding content to it in the near future to enhance your experience. We invite you to bookmark this site for quick reference and future access.



Support from the Health Care System



Please consult this [flyer](#) (in French only) to learn about different resources that are offered throughout the health care system to help families and their young ones (children and teenagers).



Transition to High School

This virtual workshop on April 30th at 7 p.m. is intended for parents AND children to take part together! This parent and child workshop will help families prepare for the exciting new chapter of high school. Skills, resources and strategies will be provided to help students confidently face new challenges, and support their academic & personal success. For more information and to REGISTER head [HERE](#)!



Transitioning to CEGEP?

We are pleased to share some of the resources available to young adults transitioning from High School to Post Secondary studies:

LEARN's latest PD session on [*Welcome to CEGEP*](#) is now available for viewing!

The following is a [link](#) to free Health and Mental Health services.

Associations coopératives d'économie familiale (ACEF) help with budgeting, debt management and other financial literacy workshops and services. There are many ACEFs all over Quebec: [Head HERE](#)!

Le Comité Logement (Housing committee) provides information about housing and tenants' rights, as well as advocacy on behalf of tenants. Possible issues you could consult them about: signing a lease, lease termination, official letter templates, living conditions, rent increases, preparing for a *Tribunal administratif du logement (TAL)* hearing, repossession and eviction, and anything else related to your lease. There are many housing committees all over Quebec: Check out the website [HERE](#)!



Horatio Alger Association Scholarships



Over 150 scholarships of \$10,000 are available to Grade 11 students that display integrity and perseverance in overcoming adversity, and wanting to pursue higher education. For more information on these scholarships, click [here](#). Registration deadline is March 15th 2024.

LVTC OPEN HOUSE!

The Lennoxville Vocational Training Centre (LVTC) will be hosting an Open House / 24U information session on **March 20, 2024 from 5-8 p.m.**

LVTC invites everyone in the ETSB community who are thinking about their next steps, whether it be for the continuation of their secondary 4 & 5 studies in the concomitance program, or their post secondary school studies. Drop by for a visit and see what the centre has to offer YOU!



Curious about our 24U program (concomitance)?

This academic path allows you to complete your high school and learn a trade at the same time.

Discover how this program can accelerate your career on March 20th during our Open House event.

Doors open to all from 5-8 p.m.
24U info session at 6 p.m.

Snacks provided, all are welcome!

819-563-5627

www.LVTC.ca

<https://www.effetfp.ca/services/concomitance>

OPEN HOUSE

Location:
1700 College, Sherbrooke

Date:
March 20th, 2024

Time:
5:00 pm - 8:00 pm



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