

Home Express

Honoré-Mercier Home & School Newsletter



A word from the Editors...

In her closing remarks, Oprah said, "Let your life speak for you". These words couldn't be more appropriate for our students. To inspire a child is to truly allow them to stay curious and find reasons to love and learn. Honoré Mercier is blessed with this ability to empower our children with the constant need to keep learning. We have a community of parents, a supportive principal and vice-principal, patient staff and talented teachers, who deserve the greatest of thanks. It is with these key ingredients, that the school logo declares proudly - "Together we can succeed". To each student - congratulate yourself on a job well done this year! To all our graduates - be true to your individuality - become who you were destined to be! It is with this 25th newsletter as co-editor, that I put down my pen. It was an absolute pleasure to write our editorials and I wish Maria Palamara and Stephania Vitetta great success in the future editions. Maria and Stephania

Honoré Mercier Home & School Executives

We are pleased to introduce the members of the 2011-2012

Honoré Mercier Home & School Executive Committee:

* Co-presidents: Maria Palamara and Pina Buono

* Secretary: Rita Censi

* Treasurer: Stephania Mambro

Goodbye ...

Thank you to all our graduating members and thank you for being part of our great team! We wish you well!

To Mme Thérèse who will be retiring from Honoré Mercier School, you have been an inspiration to so many of our children and leave quite a role to fill. Cheers to YOU for your many years of enriching our children's lives! We will miss you!

And finally, we would like to wish Mrs. Sammarco all the best with the upcoming birth of her new baby!

Congratulations ...

To Sandro Mulé for being the lucky winner. Sandro has won a personalized notepad for sending in his graduation wishes.

End Of Year Dinner ...

This year's Home and School end of year dinner was held on June 6th at Restaurant Ottavio. Thanks to all those that attended!



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Thank you for the printing of the graduation ceremony programmes.

Last Words

We hope you enjoyed this edition of Home Express. Feel free to send us your comments or suggestions at Home-Express@hotmail.com. Have your child send us a joke, story, thought ... and we will try to include it in a future edition of Home Express. Looking forward to hearing from you. Wishing you all a great summer!

Maria Palamara & Stephania Mambro

Thanks !

Our Home & School events are not possible without the MANY dedicated volunteers - so, a BIG thank you to the moms and dads who devote their time to ensuring that the smallest and the largest details are taken care of in order to keep all of our children enjoying the "home" side of school!

Throughout the 2010-2011 school year, the Honoré Mercier Home & School Association contributed to the following activities:

Membership: Organized recruitment activities at Open House and Parents' Night to recruit a total of 69 members. Our 2011-12 spring membership drive has recruited 61 members so far, but it's not too late - we'll be on the lookout for additional members in September! Congratulations to our 2011-2012 spring membership drive winner, Patty Vlahakis. Our lucky winner has won gift certificates to the movies! We also recruited a few more new parents during this year's Kindergarten orientation. Congratulations to our new members Antonietta Ciutillo and Isabelle Fortin. These ladies each won a book for their child and H&S cookbook.

Ice Cream - The children were welcomed back to school in September with a visit from the ice cream truck!

Halloween: Organized themed activities for all students. Collection boxes for the Montréal Children's Hospital Foundation were distributed to all the students to collect money during their trick-or-treating and the boxes were then remitted to the foundation. We received recognition for collecting \$1,939.

Remembrance Day: We made a donation to the Royal Canadian Poppy Fund and the students were each given a poppy to wear on November 11th.

Cookbook Sale: Sold additional cookbooks from our 2009-2010 fundraiser and raised \$291.

Tip Your Hat: Organized a fundraiser allowing children to wear their favourite (or creative and outrageous) cap or hat to school and raised \$4,226.66.

Book Fair: We organized a successful English & French book fair. The profit was used to purchase new desks for an entire classroom.

Teacher Appreciation: Organized a week of various activities for all the teachers.

Family Dinner: We organized another successful annual family dinner event. A record total of 325 guests attended and \$1,627.37 was raised.

Swarovski Bracelet Sale: Sold Swarovski bracelets during a Mother's Day fundraiser and raised \$746.

Magazine Subscriptions: Set up an online magazine subscription fundraiser and raised \$99.95.

Newsletters: Published four Home Express newsletters throughout the school year.

Fun in the Sun: Our final event of the year is to congratulate all the students for another great year!

Volunteers... pat yourselves on the back! Thank you also to the volunteers who helped out with this year's Kinderfest and Fun in the Sun events.

To all my friends, I thank you for the great times we had at HM. I wish you all the best! Your friend, Angelica Mulé

To all my friends, I wish you all the best. Hope you all enjoy high school and that you will always follow your dreams. Amanda Cicero

I had a blast at Honoré Mercier School. I hope that some day we will all meet again! To all of my best friends (if we are going our separate ways) have the best time of your lives in high school and never forget me:) Alexandra Agozzino - Group 321

Fellow graduates and teachers, I would like to congratulate you all for a terrific year! Your hard work and effort has come to an end at Honoré Mercier School. You will always be remembered and never forgotten. Best of luck in the coming years! Keep up the good work. Sincerely, Rosemary Riccardi Frattasio

Congratulations to the graduating class of 2011!

We hope that you will cherish in your hearts all of the many memories from your years here, and know that this school will always be your home! Over the years, we have watched you grow and mature into the incredible individuals you are today. We are so proud of all that you have accomplished over the years here at Honoré Mercier School! Hold your heads up high because you have now become an honourable Honoré Mercier alumni! Congrats and enjoy this very special moment! Mrs. Manos and Mrs. Sammarco

It has been great being at this school since kindergarten. I have many memorable memories of my time here that I will never forget. Thank you to all my teachers for teaching me everything I know today. To all my friends, thank you for making my elementary school years a blast. I will always remember all the laughs we've had. Good luck to everyone. Sandro Mulé - Group 322

Thanks to all my teachers for giving me a good education and getting me ready for high school. The last year has been the best year I have ever had, and thanks to all my friends for making this year the best year ever and making me love school even more. Also to the friends that I won't see next year, Good Luck In High School! Renata Chikhani - Group 321

I'll miss all of my friends that are not going to VMC. :(luv ya Selina Gonçalves - Group 322

The past seven years have been a blast! I'll miss you all next year! Katrina De Francesch - Group 322

Congratulations to all Grade 6 graduates!!! May angels always guide you. Elisa, to a job well done, we are very proud of you. We love you very much. Congrats!!! Mom & Dad, Julia & David xoxo (The Saracino's)

To all Grade 6 grads - You've succeeded in your first milestone - never let anyone let you feel that you are less than perfect! To our sweet Amanda - May you never lose your sense of wonder...and when you get the choice, may you always dance! We are so proud of you and the incredible person you have become. Good luck Villa girl! Mom, Dad & Matthew xxx (The Cicero's)

Hi everyone, I just wanted to thank all of you for making my elementary school years fun and memorable. That was the only reason every morning I had the urge to get out of bed and come to school. I am so happy to have had the chance to be a student at Honoré Mercier. This is truly a wonderful school and you guys are a great bunch to have spent the years with. I will be missing you all when we leave this year and go our separate ways. I hope we can still keep in touch and hoping to see some of you next year. Good luck in high school. Alessia Sebastiani

To our daughter Claudia Deyirmendjian:
Claudia, we are so proud of you. Always reach for the stars no matter how hard it seems. We know you can change this world.
Love: Mom, Dad and Aram

I would like to wish all fellow graduates an exciting and unforgettable graduation. I hope you achieve great success and have the brightest future possible: you deserve it! Best wishes, Claudia Deyirmendjian

Je suis très fier d'avoir eu la chance de travailler avec vous cette année. Vous êtes un groupe rempli de dynamisme, d'énergie et de motivation. Je me suis beaucoup amusé avec vous à la semaine de ski, le voyage à Québec et toutes les autres activités pendant l'année. Je vous souhaite un avenir rempli de joie et de succès. N'hésitez pas de revenir nous visiter...surtout quand vous serez millionnaires :) M. Heppelle



For my last year at Honoré Mercier, I would like to thank all my teachers from kindergarten to Grade 6. I also want to wish my friends good luck next year. Our paths will be separated. If I had to do something I would make secondary 1-5 be at Honoré Mercier School which I call home. Alexander Rosauri

Finally I say farewell to my fellow classmates. It's been a blast, soon we will meet in our high school class. "If you can imagine it, you can achieve it, if you can dream it, you can become it." - William Arthur Ward. Christina Marie Caimano - Group 322

To all Graduates, We met you at kindergarten orientation, and here you are now graduating from grade six. The years have gone by, friendships have been made and many happy memories you will be bringing with you. We wish you all the best as you begin your new journey in high school. Marianne & Paolo Gallo

Fellow Classmates,
The past seven years have been great. Even though we are going our separate ways, we shared many good times together and we will always remember the friends we made. I know we will cross paths again one day. Congratulations to all the Grade six. Your friend, Mario Gallo - Group 323

To: Ms. Dina: u are the best! To: M. Heppelle: u rock!

To all my friends in the graduating class of 2011:
Congratulations, Good Luck & Have fun in High School!

To my best friends Alexia, Veronica, Angelica:
It has been so much fun being with you and I know that there will be many more fun times in the future.

To my bestest friend ever:
Elisa, even though we will be going to different schools, we will still be together, because we are not only friends... we are sisters to each other! Celia Esposito

To Elisa Saracino, Congratulations for your GRADUATION.
We are very proud of you. We love you. Nonna Mickey and Nonno Frank.

Thank you Miss Dina & Mr. Heppelle and all my wonderful friends for making my Grade 6 year a very memorable one. I had a blast and wish you all the best. To my best friends, may we always stick together and enjoy our journey through high school! "CC" Myrtle here we come!!! Elisa Saracino - Group 321

To the graduating class of 2011 - Congratulations on attaining this momentous achievement. We hope you never stop questioning, learning, and advancing. Enjoy the journey as you explore your next adventures. To our son Alessandro, we are so proud of you!
Mom, Dad, and Anthony (The Arlia's).

I had a wonderful year, loved ski week and all the other outings. Gonna miss all my friends and Grade 6 teachers can't wait till high school!
Andrew Ciampelletti

Thank you to all the Grade 6 teachers, Mr. Heppelle and Miss Dina and all the teachers Andrew has had in the past and a special Thank You to Miss Anna and Miss Elisa ! I'll miss you all!
Have a wonderful summer. Sorry I have no more.
little ones to attend Honoré Mercier lol! Love, Debra Ciampelletti