



# News from the Nest

January 22-26, 2024 – Parents



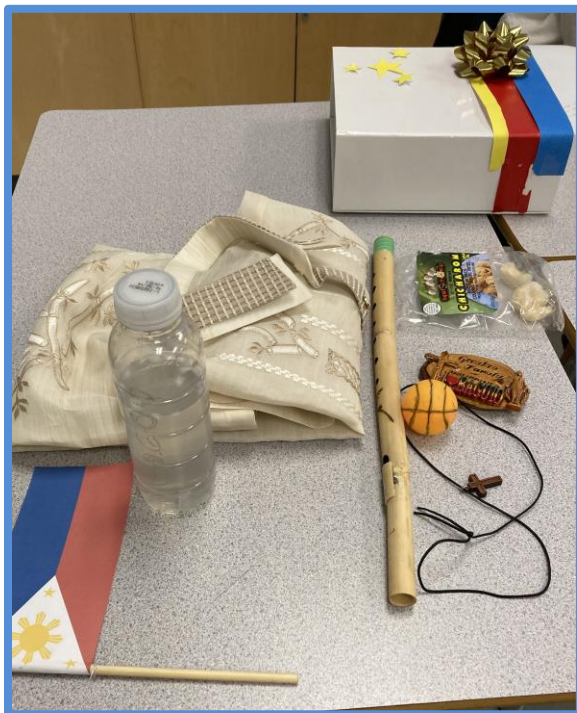
## Spotlight on Learning:

### UNBOX YOUR CULTURE

*Presented by: Charlene Storozuk*

*Course: French 9*

*How do your traditions and culture compare to those of a Francophone country?*



**TEACHER REFLECTION:** At this level, I chose to do a “Guided Inquiry” with my students. My students were asked to do an “unboxing” presentation. This is a popular TikTok video where people unbox a product and review it live in front of their subscribers. I had the students put cultural artifacts in a box and “unveil” them to their group. They discussed food, clothing, music, sports, holidays etc. using verbs and vocabulary learned in class. This project really gave me a chance to see which students were able to work independently and which students were still struggling with basic structures. I was excited to see students embrace their culture and share it with their classmates. It was interesting to see the different artifacts that students brought in to represent the information they were discussing in their presentation. Although a second language class doesn’t always have the vocabulary necessary to give a presentation as they would in their first language, it was great to see students pushing themselves to find a way to communicate their thoughts using the vocabulary and structures they had at their disposal. I was truly amazed at the students’ insight when comparing cultures, and that they concluded that our countries have more similarities than differences.

**STUDENT REFLECTION:** In this project full of cultures, something that stood out was how similar the countries were with one another. What I mean by this is that one country in North America could play the exact same thing as a country in South America. Another thing that was interesting was how the colors of the French speaking countries were green, yellow, and red a lot of the time. I challenged myself by breaking out of my comfort zone by not only bringing objects from my country but also presenting in a language (French) that I am not comfortable with. I learned many new things about unique countries. I learned that countries could be almost identical or opposites. It was very fun!

## Literacy and Numeracy Assessments Continued

ALL students MUST write the Numeracy 10, Literacy 10, and Literacy 12 assessments to complete graduation requirements. *The students who are currently in a Math 10, English 10 or English 12 would have written in November. Students who did not attend the sitting have another opportunity to make that up from January 15th – 23<sup>rd</sup>.*

**\*\*\*Assessments that were missed due to snow days, have been rescheduled for this coming week. Please see the table below for make-up dates and times.**

Do Your  
Best

**\*\*\* Semester 1 French Immersion students will be writing the French Immersion Oral Exam on Tuesday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> starting at 8:00 am.**

*Nancy Castonguay will inform her students of specifics.*

### Literacy and Numeracy Assessment Weeks

| Week One - January 15 to 19   |  |  |  |   |
|---|--|--|--|---|
| <b>Mon. Jan 15 (AM)</b><br>Block A<br>Block B   | <b>Tues. Jan 16 (AM)</b><br>Block C - <i>Castonguay</i><br>LTF12 Written<br>Block D LTF 12<br>Written Cont.  | <b>Wed. Jan 17 (AM)</b><br>Block B <b>**SNOW DAY</b><br>LTE12/NME10<br>Block A <b>**Moved to Monday, Jan. 22 - 8:00 AM</b> | <b>Thurs. Jan 18 (AM)</b><br>Block D – LTE10<br><b>*SNOW DAY</b><br>Block C <b>***Moved to Tuesday, Jan. 23 11:30 PM</b> | <b>SLO</b><br><b>Fri. Jan 19 (AM)</b><br>Block B<br>Block A<br><b>***SNOW DAY</b> |
| <b>Mon. Jan 15 (PM)</b><br>Block C<br>Block D   | <b>Tues. Jan 16 (PM)</b><br>Block B<br>Block A   | <b>Wed. Jan 17 (PM)</b><br>Block D – NME10<br>Block C <b>***Moved to Monday, Jan. 22 11:30</b>                             | <b>Thurs. Jan 18 (PM)</b><br>Block A – LTE10<br>Block B <b>**Moved to Tuesday 11:30 PM</b>                               | <b>Fri. Jan 19 (PM)</b><br>Block D<br>Block C <b>*SNOW DAY</b>                    |
| Week Two – January 22 to 26   |  |  |  |   |
| <b>Mon. Jan 22 (AM)</b><br>Block A LTE12/NME10<br>Block B <b>*Rescheduled from Jan.17</b> | <b>Tues. Jan 23 (AM)</b><br>Block C – <i>Castonguay</i><br>LTF12 Oral<br>Block D LTF Oral Cont.              | <b>Wed. Jan 24 (AM)</b><br>Double Block - B  | <b>Thurs. Jan 25 (AM)</b><br>Double Block - D  | <b>Fri. Jan 26 (AM)</b><br>Credit Recovery/<br>Semester Turn<br>Around            |
| <b>Mon. Jan 22 (PM)</b><br>Block C NME10<br>Block D <b>*Rescheduled from Jan. 17</b>      | <b>Tues. Jan 23 (PM)</b><br>Block B LTE10<br>Block A <b>*Rescheduled from Jan. 18 (AM &amp; PM sessions)</b> | <b>Wed. Jan 24 (PM)</b><br>Double Block - A  | <b>Thurs. Jan 25 (PM)</b><br>Double Block - C  | <b>Fri. Jan 26 (PM)</b><br><b>End of Semester 1</b>                               |

## Character Word of the Week

### **RESPONSIBILITY:**

Taking responsibility means being accountable for your actions, your words, and your obligations.

How it can look when put into action:

- Attending regularly and being on time.
- Admitting mistakes and making amends.
- Setting and pursuing goals; taking initiative for self-improvement
- Working diligently.
- Communicating clearly and honestly; listening carefully.
- Showing courage.
- Being persistent.
- Planning ahead and using time wisely.

**RESPONSIBILITY**  
starts with **ME**

## Self-Care Mondays

### **January 22nd:**

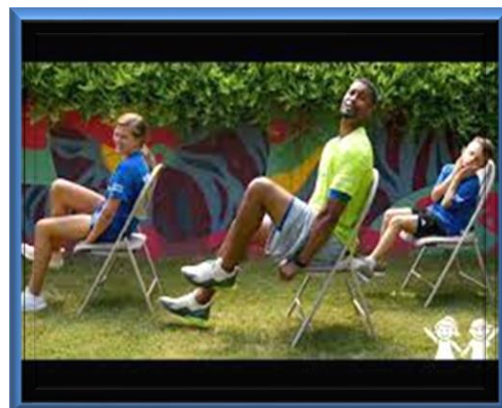
This week's self-care tip is about: **THE BENEFITS of AN EXERCISE BRAIN BREAK**

We already know that movement is a great way to relieve stress and improve our health both mentally and physically. You can get a little exercise anywhere, even when you're sitting in class getting ready to learn or to perform a task. Who says PE is the only class you can get your sweat on. Try a little chair triathlon today. Swim, bike and run, all the while keeping your butt on a seat. Don't knock it, til you've tried it!

Information:

[https://www.cdc.gov/healthyschools/physicalactivity/classroom-pa.htm#:~:text=Improving%20their%20concentration%20and%20ability,higher%20grades%20and%20test%20scores\).](https://www.cdc.gov/healthyschools/physicalactivity/classroom-pa.htm#:~:text=Improving%20their%20concentration%20and%20ability,higher%20grades%20and%20test%20scores).)

Activity: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2DN9nsgrQ9s>



## Coming Up Next Week January 22nd- January 26th

Monday, January 22nd

- ABCD
- LTE12 and NUM10 Assessments (Rescheduled)
- 9GBB host Dasmesh at 4:30
- SGBB host Sardis at 6:15
- SBBB host Walnut Grove at 8:00
- JBBB @ ACS at 6:15
- JGBB @ ACS at 7:30

Tuesday, January 23rd

- CDBA
- LTF12 Oral & LTE10 Assessments (Rescheduled)
- SGBB host Yale at 6:15
- SBBB host Abby at 8:00

Wednesday, January 24th

- BBAA
- Student Voice Meeting at 10:30 in LC
- Lunch presentation in the Learning Commons by UFV
- JGBB host Abby at 5:00
- 9BBB host Abby at 6:15
- JBBB host Abby at 7:30

Thursday, January 25th

- DDCC

Friday, January 26<sup>th</sup>

- Semester End – Turn Around Day
- Credit Recovery
- SGBB at Fleetwood Tournament



### Hey Parents...

**Need a break from preparing lunches** or want to treat your hardworking child to lunch while also supporting the Entrepreneurship classes? Here is an offer that can't be denied.

**Due to the snow days... Entrepreneurship businesses will continue to operate their businesses at lunch on Monday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> and Tuesday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>.** Businesses will be located throughout the main hall & cafeteria. Students will be selling sushi, samosas, ice cream, cookies, candy bags, chips, lemonade and more. Great prices! Awesome way to end a semester!

### GRAD EVENT: A NIGHT TO REMEMBER

Class  
OF  
2024

**DATE:** February 16th

**TIME:** Arrive at 6pm- (goes until 11pm)

**COST:** \$65 (tickets available on school cashonline)

**THEME:** Grad 24 CARAT (Black and White attire- semi formal)

What to expect: Staff Performance just for GRADS, Hypnotist, Casino, Magician, Caricature Artist, fabulous raffle prizes and so much more)

**Don't miss out! Get your tickets today!**

## Ways You Can Support PAC



**Drop off your empties to any Return-It Express location.**

**No sorting or lineups!**

**Account Number:  
956-682-8722  
WJMOUATPAC**

*Bag labels can be picked up from the school office or printed at R&T Depot:  
Unit 23, 31550 South Fraser Way*



**Shop at Cobs on Gladwin Road  
Mention you're Raising  
Dough for WJ Mouat.**

**5% of your purchase will be  
donated back to Mouat PAC!**



*Located at Gladwin Crossing  
Unit 111, 2777 Gladwin Road*

**Please help us keep our GREEN BINS in use  
as they generate monthly income for  
Mouat PAC!**

### THE BINS ACCEPT

- Clothing
- Shoes
- Purses
- Stuffies
- Linens

*in good clean condition*

