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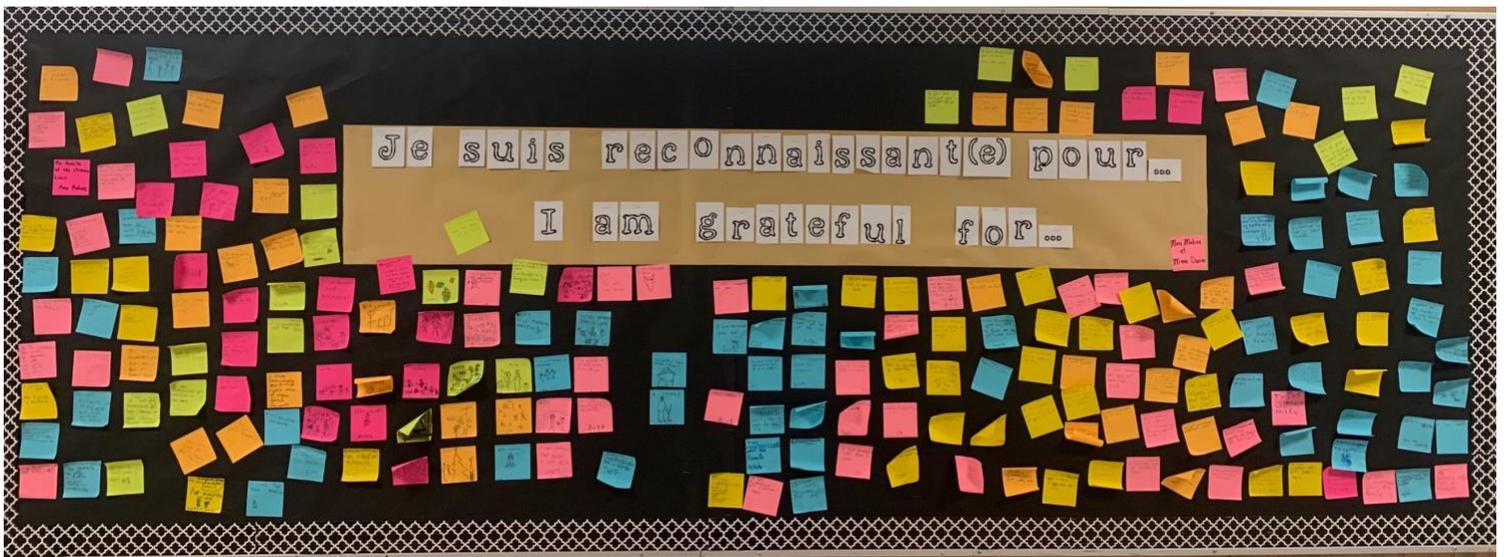
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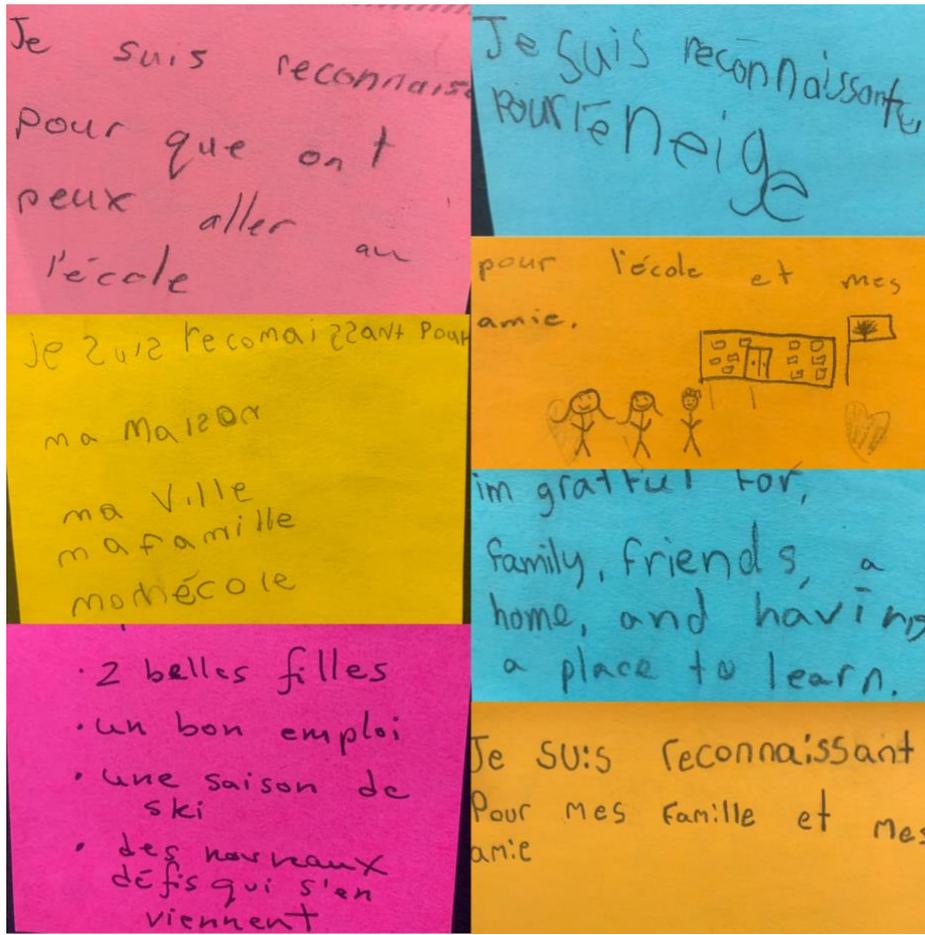
Principal Update

Well, we made it to the break. I must admit, it wasn't an easy first 4 months back at school; there were some temper tantrums and plenty of tears on behalf of many, and the students had some rough days too.

I know it has been a challenging time for you all as well, and I want to thank you for your continued confidence that we are doing our best to keep your child(ren) safe while they are at school. In my conversations with parents, students, and staff, the part of school that is missing most, is connection. Due to the restrictions, students have missed out on many opportunities this year such as playing with who they want, where they want, spending time with Big/Little Buddies, participating in team sports, working collaboratively with their peers in the hallways, etc. I can't tell you how difficult it is not to be able to give a hug to a child who is in tears or give a high five when a student is proud of his/her accomplishment. I have high hopes that 2021 will bring us to a place where we can leave our non-medical masks behind and smile at everyone we meet.

Despite these trying times, we did take a few moments more recently to focus on the things for which we are grateful, which went a long way to help us to realize what is really important to all of us at the end of the day: family, friends, health, and having a place to come each day to work and learn.





Things to keep in mind for the last couple of days before Winter Break:

Winter Concert

The link was sent to the e-mail we have on file for you at the office. If you did not receive it, please check your junk folder, as it may be there. If it is not there, please contact the office to update your contact information with Mme Lisa. The link will be available for you to view the presentation until Friday at 3:00pm, when it will be taken down from YouTube.

PAC Hot Lunch

PAC Hot Lunch orders and payment are due tomorrow, Dec. 18th by 10am. If you haven't already put in your orders for Thursdays' meal options and Popcorn Days, you need to do it soon. If you don't already have an account with the HotLunches.net, our access code is **SSESHL**.

Non-Medical Masks for Sale

If you missed out on ordering a mask in our school clothing order, we have a number of SSES masks for sale in all 3 sizes: child, youth, and adult. We will be selling them for \$10.00 to recuperate our costs.

School Clothing

School clothing orders went home this week. Please make sure to put your child's name in it so we know to whom to return it if it is found.

Things to keep in mind for January:

Absences

If you know, for whatever reason, that your child is going to be absent or late for school, please use School Messenger to report the absence rather than phoning the school in the morning. Also, if your child needs to leave school early on any given day, we ask that you communicate this with your child's teacher and to enter it into the Safe Arrival System. With two recesses and two outside playtimes at lunch, it is sometimes difficult to gather your children quickly, so if it is possible to give us a heads up, that would be greatly appreciated.

Come January 2021, you will be re-directed to use one of the following three methods to report an absence (these can also be found on our school [website](#)):

1. Telephone: 1-844-350-2647
2. Website: go.schoolmessenger.ca
3. App: SchoolMessenger

Toys at School

It is possible that your child(ren) will be tempted to bring his/her/their newly acquired treasures to school in January; however, it would be best if they stayed at home, as we cannot guarantee the safety of these belongings and they may get damaged, lost, or stolen at school. In addition, when students bring toys to school, we can't be guaranteed that they are not sharing them with their peers at recess and lunch, which goes against COVID 19 health protocols around sharing belongings at school. That being said, there may be some special circumstances when these special items can come to school (i.e. Show and Tell). If this is the case, please connect with your child's teacher ahead of time so that a plan can be put in place for its storage during recess and lunch, as they should not be going outside at those times. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Acknowledgement to Perform Daily Health Check

Exactly like in September, parents/guardians will need to review and sign an Acknowledgement to Perform Daily Health for each child prior to coming back to school on January 4th. The form has not changed and there is an electronic copy attached to this e-mail. If you do not have a printer, once again, we will have some printed copies for you at the drop off.

Have a wonderful and restful Winter Break! See you all in 2021!

Warm wishes,



Susie Mabee