



# St. Michael's School Newsletter

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## OUR VIRTUE FOCUS FOR THE MONTH OF MAY – ACCEPTANCE

During the month of May we will focus on the virtue of acceptance. The virtue of **ACCEPTANCE** means we accept ourselves and others just the way we are. God created all of us in His image, and God does not make mistakes. Being part of God's family means that we love and welcome everyone just the way Jesus did. Sometimes we find ourselves in situations where it is easier to follow the crowd than to stand up for what we know is right. However, Jesus wants us to accept everyone even when it is hard.

*An accepting person...*

- † sees the positive traits in all people even if she/he disagrees with them
- † is friendly and open to all God's people, regardless of age, beliefs, gender, culture or ability
- † avoids judging or stereotyping others
- † understands that there may be more than one way to do things
- † sticks up for the "underdog".

*"If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honoured, all rejoice together with it. Now you are the body of Christ and individually a member of it". -- 1 Cor. 12:26-27*

## LITERACY WEEK

Our Literacy Week is just around the corner! We will be setting aside the week of May 25-28 to focus on friendship stories and poetry. On Tuesday and Wednesday, we will be reading a friendship story and each class will visualize a portion of the story through an illustration. On Wednesday, students will watch two presentations -- one by our very own guest poet, Mrs. Bucher, who will read us some of her poetry, and another by Mrs. Kennedy, who will recite two different genres of poems as well as share with us why studying and reciting poetry is so important. Thursday will be our **Non-Uniform day** and each child will be dressing up as their **favourite literary character** (STUDENTS DO NOT NEED TO BRING MONEY TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS NON-UNIFORM DAY). Teachers will also be brainstorming ideas with their class for this non-uniform day. The Stop, Drop and Read on Thursday is called *Poem in My Pocket*. We ask each child to bring a favourite poem to share throughout the day with his/her classmates. Students have been working hard to prepare for a virtual poetry café and these presentations will be showcased on Friday. They have also been working hard to learn about different forms of poetry and have taken part in the poetry writing process in their classrooms. As well, be on the lookout for podcasts of teachers reading their favourite stories next week. More information will be given soon in class.

## LOST AND FOUND – COME AND SEARCH FOR LOST ITEMS

We have a **LARGE** quantity of lost and found items. We have **SO** many items that we can open our own clothing store! On **Thursday, May 20<sup>th</sup>** and **Friday, May 21<sup>st</sup>**, at drop off and pick up times, a table will be placed outside, in the parking lot fire lanes with the items. Please take a look and reclaim anything that belongs to your child.



**HOT LUNCH!**

The Parent Association has moved our Hot Lunch program online. This year we know the students and parents have greatly missed our lunch program and so have we!

*Exciting news!*

We will be offering a pizza lunch on **Fun Day, Thursday June 10!**  
Please go to <https://sme.hotlunches.net/> to register and place your order.

**Fun Day Lunch.**

1. Go to **sme.hotlunches.net**
2. Click the "**REGISTER**" menu at the top right to sign up.
3. Enter your name, email address and phone, your email address will be your user id that you will use for access to the hot lunches application. Enter a password and then enter it again to verify that it is correct.
4. Once registered, you will be logged into the website
5. Please add your students by clicking on the "**STUDENTS**" button below or the "**PROFILE**" menu tab in order to proceed. Once your students have been added to the system you will be able to place lunch orders immediately by clicking the "Order" button below each child's name.

***IT'S THAT EASY!***

Payment methods:

- Etransfer to [sme.parentassociation@gmail.com](mailto:sme.parentassociation@gmail.com).
- Cash and cheques submit directly to the school.
- Credit card on lunch website.

Payment instructions are on the lunch site. We ask that you input your order online and submit payment. You can simply print your 'Remittance Form' and fill out payment method if submitting through the school. As in past years, you may place an order using paper order forms. Please email the PA for a paper copy.

**All orders and payments must be received by June 1 when ordering closes.**


Not participating in hot lunch? Walkathon pledges can also be accepted through our site. Still have questions, email us at [sme.parentassociation@gmail.com](mailto:sme.parentassociation@gmail.com).

**AFTERSCHOOL CARE UPDATE**

The PEC continues to follow-up with After-School care options for families. The SFU Childcare Society is planning to open an afterschool program in the building directly behind St. Michael's School. The program coordinator Jacqueline Ewonus **strongly advises** the families who are interested **to submit a waiting list application** and based on the requirement they will adjust their personnel to try and accommodate everyone. The expected opening date was October 1<sup>st</sup>, however construction work and renovation are still taking place.

LINK to the WAITLIST APPLICATION: <https://www.sfu.ca/childcare/enrollment.html>

The first priority for spaces will be given to the Burnaby District schools (as part of their agreement for the rights of using the structure), and the second priority is given to the surrounding community (i.e. St. Michael's).

All the info (fees, availability, enrollment process, etc.) and details can be found on their website <https://www.sfu.ca/childcare.html>, by phone 778-782-4569  or by email [ccsinfo@sfu.ca](mailto:ccsinfo@sfu.ca)

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**Parent Participation Help needed in May**

Please contact parent participation category managers or email [participationhours@gmail.com](mailto:participationhours@gmail.com) to sign up!

- Maintenance
- Outdoor Learning Area

### **Parent Participation Hours Deadline Reminder**

Please submit all participated Parent Participation Hours for the 2020-2021 School Year before/by **June 27<sup>th</sup>, 2021** on ParticipationHours.com.

Participation Hours website technical support and inquiry contact: [\*\*participationhours@gmail.com\*\*](mailto:participationhours@gmail.com)

### **OUTDOOR LEARNING AREA UPDATE**

Thank you in advance for all of those CLEAN caps and lids you have been collecting for our art project, however, we still need lots and lots more lids!

As noted at the beginning of April, you can now drop off your CLEAN lids/caps at the school. We have two bins clearly labelled and positioned beside the gym, just in front of Mr. Patzer's shop. Please don't send them into the school with your child; take a moment to drop them in the containers. Volunteers helping with the art project have sorted the colours out, and we will start creating some fun art for the chain link fence.



### **THE OUTDOOR CLASSROOM**

Hooray! It is nearly done and it looks great, we just need seating for the children!

We need:

- Log rounds for seating
- A volunteer to take away broken concrete pieces we discovered while planting- to the best of my knowledge Meadowlands Landscaping is the only location for disposal of broken concrete.

We have:

- Used wooden lattice (4'x8'), some of which can be re-purposed (again!) and some of which needs to be disposed of. If you would like some of the lattice and/or can help with the disposal of it please reach out to Anita Riddell.

Please email Anita Riddell at [stmikesola@gmail.com](mailto:stmikesola@gmail.com)

*Thought of the week...*

**“You must not abandon the ship in a storm because you cannot control the winds. What you cannot turn to good, you must, at least, make as little bad as you can.”**

**~St. Thomas More**