



# *This Week at Deroche!*

Date: November 6-10/17

Dear Parents and Guardians

What is really going on at your elementary school? In the last few months there have been exciting developments in several areas. For example, our students are getting a lot of exercise on our new swing set and through our several sports activities such as cross country running, PE, basketball, archery, fencing and golf. Similarly, our students are benefitting from our Stream and Forest outdoor classroom which helps our children connect with their natural environment and is used as a place to teach science as well as other subjects. Finally, our focus on social responsibility as resulted in students meeting at lunch in our Leadership Club, Aboriginal Culture Club and Math Games Club. As I have said before, we owe much to our staff for these options for kids.

However, the above are super important for our children, but, in my opinion, not the most important. What our staff and volunteers are also up to is working together to improve the basic academic skills of all of our students. We have devoted countless hours trying to develop plans for math and writing improvement, we hope to help our students improve as much in these two areas as they have in reading.

In the coming weeks, we will be sending home information about how you can be involved, again, as we have done with our reading program. Your partnership is essential for our success.

Thanks for all of your support, *M. Abercrombie*

## **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

- Our after school sports program continues every Monday and Wednesday
- Nov 10 - Half Day - 11:00 dismissal; Remembrance Day Assembly at 8:30
- Nov 13 - STAT for Remembrance Day
- Nov 16 - Grade 6 Immunizations at 11:00
- Nov 20 - Report Cards to go home
- Nov 21 - Board Meeting at Hillside at 6:30
- Nov 23 - Green Bus here 9:15-11:15; Parent/Teacher Interviews after school
- Nov 24 - Non-Instructional Day
- Dec 1 - Celebration of Learning Assembly at 11:00

**THANK YOU'S:** to Janet, Marilyn and Chrystal for organizing the Hallowe'en bake sale and to Chrystal for the Hallowe'en treat bags.