March 31st, 2014

RE: Spell-a-Thon

Dear Parents,

Connaught School - École Connaught and the School Advisory Council are getting set for our annual Spell-a-Thon. Students will collect pledges of flat amounts only. We are hoping to make the collection of funds easier for everyone involved. Students will be gathering pledges from March 31st until April 14th.  The Spell-a-Thon test will be conducted on Monday, April 14th and the pledge money should be collected and returned by Wednesday, April 16th.

All students will take a spelling test during the Spell-A-Thon, however, students may decide whether to take a test at their grade level or at a higher grade level. Those students who receive 100% on a test two levels above their grade will be invited to participate in a special Spelling Bee on April 17th at 9:00 a.m. for the English Spelling Bee and at 10:30 a.m. for the French Spelling Bee. (\*NOTE: Kindergarten and Grade 1 students only need to challenge a test one level above their grade.) In addition, French Immersion students in grades 3 – 6 have the choice to participate in the English test as well as the French test.

Our goal is to raise $10,000.00, which we again plan to use to benefit every student at Connaught School - École Connaught. We hope to raise $25 per student net profit.

Funds raised by the students will be used to support the following areas of the School Advisory Council budget:

1. Supporting School Council Initiatives such as improvements to our school gymnasium.
2. Worthwhile field trips for every class.
3. Expanding student access to computer technology.
4. Purchase awards and other student recognition programs.
5. Purchase of physical education equipment.
6. Offer fine arts performances for all students.

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| **Spelling Achievement** | **Prize** | **Fund-raising** | **Prize** |
| All students who participate | Prize from the grab bag. | Students who raise $30 | Entered into a raffle for a variety of prizes. |
| All students who receive 100% | Prize & certificate of achievement | Students who raise $60 | Raffle Draw / Movie afternoon at the school |
| All students who receive 100% at a level above their grade | Prize, certificate & pencil  K/1 : Inviation to the Spelling Bee | Students who raise $120 | Raffle draw, movie afternoon & airplane flight with Super T Aviation |
| All students who receive 100% at two levels above their grade | Prize, certificate, pencil & invitation to the Spelling Bee | Classes that reach their class target goal of $25 / student | Swimming or ice cream party |

**If you can help with our Spell-a-thon activities, please return the attached form at the bottom of this sheet by Monday April 14th. If you have any questions, please contact your child’s teacher, Mme Neigum or Mr. Johnson at the school.**

Thank you for your support,

Connaught School - École Connaught Staff

Connaught School Advisory Council

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes, I will be able to help with the Spell-A-Thon activities.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

How I can help:

\_\_\_ Marking spelling tests (April 14)

\_\_\_ Counting pledge money (April 16)

\_\_\_ Assisting with the spelling bees (Aril 17)

\_\_\_ Donating raffle prizes or gathering raffle prizes from businesses (Anytime)

\_\_\_ Helping to organize a special event (Anytime)