

# ÉCOLE ÉLÉMENTAIRE LOIS E. HOLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

let nature  
be your  
teacher

William Wordsworth



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## OUR SCHOOL

Lois E. Hole is a dual-track school, offering an English and French Immersion program from Kindergarten to Grade 6. Each program delivers the full curriculum in classroom settings unique to the philosophy of each program. We welcome students into a bright, engaging and warm learning environment where a dedicated and skilled staff make learning come alive.

At École Élémentaire Lois E. Hole Elementary School, we believe every child provides a unique opportunity to explore a carefully-designed and effectively-delivered educational program. We believe in the potential of every child who walks through the doors of Lois E. Hole.

Our school has adopted a Forest and Nature Studies educational philosophy which, when combined with classroom activities, offers children opportunities to develop and reinforce their learning through hands-on experiences in an outdoor environment. Our mission, therefore, is to provide innovative, inspired and meaningful classroom and outdoor experiences for children by creating engaging learning spaces and by fostering exploration of the natural world. We aim to nurture generations of ecologically-connected and academically well-rounded individuals who will have the knowledge, values and skills needed to ensure that they are engaged citizens ready to make environmentally and socially-conscious decisions.

## ENGLISH PROGRAM

This program welcomes children from the community into a dynamic, multi-faceted school climate that strongly supports students in the areas of academics, physical fitness, fine arts and positive moral values. Being a part of this dual-track setting allows students in the English program the opportunity to develop respect, cultural appreciation and an understanding of the students in the immersion program.



## FRENCH IMMERSION PROGRAM

This program is a proven approach to second language learning designed for all students. In the French Immersion classrooms, French is the language of instruction for a significant part of the school day. Most subjects, with the exception of English Language Arts, are taught in French. French Immersion students develop a proficiency in both English and French languages, an understanding and appreciation of the Francophone culture, and mastery of the skills and abilities in the core and complementary courses.



## ATHLETIC ACADEMY

Lois E. Hole is a district site for the Athletic Academy's Hockey Program. The program is available to any Grades 4-6 French Immersion and English students living in our catchment area and is open to male and female students of all skill levels. Students in the academy work on:

- On and off-ice skill training
- Skating
- Shooting
- Puck handling
- Checking
- Position-specific skills (including goaltending)



# BEYOND ACADEMICS

At Lois E. Hole, an effective partnership of students, staff and parents produces these amazing results:

- A warm and caring school atmosphere
- A safe school environment
- A diverse range of student extracurricular activities, clubs and service projects reflecting students' needs and interests
- State-of-the-art technology to support and supplement student learning
- A maker space for project-based learning
- A focus on fitness and a healthy lifestyle
- An engaging fine arts program
- An extensive and well-developed library collection
- Active parent committees
- Specialist teachers in Art, Music, Drama, French as a Second Language and Physical Education

Teamwork enriches children's lives through shared endeavours, challenges and celebrations. Our students have the opportunity to participate in a variety of activities, including:

- Downhill ski club
- Artist in residence
- Fine arts and cultural presentations
- Interscholar volleyball and basketball
- Cross-country running
- French celebrations
- Recess club
- School choirs
- Swimming lessons
- Safety patrols
- Lunch hour intramurals
- Community service projects such as Reverse Trick or Treating, Terry Fox Run, Kinette Christmas hampers and Mug a Senior project
- Green Team recycling
- Lois E. Hole Hockey League (LHHL)
- The Buzz – daily news and announcements
- Student council and project leaders
- Lego club





## What we value at Lois E. Hole

We believe the whole community benefits when children learn to value and recognize our natural world.

We cherish diversity in learning styles and strive to create distinct, positive learning environments that meet each child's individual abilities.

We understand the uniqueness of each child and design the learning environment with opportunities for active and reflective explorations.

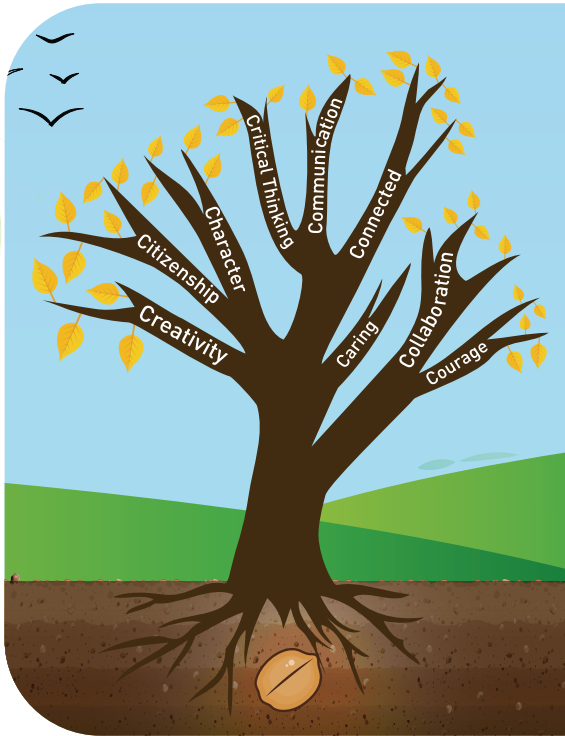
Our learning environment is a reflection of our image of the child as competent, capable and rich in potential.

We are committed to creating an atmosphere of mutual respect for each other, our community, our environment and the world around us.

We cultivate a sense of belonging among the children, adults and our school community, with an emphasis on positive communication, resilience and problem solving.

As experts on their children, families are invited to participate as partners in their children's learning.

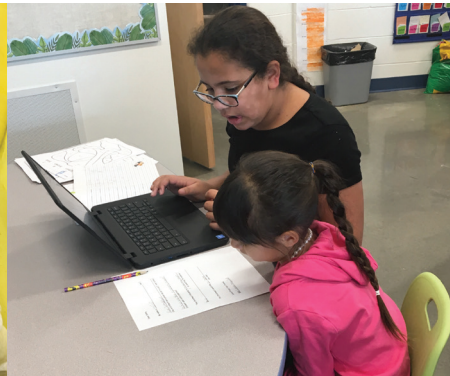




## NATURE PROGRAM

Our Nature program focuses on the positive and builds a school-wide common language around the social, emotional and educational traits we would like to foster in our students.

<b>N</b>	New ideas	Nouvelles idées
<b>A</b>	Attitude	Attitude
<b>T</b>	Teamwork	Travail d'équipe
<b>U</b>	Understanding	Ultra sympathique
<b>R</b>	Resilient	Résilient
<b>E</b>	Explore	Explorer



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