

# Tacots Competition – Friday, Feb. 26, 2021

The Tacots competition (mini soap box racers) is one of the most popular events of our Carnaval week. Every year at Quebec's Carnaval, participants build and race non-motorized vehicles. At Collettsville we include this in our activities but on a much smaller scale.

*Please note the following:*

**Entries will be open to students in all grades this year.** Each eligible student is only allowed one entry.

We are inviting interested students to build their own tacot for our school-wide tacot races. Students do not have to participate but are encouraged to do so. Students can receive help from adults as long as it is a team project (students play a significant role in the making of the tacot). For your information, the launch ramp is 36cm wide. If the base of your tacot exceeds this width, launching will be difficult.



The rules are as follows:

**Maximum width of car wheelbase: 36 cm or 14 inches.**

1. Tacots should be no bigger than a normal sized shoebox. Wheelbase no wider than 36 cm/14 in or it will not fit on the ramp.
2. Tacots should be **HANDMADE and not toys brought from home or kits purchased at a store or a one-piece object (i.e. an egg, a hockey puck, a ball, skateboard, roller blades etc)**. Use of one-piece object will result in disqualification of tacot. Students must be involved in the construction of tacot.
3. Students can use any materials.
4. Tacots cannot be motorized or mechanized (springs or other propelling devices) in any way. Gravity must be the only engine.
5. Students from the same household may choose to build one family tacot together. If they choose to do so, each student must actively participate in the building. Each student who has built the family tacot will then have an opportunity to race it.
6. In order to recognize the hard work of a larger number of students, we have created different categories in which the Tacots may earn honorable mentions. Tacots may distinguish themselves for the greatest distance, as in the past, but also for categories such as “prettiest”, “toughest”, “craziest path”, “best crash”, “most environmentally friendly”, and we reserve the right to create additional categories if we are so inclined due to student creativity. All tacots will get one chance on the ramp. There will be no elimination, but due to time restraints we will only be able to give each vehicle one attempt.
7. Tacots will be raced in the gym on Friday, February 26<sup>th</sup>, with separate Learning Cohorts scheduled at different time slots throughout the day. Classes will be able to watch via Zoom. The final showdown will take place from 2:10-2:30pm with honorable mentions being announced following the showdown.
8. Please be aware: COVID Guidelines: If students are bringing their cars in from home, they must be the only ones to race/touch the car. If an adult touches the car they will follow usual hand hygiene procedures. Cars should remain in backpacks or in a safe place in class until the race and should be put away straight after the race. If teachers choose to have this as an in-school project, any supplies from home must only be used by the student bringing them in.