

EDINBURGH BUZZ

December 2022 Newsletter

Dear Edinburgh Community,

Welcome to December! Unbelievably, this is already the last Newsletter I will be sending in 2022. I am sure I speak on behalf of our entire school team when I say that we are all very happy to welcome the upcoming Holiday Break!

Term 2 is well underway, and the school year is in full swing. Yesterday, students attended school assemblies where we were able to reflect on the successes of Term 1 and talk about setting goals for ourselves, both academically and socially, and taking the right steps to progress towards those goals.

Another focus this term will be on reminding our students about the importance of our exceptional community spirit at Edinburgh. The Cycle 3 Leadership Groups will make a return in the New Year and begin working with our youngest students more regularly, where possible – leading positive play outside, reading together, modeling responsible choices, and demonstrating what the Edinburgh Way really means.

We will begin the hard work preparing for exams and there are more trips and special activities already planned for the coming months. Of course, before we break for the Holidays, we will also take the time to acknowledge the hard work and dedication of our school team during Staff Appreciation Day on December 21.

As usual, I remain available for any questions or clarifications that you might have. Wishing you a happy, healthy, and safe December ahead and a very Happy Holiday to the entire Edinburgh community!!



Sincerely,

Gaetano Sifoni

Principal / Directeur

UPCOMING EVENTS

December 2

Trip to Biodome/Planetarium
(Cycle 3)

December 7

Spirit of Giving Day
TCBY Day (H & S)



December 8

Home & School Meeting
Friday Schedule

December 9

Board Professional Day
NO SCHOOL

December 13

Governing Board Meeting
(in person)

December 16

Pizza Day (Home & School)
Spectacle (M. Ben et Atchou)

December 20-21

Concert de musique

December 21

Staff Appreciation

December 23

Pyjama Day





Spirit of Giving Season

We are very pleased to announce the official beginning of the 2022 Spirit of Giving Campaign. Together with the Home and School Association and B.A.S.E., Edinburgh School is proud to be able to offer various opportunities to help spread joy this Holiday Season. Please see attachment below which outlines the amazing simultaneous campaigns :

[Edinburgh Spirit of giving campaign 2022.pdf](#)

In addition to the Toy Drive and Joy of Giving Campaign described in the attachment, on **Wednesday, December 7th** we will be holding our annual Spirit of Giving Day at Edinburgh School. **On this day students are encouraged to wear Holiday colors (red, green, or an outfit that represents their traditions for the holidays) and a non-perishable item to contribute to our campaign** (there is also a link in the attachment if you prefer to donate another way)

They will attend a virtue of giving assembly where our choir and band will perform. Special guests will share their experience being a part of a giving campaign and then students will create ornaments with messages of hope to be included on our Spirit Trees (drawn beforehand by some of our older students). Lastly, students will enjoy a holiday treat of a gingerbread cookie (or an allergen free snack) and hot chocolate on behalf of Home and school. **The event will be highlighted on CTV!**

Individual Education Plans (IEPs)

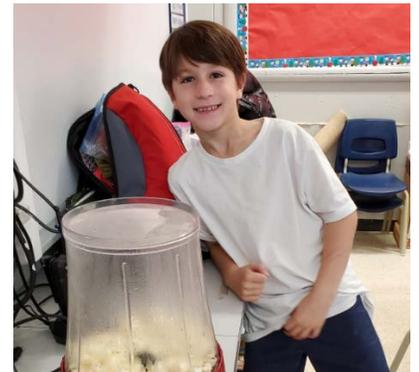
A message for parents of students who have an IEP - The revised document was sent home with your child on November 18th. If you have not done so already, please sign and return a copy to your child's teacher. The other copy is yours to keep.

Dress Down Pizza Days

This is a friendly reminder for those new to the school community that every time there is a Pizza Day offered by the Home & School Association, it is also considered a Free Dress Day for students whether they ordered pizza or not. If you have not yet subscribed to the H&S email list, I strongly encourage you to do so here:

<http://edinburghhomeandschool.com/email/>

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Remembrance Day Activities

On November 9th, our Grade 6 students participated in a very unique assembly that allowed us to highlight deep connections to our community which took place at the War Memorial of Montreal West.

They also participated in a guided tour back to school with our students highlighting the stories of Montreal West veterans who grew up in the same neighbourhood as our young students. Meanwhile, back at school, members of the Royal Montreal Regiment Foundation (*Je Me Souviens*) led interactive guided tours of a temporary exhibit set up in our gym - "They Cared" – The Origins of Military Nursing.

A sincere thank you to our Spiritual Community Animator, Jag Trehin for organizing these wonderful and memorable activities and to our guest speakers, Captain Robert D.M. Taylor and Dr. Robert Drummond for reminding our students about the importance of reflection and remembrance.

Kindergarten Sibling Registration (2023-2024)

Parents whose children are currently attending the school will have priority to register siblings in K4 and K5 as of Monday, January 16 to Friday, January 20, 2023.

A letter will be sent home at the beginning of January as a reminder to call the main office to schedule an appointment to register. At that time, you will need to bring the following documents with you:

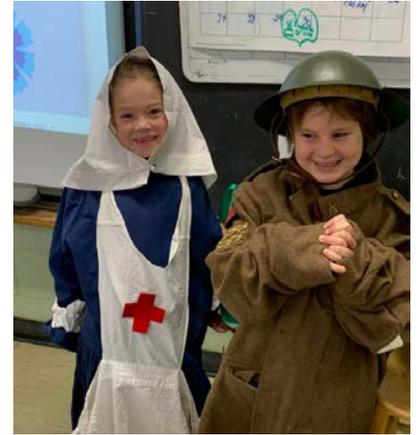
- *Child's long birth certificate*
- *Long birth certificate (or valid passport) of parent that has English eligibility*
- *Photocopy of child's vaccination booklet.*
- *Photocopy of child's Medicare Card*
- *Photocopy of proof of residence (Bell, Videotron, Hydro -Invoice)*

The official elementary school registration day **for new students that do not have siblings** at our school is January 30th (with the online system opening January 23rd). If you have any friends hoping to join our wonderful school community, please spread the word!

More information can be found here:

<https://www.emsb.qc.ca/emsb/reserve>

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Colder weather reminder

As you are well aware, the cold weather season is upon us. Unfortunately, we have noticed that many students are coming to school without the appropriate attire for the current temperature conditions. Every day, students are sent outside to play during morning, lunch, afternoon and sometimes more if they have Phys Ed or if they attend BASE. Young children are especially susceptible to develop frost bite during this season in their extremities (cheeks, nose, fingers, toes, etc). It is crucial that everyone is dressed warmly and preferably in layers.

This means **a hat, a scarf/neck warmer, a winter coat, snow pants and boots (when snow is on the ground), and warm mittens or gloves**

Please be reminded as well that **every student is expected to have a pair of INDOOR and OUTDOOR shoes/boots**. We strongly recommend that your child keep a pair of shoes at school to avoid forgetting their shoes at home.

Lice Protocol for Elementary School

There have been a few cases of lice at Edinburgh this year so I thought it might be a good idea to clarify the protocol for some parents who have asked. Once the presence of live or nits has been confirmed, a letter is sent home on behalf of the school nurse with instructions for the student(s) affected and the other students in the class. No child is sent home and/or prevented from coming to school. Ultimately, the responsibility to verify and inform the school is on the parents so collective vigilance is crucial. Please see attached brochure for more information:

<https://publications.msss.gov.qc.ca/msss/fichiers/2022/22-276-01A.pdf>

Concerts Concers Concerts!

Mr. Radu has been hard at working preparing our young musicians for the upcoming Winter Concert on December 20-21. More information will be sent in a separate email. In the meantime, click the two flyers on the right for other concert opportunities for our Edinburgh Students



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