

EDINBURGH BUZZ

April 2023 Newsletter

Dear Edinburgh Community,

Welcome to April. We have reached the home stretch! Term 3 is where everything we have learned and continue to learn throughout the year is consolidated and put to the test. For this reason, it is worth 60% of the total grade. We spent the last two terms building a strong foundation for learning and now it's time to finish the year on the right foot!

As a friendly reminder, every teacher is available for extra remediation support during recess (depending on their schedule) and if anyone is struggling with a given concept or topic, they should absolutely see when their teacher is available to offer some extra help.

Academics aside, as usual there is a lot going on at Edinburgh in April. The Spring sessions of our ECAs have begun, including for the first time this year – Flag Football afterschool. There are a couple of field trips planned and of course, we end the month with our annual Jump Rope for Heart activity.

We are very excited to welcome the warmer weather and enjoy all of the enrichment that the Edinburgh Community has to offer. As usual, I remain available for any questions or clarifications that you might have. Wishing you a happy, healthy, and safe April ahead!



Sincerely,

Gaetano Sifoni
Principal / Directeur

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 4

Governing Board Meeting
[Microsoft TEAMS \(7pm\)](#)

EMSB West Storytelling Festival

April 7

HOLIDAY (no school)

April 10

HOLIDAY (no school)


April 12

Monday schedule


April 13

Home & School Meeting (7pm)

April 14

 Dress Down/ Pizza Day (H&S)

April 19

 TCBY Day (Home & School)

April 21

EMSB Choir Auditions
[\(Eva the Louse\)](#)

April 28

Jump Rope for Heart



Spring is here!

It is looking like the winter weather is finally behind us. **Beginning Monday, April 3rd** we are no longer requiring students to wear boots and snow pants outside on the pavement in the school yard during recess.

That being said, the field is still a little snowy and certainly muddy in some areas, so we still strongly encourage everyone to bring them if they are planning to play on the field. In any case, **INDOOR** and **OUTDOOR** shoes are still required, as usual.

Exams Reminder

As I mentioned, Term 3 is the most important of the year, worth 60% of the final grade. This is where all of the learning is consolidated and assessed in the form of End of Cycle Exams, especially in Grade 6. Please take note once again of the important dates below for Grade 4 and Grade 6 students:

Grade 4

- 🕒 English Language Arts: April 11 - 21 (EMSB exam)

Grade 6

- 🕒 French: May 1 – 10 (EMSB exam)
- 🕒 English Language Arts: May 11 – 24 (MEQ exam)
- 🕒 Math: June 6 – 8 (MEQ exam)
- 🕒 **June 9 – GRAD TRIP!*

Please make every effort to ensure that your child is present for school on these dates. Since each exam takes place over the course of a few days, missing a day during this period will have a significant impact on their final result. Generally, many preparations and tests or evaluations are taking place in all grades throughout the months of April, May and June. As the school calendar provides a generous vacation schedule, we strongly discourage family trips which result in students missing school during these months.

March at Edinburgh



Science Fair / L'Expo Sciences

On Thursday, March 23, Edinburgh held their annual Expo-Science Fair. The whole event was a huge success! Honourable mentions to our winners below:

3^{ème} place :

- 🏆 Loic Berghthorson, Michael Forlini et Nathan Hamilton (*Un barrage hydroélectrique*)
- 🏆 Ivan Cunningham, Charles Maclaren et John Connell (*L'hydrogène vert*)

2^{ème} place :

- 🏆 Victoria McCutcheon (*Le flex d'un bâton de hockey*)
- 🏆 Fia Hardi, Maya Tilley et Sharlot Ward (*Vos vêtements sont ils vraiment propres?*)
- 🏆 Milena Rivera et Valentina Amaru (*Pourquoi est-il important d'avoir tous les ingrédients dans une crêpe*)

1^{ère} place :

- 🏆 Mina Woodruff (*les impacts du gaz carbonique (CO2) sur l'air et sur l'eau*)

Congratulations to all of our students who participated and to Mr. El-Hama who always does such a wonderful job encouraging a spirit of curiosity and a love of Science. Thank you to all the parents who were able to come see our presenters!

Storytelling Festival

On Tuesday, March 21, we had our Edinburgh School Storytelling Festival. Throughout the past month, students in Grades 5 and 6 had been preparing personal narratives and sharing their stories with their classmates. At our school festival, the classroom winners were invited on stage to share their stories to a panel of judges and all students from Grades 3-6.

Everyone did such a wonderful job! Congratulations to our winners **Luke Philips** (*The Shovel Incident*) and **Éloïse Thibault** (*La quatrième fois*) who have been selected to represent our school at the EMSB West Storytelling Festival, which will be hosted by our very own school on Tuesday, April 4th!

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