

EDINBURGH BUZZ

May 2023 Newsletter



Dear Edinburgh Community,

Spring is here! The sun is shining a little brighter lately and school spirit is booming. It's hard to believe that the end of the 2022-2023 school year is around the corner.

Exams have begun in Grade 6 and extracurricular activities are wrapping up. Still, there is plenty to look forward to in May. One thing to note is the amount of trips coming up! Notably, we have the annual HALO Race, a Grade 6 outing to Marché Bonsecours for the Festival Éducation du Futur, the Eureka Festival, a trip to the CIRCUS in Kindergarten and a Cycle 1 cultural excursion to the Musée Vaudruil-Solanges!

We are very excited to enjoy all the fun that the month of May brings, especially after three years of government restrictions, anxiety and uncertainty, we are thrilled to see all the smiling faces! 😊

Below is a recap of some of the highlights throughout the month of April, as well as any important information of note. As usual, I remain available for any questions or clarifications that you might have. Wishing you a happy, healthy, and safe May ahead!




Sincerely,

Gaetano Sifoni
Principal / Directeur

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 8
Festival Éducation du Futur (Gr 6)

May 9
Governing Board Meeting
[Microsoft TEAMS \(7pm\)](#)

May 10 
Friday Schedule
TCBY Day (Home & School)

May 11
École du cirque de Verdun (K)
HALO Race (Grades 3-6)

May 12
PED DAY (no school)

May 17
[Transition to High School Workshop \(7:00 pm\)](#)

May 18
Home & School Meeting (7pm)

May 19
Dress Down/ Pizza Day (H&S)

May 22
Holiday (no school)

May 23
Musée Vaudruil-Solanges (Gr 1)
Monday Schedule

May 25
Musée Vaudruil-Solanges (Gr 2)

May 26
Eureka! Festival (Gr 5-6)

May 27
[Math Exam Prep Course \(Gr 6\)](#)





Spring is here! (not summer yet)

I am sure I speak for everyone when I say how nice to feel to have all the snow and ice of the last few months feel like a more distant memory. Still, please remember that the month May can be very *wet*, and the field becomes quite muddy. Students are still expected to have a pair of **INDOOR** and **OUTDOOR** shoes. Let's all do our part to keep our school clean!

Guest speakers

We were very fortunate in May to welcome FOUR different guest speakers for our Cycle 3 students. Firstly, as part of the annual *Sacred Sites* Project in the ERC (Ethics & Religious Culture) program, students in Grade 5 spent time with Yasser Lahlou, a representative from the National Council of Canadian Museums to learn a little bit about the significance of Ramadan and Eid.

At the same time, students in Grade 6 welcomed a speaker from the Rigpe Dorje Center. Both of these speakers, coupled with their upcoming visits to St. Joseph's Oratory/Shaar Hasomiyam (Grade 5) and Shree Ramji Temple/Gurudwara Guru Nanak Darbar Lasalle (Grade 6), will allow students to learn about, explore and tour the unique cultures and faiths that contribute to the multi-faith fabric of Quebec, as well as foster respect for the cultural diversity of our local community.

Then, our Grade 6 classes culminated their unit of the Boy in the Striped Pyjamas by welcoming guest speakers from the Holocaust Museum, Rachel Gropper and Muguette Myers. A memorable and powerful experience for all involved!

Finally, as part of the ACGC program (Academic and Career Guidance Content) we did our part to highlight a member of our extended community and former Edinburgh Graduate by inviting Ryan Silkey to return to his former elementary school to talk to students about his career as a professional chef and now the owner of his own restaurant on Westminster Avenue.

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Earth Day Challenge

Ahead of Earth Day, our school undertook various actions to highlight our commitment to making a difference. We engaged in a community cleanup, did our part to limit waste and emissions, participated in many different “green” awareness activities in BASE, and the whole school contributed a very successful **SUPER RECYCLERS** campaign, organized by our amazing Home and School. Congratulations to everyone! I am beyond proud to be part of this community.

Field Trips

This month saw two memorable outings for our Edinburgh students. In K4 and K5, our youngest visited the *Ecomuseum Zoo* where they were able to interact with Quebec’s wildlife and participate in Educational activities. Similarly, our students in Grade 4 went for a visit to *Ferme Guyon* where they had the opportunity to see animals up close and learn more about them. They also had the chance to visit the *papillonnerie* to admire the beauty of more than 500 butterflies flying around them. So cool!

Exams have begun in Grade 6

On May 1, students in Grade 6 began their first of three-compulsory End of Cycle uniform exams. Term 3 is the most important of the year, worth 60% of the final grade. Please take note once again of the important dates below for Grade 6 students:

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. A medical note is required if they miss a portion of the exam.

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Important Dates for Grade 5 (High School)

I know the year isn't over yet, but before you know it, our students in 5th Grade will be thinking about High School (if they haven't already!) Below is a list of important dates to take note of from our neighboring schools:

- September 5** – **Royal Vale School Application Deadline**
- September 7** – **Royal Vale School Open House**
- September 9** – **Royal Vale School Entrance Exam**

- September 21** – **Royal West Academy Open House**
- September 30** – **Royal West Academy Qualifying Test (A-L)**
- October 1** – **Royal West Academy Qualifying Test (M-Z)**

- September 26** – **Westmount High School OPEN HOUSE**

Jump Rope for Heart (& Terry Fox Run news)

Our Jump Rope for Heart event was a tremendous success! We could not have asked for better weather! **Thank you to Mr. Cho** and to everyone who generously donated, surpassing our expectations to a grand total of \$7,328 in support of the [Heart and Stroke Foundation of Canada](#)


The Edinburgh Community comes out in full force when it comes to fundraising and it's truly impressive. Back in September, when we raised funds for the [Terry Fox Foundation](#), our school community collected \$8,390. **I was informed today that this was the most raised out of all of the schools in the entire English Montreal School Board! Bravo!**

EMSB Chorale Auditions Spring 2023

The EMSB Chorale Auditions for the 2023-2024 season will take place on May 31st and June 6th at the EMSB Head Office. Click the photo for info

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English Montreal School Board Chorale
Chorale de la Commission scolaire English-Montreal

EMSB CHORALE AUDITIONS FOR THE 2023-24 (44th) SEASON
Wednesday, May 31 and Tuesday, June 6
From 6 to 8:30 p.m. - By appointment only
 Auditions will be held in person at the School Board Administration Building, 6900 av. Fielding
 Open to students currently in Grades 3 to Sec. IV

The EMSB Chorale is a special project of the Educational Services Department. The chorale offers students the opportunity to acquire vocal and musical training, to perform a wide variety of music and to gain professional concert experience. This is the first audition call. Students will also be able to audition in late August and in September.

Entrance criteria: Students must be able to match pitches easily (have a good ear), show vocal potential, be motivated and willing to commit to a regular rehearsal schedule. Previous experience in a choir and/or playing a musical instrument as well as music-reading skills are helpful but not necessary to be accepted in the choir. Students do not need to prepare anything for the auditions which consist of simple vocal and music exercises.

Evening Concert: For parents and students who would like to hear the chorale perform, the EMSB Chorale Spring Gala concert will be held Saturday, May 11 at 7 M.p.m. in Oscar Perreault Hall (Cascades), 7141 Sherbrooke W. Tickets: \$20/adults - \$15/Students - \$10/children 17 and under.

Please contact conductor Patricia Abbott for an appointment:
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