

EDINBURGH BUZZ



October 2023 Newsletter

Dear Edinburgh Community,

The first month of school has already come and gone and yet again, it was an amazing start! For families that are new to the school, I am sure you had the same reaction that I did last year after getting the chance to see our team in action and meet all the amazing families that make up this community. From the Welcome Back BBQ to working alongside our parent volunteers during Field Day, Picture Day, and the Terry Fox Run this week, we are truly blessed with wonderful people at Edinburgh.

Meanwhile, in class, our teachers and support team are hard at work getting to know their students and making learning fun. We are looking forward to building on this energy as we progress through October and toward the end of Term 1. Looking ahead, we have a few field trips lined up, the first JamJerk lunch of the year (a brand-new Home & School fundraiser), and of course, we end the month with one of the best days to be in an Elementary School – Halloween!

As always, I remain available for any questions, clarifications, or concerns. Wishing you a happy, healthy, and safe October ahead!



Sincerely,

Gaetano Sifoni
Principal / Directeur

Upcoming Events

October 5

Cross Country Event (GMAA)

October 6

Bois de Belle-Rivière (Grade 5-6)

October 9

HOLIDAY (school closed)

October 10

Monday Schedule

October 11

Picture Day RETAKES

October 12

JamJerk Lunch (H&S)
Progress Reports Available

October 13

Pedagogical Day

October 18

Maison Théâtre (Gr K4/K5 & 1)

October 19

Governing Board Meeting

October 20

Free Dress / Pizza Day (H&S)
Maison Théâtre (Gr 1-2)

October 25

TCBY Day (Home & School)

October 31 🍁

Dress up day (Halloween)



September Highlights

In a short period of time, we have already seen a lot of action at Edinburgh. We started the year with a school assembly where took the morning to talk about "**The Edinburgh Way**" and what it means to be a part of this amazing school community. The following week, we had our annual **School Picture Day, Meet the Teacher Evening** and a **Field Day** filled with outdoor fun!

Later in the month, our students in K4 and K5 participated in the annual **Apple Picking** excursion while our students in Grade 5 visited the **Kahnawake Language and Cultural Centre** to continue their learnings, discussions, and awareness on the First Nations community ahead of Truth and Reconciliation Week. Our 6th graders were visited by students from Marymount Academy and Westmount High school as they begin their search for **High Schools** next year and our Grade 1 students went on an outing to **45 degrés nord** for a memorable day filled with different outdoor excursions and activities.

Throughout all of this, we had our first **Home & School Pizza / Free Dress Day**, first **TCBY day**, multiple **Fire Drills**, and the annual **Terry Fox Run**. Never a dull moment! In BASE as well! [Click here to see the September round-up in BASE](#)

Indoor Shoes, Change of Clothes, Lost & Found

Friendly reminder that students go outside 3 times a day for recess (sometimes more depending on the class activity) so everyone should be dressed accordingly, please. Students are also strongly encouraged to keep a change of clothes handy in case of emergency.

Remember that **every student is expected to have a pair of INDOOR and OUTDOOR shoes**. The field can get muddy at this time of year and I want to encourage everyone to do their part to keep our lovely school CLEAN.

Finally, all parents are encouraged to make sure their child(ren)'s clothing is labeled. Our Home & School Association has an ongoing [Mabel's Label's](#) Fundraiser for your convenience.

Home & School Association



Speaking of our Home & School register your child up for all the amazing fundraisers they offer, as well as information about the school's **extracurricular activities**. [IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY, JOIN THEIR MAILING LIST TODAY!](#)

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2023-2024 Governing Board

Congratulations to **Robyn Dalton, Steve Muoio, Keim Aboushousha, and Alessandra Cesari** who were elected to Edinburgh's Governing Board at our AGM. **Wendy Fixman and Magdamaria Gonzalez** will serve as alternates.

At the same time, I want to extend a heartfelt **THANK YOU** to **Meg McKenna, Alexandra Struck**, and our outgoing GB Chairperson, **Robert Fiori** for the time you spent serving our community as parent representatives on the Governing Board.

Our first meeting will be on **Thursday, October 19th**. As a reminder, these meetings are public and any decisions taken by the GB will be recorded in the minutes. These minutes are published [on our website](#) once approved. The Agenda for each meeting will be available on our website at least 48 hours prior to each meeting. **YOU CAN KEEP TRACK OF ALL INFORMATION PERTAINING TO GB HERE**

LEARN Quebec

For parents who were not aware, LEARN Quebec offers FREE tutoring for all students, as well as other valuable learning resources. All your child needs to log on is their EMSB username and password. To access it, visit our school website: edinburgh.emsb.qc.ca and click through the **portal** button at the top.

[Click here for a video showing you exactly how to access LEARN and other amazing resources](#)

Terry Fox Run

Our annual Terry Fox Run was held on the afternoon of Wednesday September 27th and it was a huge success! The entire school was out and about at the same time. Smiles all around 😊 Thank you so much to Mr. Cho for organizing another successful event and to our amazing parent volunteers.

This year, the Edinburgh community has come out in full force and has already close to \$8000 for the Terry Fox Foundation! Bravo!

[The donation page is still open until October 6nd if you would still like to contribute to help us reach our goal set by last year's total of \\$8810](#)

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