EDINBURGH BUZZ



November 2024 Newsletter

Dear Edinburgh Community,

Welcome to November! I can't believe we are already two months into the school year. I guess time flies when we are having fun! And we definitely had fun this month. We began October with our annual Terry Fox Run where the community came together to raise over \$7000 for the Terry Fox Foundation. We enjoyed two Home & School Spirit Days, a special lunch from Souvlaki George, an Earth Rangers Presentation in the gym, field trips to Maison Théâtre, the GMAA Cross Country Run, and ended the month with an impromptu Friday afternoon Dance Party in the school gym.

Looking ahead, we have a busy month to come. Most notably, the First Term Report Cards are published (November 15) and are followed by Parent-Teacher Interviews the following week. More info can be found below in the newsletter. We have another Home & School Movie Night coming up, the bake sale supporting our Graduating Class of 2025 will be taking place during Parent-Teacher interviews and in class, our students continue to engage with the curriculum in exciting and meaningful ways.

Finally, I am looking forward to bragging more about our amazing school community during our Open House in a couple of weeks. Help me spread the word! Wishing you a happy, healthy, and exciting November ahead.



Sincerely, **Gaetano Sifoni**Principal / Directeur

Upcoming Events

November 1
PED Day (NO SCHOOL)

November 3Daylight Saving Time

November 5
Special Lunch (Jam Jerk)

November 11 • Remembrance Day

November 14
Governing Board Meeting

November 15

Movie Night (Home & School)

Term 1 Report Card Available

Pizza Day (Home & School)

November 20
Friday Schedule

TCBY / Spirit Day (H&S)
Favourite Jersey

November 21
PED Day (NO SCHOOL)

Home & School Meeting

Parent-Teacher Interviews 9:00am- 8:00 pm

November 22 (Ped Day)
PED Day (NO SCHOOL)

November 27OPEN HOUSE









Report Card & Parent-Teacher Interviews

With the month of November comes the end of TERM 1 on November 8. The following week, on November 15th, the Term 1 report card will be published on the MOZAIK PARENT-PORTAL.

As a reminder, The first term is worth 20% of the school year (Term 2 is 20% and Term 3 is worth 60%). You can consult the <u>Evaluation Standards & Procedures</u> documents for your child's grade to confirm which competencies and subjects will be reported on during Term 1.

We encourage you to sit with your child to look over the report together and take the opportunity to praise all their hard work and effort, as well as acknowledge the areas of improvement and embrace new challenges.

Parent-Teacher Interviews will take place during the PED day on November 21st (between 9:00 am and 8:00 pm). For the Term 1 interviews, all parents are invited to meet their child's teacher(s) at a pre-scheduled appointment. Once again this year, we will organize the scheduling of appointments using Microsoft Bookings. The booking system will open on Monday, November 11th at 7:00 pm to give everyone the best opportunity to book an appointment time that's convenient for all. All the pertinent information you need will be sent home in a separate email in the coming weeks.

Individual Education Plans (IEPs)

A message for parents of students who have an IEP - The revised document will be sent home with your child on November 15th (the same day report cards are published) to be signed and returned to the school. There will be two (2) copies – one for you to keep and the other to return to your child's teacher.

During the Parent-Teacher Interviews, you will have the opportunity to offer and receive feedback about the current plan as we begin Term 2. Remember, the IEP is a living document and although you do not yet have a hard copy, rest assured that the teacher is implementing accommodations as outlined in the most previous version or according to any new professional recommendations, making revisions as necessary.

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NEW PED DAY (February 14, 2025)

We were recently informed by the English Montreal School Board that following the implementation of the new collective agreements, we are required to add one more PED day to our school Calendar. After consultation with the school council, it has been determined that Friday, February 14th will be a school PED day. Please be sure to update your calendars accordingly. To the right is a downloadable updated school calendar which reflects the change.

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Colder weather reminder

This is your friendly monthly reminder that our students go outdoors for recess three times every day (and sometimes more depending on the class activity) and with the weather quickly becoming cooler, please ensure that your child is dressed accordingly. I hate to acknowledge it but we will likely see our first snowfall this month so a *proper snowsuit, hat, gloves, and waterproof boots* should be worn once that happens. Students are also strongly encouraged to keep a change of clothes/socks handy in case of emergency. Everything should be LABELED. Having more layers inevitably means more lost items so please sure to label everything. We usually donate the winter lost & found items in Spring.

Photo Retakes (Green Apple)

Photo retakes will be available at one of the Green Apple Locations on Saturday, November 16. Limited sports available. Click below to reserve your spot:



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2024-2025 Governing Board

Edinburgh Governing Board Meetings are scheduled for the following dates:

- September 12 (AGM)
- October 10
- November 14
- December 12

- > February 20
- > April 10
- ➤ May 15
- June 12

As a reminder, Governing Board meetings are public and any decisions taken will be recorded in the minutes of each meeting. These minutes available on our website once approved. Members of the public are welcome to attend and have an opportunity to address the Governing Board during the question period. In this case, parents are encouraged to send their questions in writing in advance of each meeting to gb.edinburgh@gmail.com

Each upcoming Agenda which includes the link to join our virtual meetings will be posted to the website and school calendar at least 48 hours prior to each meeting.

YOU CAN KEEP TRACK OF ALL INFORMATION PERTAINING TO GB HERE

Open House (November 27)

Our Open House is scheduled to take place on Wednesday, November 27th from 8h15-9h15 and again from 13h30-14h30. We have been hard at work promoting the event. If you have any friends or neighbours who are hoping to join the Edinburgh community, please



spread the word and encourage them to follow us on Facebook or visit our school website to keep up to date with all information involving our Open House and Registration in February. Sibling registration will take place at the end of January

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