

EDINBURGH BUZZ



October 2024 Newsletter

Dear Edinburgh Community,

The first month of school has already come and gone and yet again, it's been an honour getting to know new families in our community and having the chance to see our team in action. 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, progress reports (Oct 11 on Mozaik) and toward the end of Term 1. Looking ahead, we have a few field trips lined up, the first Special Lunch fundraiser of the year (Souvlaki George), 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 4

TCBY / Spirit Day (H & S)
(favourite colour)

October 10

Cross Country Event (GMAA)
Maison Théâtre (Gr K4-K5)
Governing Board Meeting

October 11

Souvlaki George Lunch (H&S)
Progress Reports Available

October 14

HOLIDAY (school closed)

October 15

Monday Schedule

October 18

Pedagogical Day (NO BASE)

October 25

Free Dress / Pizza Day (H&S)



October 30

TCBY / Spirit Day (H & S)
(crazy hair)

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 and the expectations we have for each other.

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** trip and our sixth graders were visited by notable writers and **Edinburgh Alumni**, Arpon and Arjun Basu, as well as by students from Marymount Academy and Westmount High as they begin their search for **High Schools** next year.

Throughout all of this, we also had our first **Home & School Pizza / Free Dress Day**, multiple **Fire Drills**, began **Lunchtime & afterschool ECA's**, engaging **Learning through Play workshops** in Preschool, and the annual **Terry Fox Run**. Never a dull moment!

Indoor Shoes, Change of Clothes, Lost & Found

Friendly reminder that students go outside three times a day for recess (sometimes more depending on the class activity) so everyone should be dressed accordingly, please, especially as the weather begins to get cooler.

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 that is a small action that everyone can do to keep our lovely school CLEAN.

Finally, please take a moment to make sure your child(ren)'s clothing is labeled. It will help us as the lost & found inevitably starts filling up. Our [Home & School Association](#) has an ongoing [Mabel's Label's](#) Fundraiser for your convenience.

LEARN Quebec

This is an annual reminder that 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 **eportal** button at the top.

[Click here for a video showing you how to access this resources](#)

September at Edinburgh



2024-2025 Governing Board

Congratulations to **Michal Mouallem, Navid Azadi, Johanna Miller, and Heidi Cheung** who were elected to Edinburgh's Governing Board at our AGM. They will join **Robyn Dalton, Steve Muoio, and Alessandra Cesari** on the board. **Anne Marie Yaworski and Ivo Marloh** will serve as alternates.

At the same time, I want to extend a heartfelt **THANK YOU** to **Steven Szabo**, who served as our EMSB Parents Committee rep the last two years, as well as our outgoing GB Chairperson, **Anne Marie Yawoski** for the time you spent serving our community on the Governing Board.

Our first meeting will be on **Thursday, October 10th**. 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**

Terry Fox Run

Our annual Terry Fox Run was held on the afternoon of Tuesday, October 1st and once again it was a tremendous success! The entire school was out and about running around the neighbourhood with smiles, banners and dedications towards their friends and family who have been affected by cancer. Thank you so much to Mr. Cho for organizing another successful event and to our amazing parent volunteers who cheer our students giving us that extra boost !

Once again this year, the Edinburgh community has come out in full force and has donated close to **\$6900** (eclipsing our **\$5000** goal) for the Terry Fox Foundation! Bravo! [The donation page is still open until Oct 7](#)

Safety around the school

One of the strengths of our community is the spirit of compassion and kindness which we value here at Edinburgh. I want to appeal to that spirit today to remind you about the importance of being safe when driving around the school at drop-off and pickup (including in BASE), particularly at the gate on Edinburgh Street. Families are encouraged to cross the road together and drivers should be vigilant and mindful that we are a school zone, always driving slowly around the school respecting parking restrictions, stop signs and speed limit. Please & Thank you.

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