



## École Gerald McShane School

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Dear Parents,

We are pleased to announce that we will be offering zootherapy to our students in Pre-Kindergarten every third week starting the week of January 18, 2021. Your child's teacher will communicate with you which weeks the zootherapy will be offered in your child's class.

Our partner in this endeavor is Zoothérapie Québec which is a non-profit organization whose mission is to develop, promote and offer programs and services in animal-assisted therapy that use dogs to help improve the health and quality of life of persons of all ages and conditions.

Animal-assisted therapy is an intervention where a qualified facilitator introduces people to an animal companion that has been carefully selected and trained to elicit reactions in order to maintain or improve their cognitive, physical, psychological or social potential.

Please advise us if your child has a health condition that would not allow them to be in contact with a therapy dog. Please note that should your child have an adverse reaction to the presence of the zootherapy animal in class, they will stay with one of our staff members during the session.

Kind Regards,

Steven Rebelo  
Principal

