



Michelangelo International Elementary School

January Newsletter

Dear parents,

We welcome your children back to school and we hope that you all had an enjoyable holiday with your families and friends. We along with all members of our Michelangelo International School staff wish you a **Happy New Year filled with joy, peace and good health.**

A new year brings about a fresh new start, good intentions and resolutions. Let's all work together in order to ensure a smooth, successful and safe transition back to school for our students.

- Getting **sufficient sleep** is essential for your child to function properly in school.
- A **healthy**, nutritious diet combined with outdoor play fuels the young growing body and brain.
- Please be reminded that we have a **nutrition policy** at our school. You can read about it in **your child's agenda** and review it with your child. **All nuts and nut based foods (i.e. Nutella, peanut butter) are not allowed. Chocolate and chocolate - covered food is also not permitted.**
- **Students must dress appropriately for winter with snow pants, boots, hats, gloves and scarves. Students must have a pair of shoes to wear in school.**
- Also, our students are required to follow the **dress code** as stipulated in **your child's agenda**.
- **Respect** and good manners should always be reinforced in your child.
- Reinforce the **PYP Learner Profile** attributes home.
- A child needs constant **encouragement**. Success, no matter how little, should be acknowledged and celebrated.
- **Reading** in English and French should be encouraged at home. Reading with your child or reading something of your own while your child reads his/ her book (even for just a few minutes daily) values literacy and education.
- **Responsibility** can be learned from a young age. Your child can prepare his clothing for the following day, prepare his/ her lunch, pack the schoolbag the night before, etc.
- **Punctuality** is a lifelong skill that is learned from a young age. Deadlines for assignments should be respected. Making excuses for your child will not benefit in the long run. Parents are responsible for getting their children to school on time. Entry starts at **8:50** and class begins at **9:00 sharp**. It is very stressful for a child when he/she walks in late. Walking in late also disrupts the classroom routine already in place.

***Every year, especially in the fall and winter time, we get unpleasant surprises with lice showing up in children's hair. We recommend that students keep their hair short or tied up. Young children hug each other and play in close contact with each other. Please check your child's hair as often as possible.**

➔ EDUCATION is a **shared** responsibility between school and home. We are looking forward to working collaboratively in 2020.



BOOK FAIR RESULTS

Our total in net sales for this year's book fair was **\$11,103**. We are happy to announce that we beat our goal of \$9,500. This fantastic result could not have been possible without the help of our fantastic volunteers and to all those students and parents that encouraged reading by purchasing books!



PEDAGOGICAL DAY

Please note that Monday, January 6th, 2020 is a pedagogical day. Daycare will be open.

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Please note that lunch and after school activities will resume this week. Please consult the monthly calendar to see when each activity takes place.



TRANSITION TO HIGH SCHOOL

On January 7th grade 6 students will be starting the Transition to High School program in their classes in order to help prepare them for high school next year.



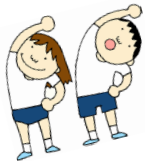
THE WATER CHRONICLES

Geordie Productions will be presenting the play entitled "The Water Chronicles" to all students on Monday, January 13th, 2020.



HEALTH WEEK

This year's health week will be taking place from January 27th- 31st, 2020. The phys ed department has been busy preparing fun physically active activities for students. A memo with more information will be sent out at a later date.



GUEST SPEAKER

On Friday, January 31st, 2020 former NHL hockey player Chris Nilan will be coming to Michelangelo International to speak with the student body.



HONEY FUNDRAISER

Please note that we are still selling our delicious Michelangelo honey which can be purchased at the front office.



BAKE SALES & HOT CHOCOLATE SALE

Please note that we will be hosting both bake sales and hot chocolate sales in the month of January in order to raise money that will be put towards upcoming student activities. Dates will be sent via email.





INNOVATION FAIR

Students have been working hard in class on their innovation fair projects. The Innovation Fair will be taking place on Friday, February 7th, 2020. More information to come.

PSG SOCCER

There will be no soccer on Monday, January 6th, 2020. Please note that as of January 7th, 2020 no further practices will be cancelled for any reason including on ped days unless a memo has been sent out by administration.



****REGISTRATION** (LIMITED SPACES AVAILABLE)**

Siblings of students already attending our school, may be registered
January 27th – January 31st, 2020 (8:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.)

Official Registration Week for new students: February 3rd - February 7th, 2020
(8:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.)



Daycare News & Information



A MESSAGE FROM DAYCARE

Happy New Year from the Daycare Staff!

We have a lot of exciting activities planned for the students.

Please take the time to check our Daycare bulletin board for the amazing monthly activity plans posted by the daycare educators.



DAYCARE WILL BE OFFERING THE FOLLOWING ACTIVITIES FOR THE WINTER SESSION:

Activities begin the week of January 13, 2020 to March 27, 2020.



MICHELANGELO DAYCARE WINTER SESSION	Activity	Company	Date	Time	Grade	Groups/Educators	Special Notes:
<i>Confirmed</i>	Multisport	Sport ball	Wednesday	7:35-8:35	2,3 On rotation <small>*first 25 students to arrive</small>	Ms. Delia, Ms. Sandra, Ms. Santa, Ms. Mirella	Please see rotation schedule posted on the daycare bulletin board
<i>Confirmed</i>	Theatre	Geordie Theatre	Wednesday	4:00-5:00	3-4 & 4-5 On rotation	Ms. Rita, Ms. Antonella	Please see rotation schedule posted on the daycare bulletin board Please note your child will not be doing homework on that day. Please do not pick up your child before 5:00 pm
<i>Confirmed</i>	All aboard Games	Everblast	Tuesday	7:35-8:35	PreK, K, 1	Ms. Fil, Ms. Anna, Ms. Alicia,	Please see rotation schedule posted on the daycare bulletin board

					On rotation *first 25 students to arrive	Ms. Maria, Ms. Rosa, Ms. Amanda	
<i>Confirmed</i>	Green Club	E.M.S.B B.A.S.E	Friday	4:00-5:00	Gr 1 On rotation	Ms. Maria, Ms. Rosa, Ms. Amanda	Please see rotation schedule posted on the daycare bulletin board
<i>Pending confirmation</i>	<i>Creative Video</i>	<i>Co-op Collective Vision</i>	Tuesday	4:00-5:00	5,6 On rotation	Ms. Sabrina, Ms. Wendy	Please see rotation schedule posted on the daycare bulletin board Please note your child will not be doing homework on that day. Please do not pick up your child before 5:00 pm

REMINDER



Students who are participating in any afterschool extra-curricular activity such as SOCCER, PELO, KARATE, CHESS etc. must stay for the whole session. The daycare educators will not be pulling students out of their activities. If there is a change to your child's schedule, please advise the school no later than 2pm.

DAYCARE FEES

Parents of students using the Daycare services full-time (5 days per week) received letter before the holidays with the new daycare fees for the months January-May 2020 - (June will be invoiced separately with any adjustments). January fees are due on January 15th, 2020. Invoices for students using the daycare services on different schedules, less than 5 days per week, or sporadically will be sent out shortly. We also encourage parents to take advantage of using our online payment option.

*Please note that any outstanding daycare fees need to be paid to continue services in January.



LUNCH SUPERVISION PROGRAM FEES FOR STUDENTS NOT IN DAYCARE – (GR 1-6 ONLY)

Lunch Supervision Fees: (Gr 1-6 only, for students NOT using the daycare services)

If you have not made payments for the lunch supervision fees for the months Sept-December 2019 (first installment \$131.25) which was due September 17th, 2019, you will receive a payment notice shortly.

The second installment is due as of **January 15th, 2020** (second installment \$185.50).

The option of one single payment for the year is **\$316.75**.

Lunch fees need to be made to Michelangelo International School.

You can also take advantage of the online payment option. It is very important that online payments are made with the correct online code for lunch fees.

Please do not pay lunch supervision fees with a daycare code. They are separate accounts. Online Lunch Fees need to start with **LH CODES.