



November Newsletter



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OPEN HOUSE

On Thursday November 7th, we will be holding our open house from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tell your friends and neighbours and everyone who has a child entering K4 and K5 next year. We hope to be as successful as the last few open houses!

Students who have been assigned as tour guides are asked to be at school at 5:30 p.m. For those students who will be staying at daycare and not going back home, please make sure to provide them with a supper.

HALLOWEEN

Our parent volunteers decorated, dressed up and role-played for our students on Halloween. We would like to extend a huge thank you to all our volunteers and staff who organized many activities to guarantee a fun experience for all students! Thank you to Mr. Potenza from Maxi RDP who donated pumpkins to each of our classes.



PHOTO RETAKES

Student photo retakes will take place on November 5th, 2019. A form was sent home in October asking students to register for retakes if needed.

PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

Our parent-teacher conferences will take place on November 21st. A memo with doodle links will be sent to all parents to set the appointment with their child's teachers.

HONEY FUNDRAISER

Please note that we will be selling our delicious Michelangelo honey on Thursday November 21st, 2019 during parent/teacher interviews. It will be on a first come first serve basis.

BOOK FAIR

Our annual book fair will take place on November 19th and 20th for the students and on November 21st all day and all evening for the parents. We ask that children do not bring more than 20\$, if he/she wished to purchase more, it can be done on November 21st, during parent-teacher interviews.

FALL FUNDRAISER

We are happy to announce our fall fundraiser with the company Mom's Pantry, which offers high quality baking and food products just in time for the holiday season. The fundraiser will take place from **November 4th-November 18th, 2019**, with a delivery date of all products on **December 9th, 2019**. All students will be receiving an order form to place your order.

<https://www.momspantry.ca/>

REMEMBRANCE DAY

A school assembly will take on place on November 11th to remember those who lost their lives for our freedom. Students who wish to receive a poppy, a small contribution of a toonie, would be greatly appreciated.



WEATHER

Please remind your child (ren) that a change in weather means a change in attire. Please stress the importance of dressing accordingly. Please make sure your child comes to school dressed warmly (hats, gloves, boots etc.)



THROAT LOZENGES

With the cold weather here, we also have more students with colds and coughs. For students who are bringing throat lozenges containing medication (ex: Halls), we ask that an authorization form be filled at the office if your child needs to take this type of lozenge. Also, advise your child not to share these lozenges with friends. Throat lozenges are not candy and, in addition, there are students with different allergies and intolerances.



SCHOOL CLOSURE

Winter is around the corner! In the event of a shutdown of our school due to inclement weather, the announcement will appear on the *Twitter* section posted on the EMSB website. You can access this directly at www.emsb.qc.ca. The EMSB website can be also accessed through our website www.emsb.qc.ca/michelangelo. We will also post via Facebook & Instagram or through the remind app. School closings will also be broadcasted in the morning on all local radio and television stations and on the EMSB information hotline at 514-798-5606. Hence, with all these communication mechanisms available there is no need to contact the school.

Often, when there is a school closure, the employees are not present at the school. Daycare would also be closed.

CHESS / PELO / KARATE/SOCCER

Please note that if your child is signed up for any extra curricular activity he/she must remain for the entire class. Students will not be permitted to leave early unless parents have already called the school **before 2pm** to make other arrangements. Please do not ask the Daycare educators to get your students out from the activity before it ends. This is very disruptive for the activity leaders, the students as well as the Daycare.





Daycare News & Information



DAYCARE DEPOSITS

Please note that we need to process each payment manually to prepare for group deposit. Deposits are made regularly as they are being processed. Parents can expect their payment to be deposited from the date of the cheque and/or within a week; however please note that regardless of unexpected delays parents need ensure sufficient funds are available to honor the cheque. There is \$10.00 for all returned cheques.

NOVEMBER PED DAYS

November Ped day letters have already been sent out and the due date to register was October 28th, 2019. **We are not accepting any more registrations.** Please make sure to respect the deadlines for Ped day registrations. We are thrilled to have such a big, vibrant and growing daycare population, however this requires a lot of planning, staffing and organisation to make our Ped days a success. For this reason, we need to enforce the deadlines. We also want to remind parents that you have outstanding fees owed, we cannot accept the Ped day Registrations. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation.

HOP HOP APP FOR DAYCARE

We launched our Hop Hop App last year and so far we have received very positive feedback from Parents and staff. It's not too late to join. You can join at any time; however we want to remind parents that Hop Hop is voluntary and also a private company. It is **dependent** on internet service being available for the school and also dependant on wherever you are applying it. If internet is not available for any reason, than we cannot guarantee that we have received your notice from Hop Hop. Also keep in mind that Hop Hop is only turned on from 4:00 pm – 5:45pm at our school.

DAYCARE DISMISSAL AFTERSCHOOL

Since our daycare has grown quite substantially this year, and we have over 300 students attending afterschool it is very important that we implement certain security measures to ensure that dismissal runs smoothly, efficiently and safely every day. We ask all parents for their cooperation and understanding so we can work together and help each other during this very busy and intense part of the day.

- ✚ We ask parents' picking daycare students to please remain in the daycare entrance hallway, and **not** go beyond the "Girl's Changing Room" where an orange cone has temporarily been placed. The younger students (Prek & Kdg) will often be placing their belongings in this changing room and they need to be able to get in out easily. Parents of students in Prek & Kindergarten **only** are welcome to help their children get their belongings in the changing room.
- ✚ No student is to leave with their parent/adult without being officially signed out and dismissed by the educator at the door. Students are aware that they need to wait and make sure they are dismissed even if they see their parent.
- ✚ We love meeting the younger siblings coming to pick up their brother and sister; however please note that they cannot leave the daycare entrance and run through the hallways. Please keep them close to you at all times.
- ✚ Since the entrance can become extremely crowded we ask that parents please leave immediately after picking up their child. Please do not linger in the entrance. It makes it extremely difficult for other parents just arriving as well the educators trying to dismiss all the students safely.
- ✚ The younger students have been working on learning how to be organized and responsible for their belongings. The educators will continue to guide them in ensuring that bring everything home at the end of the day. We ask parents to help us work on this with us as well and with your child. For safety reason, parents will not be permitted to go upstairs to get their child's belongings.
- ✚ Please explain all these security measures to friends and family who are coming to pick up your child.

LUNCH SUPERVISION FEES

Please note that the first installment of lunch supervision fees was due September 16th, 2019. Invoices will be sent out for those who have not paid the first installment.

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