



# Monthly Newsletter



## December 2020

### OPEN HOUSE

On Wednesday, November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2020 we had our first virtual open house. It was a great success! Thank you to our students who did a fantastic job speaking about our school.

### VIRTUAL BOOK FAIR

Our first virtual book fair took place from November 23-30<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to those who placed an order.

### FUNDRAISING

A big thank to all the parents who participated in the Big Box of Cards fundraiser. A profit of 4000\$ went towards our PPO fund in order to pay for IB fees and special events.

### IPOD RAFFLE

We will be hosting a fundraising raffle from Dec 7<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup>, 2020. The winner will win a brand new iPod. All funds collected will go directly to our IB program. Tickets will be 5\$ each and the name of the winner will be drawn on December 14<sup>th</sup>. If you wish to buy tickets please have your child give their money to their homeroom teacher.

### LATE ARRIVAL

We have been noticing that there has been an increase in the amount of students coming to school late in the morning. It is important for students to arrive to school on time and to be ready to start classes promptly at 9 a.m in order to avoid class disruptions.

### WINTER ATTIRE

Please be reminded that seeing as the winter weather is upon us, students are expected to come to school dressed accordingly (hats, gloves, scarves, boots, etc). Please note that the school does not have enough spare clothing items to be lending to children when they come in wet from recess and lunch. Furthermore, due to Covid-19 and to ensure student safety, we are refraining from lending out items as much as possible.

### HOLIDAY SPIRIT

The holidays are fast approaching. Through all the excitement and joy, our students also learn about the true spirit of Christmas which involves caring for and helping the less fortunate. Once again, we are asking our community to help us show compassion and generosity. The goods we receive will help support families in our community. Starting November 30<sup>th</sup> until December 14<sup>th</sup>, we will be collecting non-perishable goods to donate to our local church Maria Auxiliatrice. Students will also be making beautiful cards for the elderly in our community.

- For safety reasons during this time, please be sure to send the non-perishable items to school in a knotted plastic bag.

Also, we will be collecting NEW blankets and winter accessories to give to various homeless shelters in our community. If you wish to participate, we kindly ask that you send these items to school with your child between December 14<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup>.

Please note that in order to maintain the variety of winter accessories being donated, we have divided the school into two groups:

**Pre-K to Grade 2:** New blankets placed in a Christmas gift bag (no tissue paper or wrapping paper).

**Grade 3 to 6:** New hats, scarves, gloves, and/or thick socks placed in a Christmas gift bag (no tissue paper or wrapping paper).



## HOLIDAY BREAKFAST

As part of our holiday celebrations, we will be offering students a free holiday breakfast (pancakes, yogurt, milk & fruits) on December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020. If you do not want your child to take part, please let their teacher know as soon as possible by writing a note in their agenda.



## HOLIDAY WEEK AT SCHOOL

In order to usher in the holidays there will be many events taking place on the week of December 14<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Please follow the holidays schedule below if you would like your child to partake.



### **December 14<sup>th</sup> – Holiday Sweater Day**

Pull out your best holiday sweater and wear it to school! Students must wear their uniform bottoms.

### **December 15<sup>th</sup> – All Dress Day**

Time to put all your holiday clothes and accessories together in one fun outfit (socks, sweaters, jewelry, headwear, etc). Students do not have to wear their uniform bottoms.  
Santa visits!

### **December 16<sup>th</sup> – Pyjama Day**

After a short week of fun filled festivities, let's officially kick off the holidays in our most comfortable clothes yet...our pyjamas!  
Students will be treated to a holiday breakfast, participate in a sing-a-long, and indulge in a special treat.

## DECEMBER 17<sup>TH</sup> & 18<sup>TH</sup>

Please note that these two days have now become ped days. At the Elementary level, teachers will remain in contact with their students during the two day period via phone calls, home-based assignments, activities, and where possible, video-conferencing through Microsoft Teams (this can be on any personal device available to the student – computer, tablet, phone, etc.).

**Regular daycare services will be cancelled on December 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>.** A few schools will be asked to keep their daycares open for emergency workers, first responders and medical personnel ONLY (as was done during the initial wave of the pandemic).

Dear Parents,

Our Michelangelo International community continues to show its compassion, commitment and generosity during this holiday season. We are truly blessed with a wonderful community.

We wish you all a very happy holiday season filled with happiness and wonderful memories. We hope that you spend quality time with your loved ones, family members and friends.

Wishing you good health and happiness!

Marisa Mineiro & Amanda Vallelunga  
Principal Vice-Principal



# Happy Holidays!



# Daycare News & Information



## **A message from Daycare**

It has been a busy, action packed and fun first few months of Daycare for all of us and all the students in daycare. The educators have been working hard on learning some great new activities that compliment and respect all the new health and safety protocols respecting the class bubbles. Although it has been challenging at times for both the children and educators, it is remarkable how well everyone has adapted and how much effort has been put into making it not only work for everyone, but also to see how happy the students are. We want to also thank all the parents for their support, encouragement and cooperation with all the changes.

We had lots of fun on our Ped days with the educators planning some fun activities to keep all or students happy and engaged. From our adventures with Space and Science, creating our own special ceramic bowls with ceramic café, a fun-filled pyjama day making our own stuffed rainbow puppies and starting off the holiday season with some great decorations and projects.

Our next Ped day is **January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021** for our regular daycare students and we will be treating the kids to a New Year's welcome back with a "Game Day" themed day. They will have fun in school with a variety of cooperative and interactive games as well as other educator run activities to keep them entertained all day long. Permission slips are being distributed today.

### **Deadline to register for this Ped day is December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2020.**

(Please don't miss this deadline. It is the first day back from the holidays so we need to prepare before we close. Students who do not submit the permission slip will not be permitted to attend that Ped day).

The December daycare programs are also being sent out by your child's educator.

Please take the time to see all the interesting activities they have planned for your children this month.

### **Fees:**

We kindly ask that all daycare payments for December are made no later than **December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020**. Invoices for December will need to be readjusted due to the closing on December 17 & 18, 2020; when we receive the directives from the government and the schoolboard, we will advise all parents.

Parents will receive the new schedule for regular payments of daycare fees in January 2021 for the months January-June 2021.

On behalf of all us from Daycare, we wish you above all a Healthy, and Joyous Holiday Season. Stay safe and well.

Sincerely,  
Nancy Salituri  
Daycare Technician

