



Michelangelo International Elementary School

January Newsletter

Dear parents,

We hope that you all had an enjoyable holiday and 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.
- **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 2021.





SCHOOL CLASSES & DAYCARE SERVICES

Regular classes and daycare services will resume on **Monday, January 11th, 2021.**

Student attendance is not optional.

MASKS/FACE COVERINGS



As per the most recent government directives, please take note of the following concerning the wearing of masks for elementary students. As of Monday, January 11, 2021 elementary students must wear a face covering or procedural mask.

****Please see the chart below as well as the attachment to the email for information concerning the wearing of a mask.**

Grade Level	In class	Common Areas (entering school, hallways, stairways, washrooms, etc)	Schoolyard (recess & lunch)	School Bus
Pre-K & K				
Grades 1-4		✓		✓
Grades 5-6	✓	✓		✓
Please note that students do NOT have to wear masks during phys ed class				

COVID-19 CASES

Any student who has travelled during the holiday break MUST self-isolate for 10 days as per Santé Publique's directives.

It is very important that if someone in your household tests positive for Covid-19 that you inform the administration right away. Although this information will be kept confidential (no names of positive people will be released), it is essential that we have open communication during these times in order to keep all members of our school community as safe as possible.

COVID SYMPTOMS

Please remember that you should be assessing your child's health every morning to make sure they are not presenting symptoms of Covid-19.

You can always use the self-assessment tool available on the EMSB website or by copying and pasting the link below into your browser.

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=3I4qaDU1e0SMeoQxodjRtc5yLbY0qZ9Hi8zOYFVDWwFUOEIDOTVYMzc0NExFMktQUFU5U01WSVRGSi4u>



BORROWED DEVICES

Any student who has borrowed a device from the school must return it on **Monday January 11th between 8 am – 4 pm.** Please note that these devices are used on a daily basis in our classes. If your child attends morning daycare you can also return the device to the daycare on Monday morning (7 am - 8:45 am).



AIR FILTRATION SYSTEMS

Although it has recently been in the news that EMSB school will be receiving ventilation systems, please note that luckily our school already has a mechanical ventilation system.

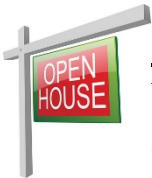


TRANSITION TO HIGH SCHOOL

Our 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 LITTLE MIGHTY SUPERHERO

Geordie Productions will be presenting the play entitled “The Little Mighty Superhero” to all students on Friday, January 15th, 2021. The play will be broadcast into the classrooms.



OPEN HOUSE

We will be hosting our second open house on January 29th, 2021. It will be a virtual question and answer period. If you or someone you know wishes to attend, please note that a link will be sent for you to register on our website.



****REGISTRATION****

Siblings of students already attending our school, may be registered
January 25th – January 29th, 2021 (8:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.)

Official Registration Week for new students: February 1st - February 5th, 2021
(8:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.)

*****Please note that an email will be sent in the coming days for you to book your registration appointment.***



Daycare News & Information



January News from Daycare



Happy New Year from the Daycare Staff!

We started off our first week of January opening our doors to provide daycare services for essential workers. This went very well, and we were happy to be working in our own school this time around. We are now ready to change gear and welcome everyone back to school with the added safety protocols.

Please note that parents will **not be charged** for daycare services while we were closed and providing only emergency services.

(Parents were also not charged for daycare services on December 17 & 18, 2020).

New and updated January statement of accounts (invoices) will be provided to all parents using the daycare services once we return to school, and we receive all the necessary information from the government regarding the daycare rates. Normally there is a slight increase to daycare fees every January; however, we have not yet received the amounts if any.

We are currently preparing for our upcoming Ped day scheduled for **Friday January 22nd, 2021**. Parents with children using the daycare services full-time will receive the Ped day Letter on Monday January 11, 2021 through your child's agenda. Since this is time sensitive, the due date to register for this Ped day is **Friday Jan. 15th, 2021** so we can enough time to properly prepare. Please make sure to check your child's agenda. For those who had previously paid and registered their children for the cancelled January 4th, 2021 Ped Day, you can use your credit for the Jan 22nd, 2021 Ped day. Please read the Ped Day Letter for all the details.

The daycare team have a lot of exciting activities planned for the students upon their return to school, and the educators will be sending you a copy of their monthly activity plans.

LUNCH SUPERVISION PROGRAM FEES FOR STUDENTS NOT IN DAYCARE LUNCH – (Grades 1-6 only)

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

If you have not made payments for the lunch supervision fees for the months Sept-December 2020 (first installment \$144.00) which was due September 28th, 2020, you will receive a payment notice shortly.

*The second installment was previously due as of January 18th, 2021; however, we have decided to post-pone the collection to: **Feb 1, 2021**. This will give us the time needed to receive directives and make any adjustments if any due to the closures.*

If you already sent the post-dated cheque for January 18th, 2021 it's not an issue, we will keep that cheque and advise you if there are any changes to be made.

If you have already paid for the whole year (\$362.00) that's also not a problem, it has already been entered and we will advise if there any adjustments or credits.

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**.

**Please note that if you have been paying your lunch fees to the daycare for the months of September-December 2020 you will continue to do so.*