



# October NEWSLETTER



October 2020

Dear parents,

We are now into our second month of school. Despite the particular school year, we are having, we hope your child(ren) will continue to invest time and energy in learning new skills and concepts. Your support will be needed in ensuring that your child(ren) gets the proper rest by going to bed at a reasonable time at night. Please verify that homework is being done properly and that your child(ren) studies and reads in English and French. We strongly encourage you to verify their email account to ensure that we can switch to online learning, should we go into confinement. An online pedagogical package will be sent shortly.

## LATES



Parents are reminded to please make sure that students arrive to school on time. We are implementing proper work habits for our students, and teach them the value of being punctual. Please be reminded that three lates in a month results in a reflection.

## A.M ENTRY/ P.M DISMISSAL



Seeing as Montreal has now entered the red zone and that we have had our first case of Covid-19 at Michelangelo International Elementary School; we hope that our parents will follow the guidelines of Santé Publique and wear protective masks when social distancing isn't possible when dropping off and picking up their children. Although you are outdoors during this time, social distancing is not always being respected and it will give all parents peace of mind if more people are taking precautions. Let's work together to guarantee the safety of our school community. Thank you for your usual understanding and cooperation.

Also, a reminder that **we would like to keep the bus corridor free of pedestrians** to ensure that a student can get off and, on the bus, safely and with ease. These measures have been put into place for the safety and security of all our students and we ask for the full cooperation of all our parents.

## GOVERNING BOARD AND P.P.O

The Governing Board and P.P.O held their first meeting on September 21<sup>st</sup> and September 23<sup>rd</sup> respectively. The following are the elected members for this year. Thank you to all the parents that will be volunteering their time to be on these important committees.





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## GOVERNING BOARD

Astorino, Giuseppe (Chairperson)	Fuoco, Stefanie
Caruso, Claudia (Vice- Chairperson)	Urso, Domenic
Passucci, Stephanie (EMSBPC)	Panarisi, Anna Maria
Palermo, Rosanna (Treasurer)	Di Stefano, Mirella
Da Silveira, Lynda (Secretary)	Rogan, Rozina
Lacroce, Vince	Cardillo, Lori
Di Cesare, Kristina	Rinaldi, Giuseppina
Ciccotelli, Nick	Salitury, Nancy

## P.P.O

Palermo, Rosanna (Chairperson)	Strazzero, Marie-Josée
Farella, Imma	Milone, Sognia
Di Cesare, Kristina	Cabral, Vanessa
Iannantuono, Nancy	Vaccaro, Patrizia
Passucci, Stephanie	Pacheco, Stacy
Bottari-Laporte, Cassandra	Contarini, Filippa

Other volunteers, will be signing up to help with the various sub committees available. An email will be sent out shortly. A **BIG** thank you to all.

## FUNDRAISERS

Our annual chocolate drive is being organized by our PPO. It will be implemented differently this year due to the pandemic. It will be postponed until guidelines permit us to go ahead. More info to come. **This drive is our biggest fundraising effort to help subsidize our prestigious renowned International program to all students. IB World private schools and IB World public schools usually charge special IB fees. At Michelangelo International Elementary School your Governing Board and PPO have been able to fund the IB –Primary Years Program, through the chocolate fundraiser. It is important to support our school with its fundraising efforts in order to continue providing this program at our school.**

## PROGRESS REPORTS

On Tuesday, October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020, your child will be bringing home a copy of their progress report. Please sign the Reporting Periods sheet in the folder and return it the next day to the homeroom teacher. You may keep the original progress report card for your records. Parent Teacher meeting will take place on October 15<sup>th</sup> by appointment only via Microsoft Teams.





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## SCHOOL FEES



Those parents that have yet to pay this year's school fees that were due on September 15<sup>th</sup> are asked to do so as soon as possible. Both cash and cheques are accepted.

## PELO PROGRAM/ EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES/ CHESS AND KARATE

Our regular activities haven't started due to the pandemic. We will resume our ECA's as soon as possible. More info to come.



## SCHOOL WEBSITE

Our school website is being revamped. We will soon have a new look and different features. We are just as anxious as you to have a new website.

## HALLOWEEN



We are planning various activities for our students for Halloween. We will prioritize social distancing; therefore, we will **not** have our annual Haunted House, but we will make sure that we have a fun fill activity day. They may wear their costumes. Please make sure that your child wears a costume that he/she cannot trip over. Be reminded that the children have to take the stairs when they circulate in the school. Full face masks, weapons and props are not permitted.

## OPEN HOUSE



This year our open house will take place virtually on November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

Get the "Buzz" going about our great school! We have a unique program. Our language instruction is exceptional. While we take great care of our students' academics, we also ensure the safety and important resources to support our students learning.

Speak to your family, friends and neighbours. Have them virtually visit our school. We are **proud** about what we offer at Michelangelo International. Our school offers a prestigious International Baccalaureate program with a successful bi-literate program one week in **English** and one week in **French**.

## MESSENGER

When you are sent messages via School Messenger email; please do not reply to this as we do not receive your emails. To ensure your message is read, please email the Michelangelo email ([michelangelo@emsb.qc.ca](mailto:michelangelo@emsb.qc.ca)) or to whom you want to address your concern/ question.





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## MICHELANGELO INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL DAYCARE



### Daycare News for October 2020:

#### Daycare Programs:

The daycare educators have been introducing many new activities to help keep all the students stimulated, busy and happy while respecting all the new protocols and changes. They have all prepared October programs for their daycare groups. Parents will receive a copy as well.

#### Lunch time:

Please make sure your child has their own utensils for their lunch.

It's also very important that your child has water every day. The fountains are still off limits due to the covid protocols; therefore, they absolutely need to have their own water bottles.

#### Online Payments Reminders:

##### For Daycare Fees:

A reminder to use the SG code (service de garde) to pay daycare fees only. This includes Ped days. Allow at least 24-48 hrs. for fees to be processed.

##### For Daycare Lunch Supervision Fees:

Same online codes as above apply (SG code)

**Special Note:** Some students who were originally registered to begin daycare this year, and cancelled due to the new covid situation have been left registered on the daycare lunch account either because they were unsure if they would be returning to daycare later in the school year, or because they have a sibling in either Prek or Kindergarten who are already on the daycare lunch account. Parents were informed when they cancelled which lunch account they would be on. If you received an invoice and/or letter from daycare for lunch fees, this means you are on the daycare lunch account. Please use the SG code to pay online.

##### Online Payments for Non-Daycare students for Lunch Supervision fees:

This option is only to pay for lunch supervision fees.

Code starts with LH (lunch hour)

Please don't use the online payment for any other school fees.

It is only set up for lunch fees.

Parents who received a letter regarding the school lunch supervision fees need to pay fees to this account.



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## October Ped days:

- 🚦 **Thursday October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020 – In School Activities: Fall theme**
- 🚦 **Friday October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020 – In School - Ceramic Café Activities**
- 🚦 **Monday October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020 – In School Halloween activities**

Letters regarding our upcoming Ped days have already been sent out to all parents who have their children registered in daycare full time (a minimum of 3 days per week).

The due date to register is **Friday October 2, 2020**. We cannot accept any registrations after this date since we staff, schedule and plan according to the number of registrations we receive. Safety protocols and class bubbles will be maintained on Ped days. Mask are recommended for all students; however, only the Gr 5 & 6 students are required to wear them.

Sincerely,

Marisa Mineiro  
Principal

**Wishing everyone a very Happy Thanksgiving Holiday!**

