



December Newsletter



OPEN HOUSE

Our first Open House was held on Thursday, November 4th. It was a virtual event. We had a lot of interest and we excited to highlight all the great things we offer. A big thank you to our Governing Board and PPO Chair and Vice Chair, but mostly importantly, the students who did a fantastic job speaking about our school.

SCHOLASTICS BOOK FAIR

The virtual Scholastic Book Fair took place November 2nd to November 8th. Thank you to all those who placed an order. Planning has already begun for the next one in February. Hopefully we can have an in-school event.



FUNDRAISING

Felix and Norton cookie dough is our current fundraiser, and is going really well. It is not too late to place an order. The campaign ends Monday, December 6th. Copy and paste the link below to make an order, then submit your payment (cash/cheque) with your child the following day. Thank you to all who have already ordered.

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=3I4qaDU1e0SMeoQxodjRtRSnZ52hOidLu4Zep7K_KRpUODg1OEIBQ05UTzFCNjdaVII1SINUUVFWTi4u

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 8:52 a.m. in order to avoid class disruptions.



WINTER ATTIRE

Whether we like it or not, the winter weather has arrived. Students are expected to come to school dressed accordingly (hats, gloves, scarves, boots, etc). The students will be going out to play for a total of 60 minutes (not including Daycare). They are to be dressed appropriately for the weather. All children should be wearing boots. It would be a good idea to keep an extra pair of socks in your child's school bag in case their socks get wet. 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 SEASON AT MICHELANGELO

The holidays are fast approaching. We have planned many festive activities for the month of December. A Holiday Newsletter was sent out last week via School Messenger. We will be sharing it once again with this newsletter and the December Calendar.

COVID CASES AT SCHOOL

We have been experiencing an increased number of positive Covid cases at school. Although it feels that the cases are constant and there is an outbreak, this is not the case. We cannot discuss cases with the community as we need to keep confidentiality of the students involved. We continue to follow all protocols given to us by Public Health and the EMSB. We've had some questions concerning Rapid Testing. Although we have all the necessary equipment to perform the tests, we do not just perform them at random. Strict guidelines were given informing us when we can perform a test. Parents will always be informed before a test will be administered. We understand that anxieties concerning the pandemic are high. We have and always will set the students health and safety as a priority. We ask that you monitor your child's symptoms and do not send them to school if they are exhibiting any symptoms. Lastly, we ask that you speak to your child about wearing their masks properly at school and on the school bus.

COVID -19 VACCINATIONS

We will be having a team from CIUSSS -de-L'Île-de-L'Est coming on December 13th to vaccinate students aged 5 to 11 years old. Many emails were sent to parents with information explaining the government's vaccination campaign in schools. Parents will not be able to accompany their child during the vaccinations at Michelangelo, however, they can take their child to the Olympic Stadium. A consent form (paper) was sent home and parents were asked to return it to school, even if they were not vaccinating their child at school. For students participating in the Vaccination Day at school, the CIUSSS is requesting that you register your child on the Clic-Sante website. An explanation of these procedures were sent to parents (via School Messenger) last weekend.





MASKS


We have been seeing a rise in the pollution around the school. There are many masks thrown on the ground, instead of being disposed of properly in a garbage can. We have already spoken to the students about throwing their masks in a garbage can when they remove it, or to keep it in their pockets until they find a garbage can. Please help us set an example for our students.

SCHOOL MESSENGER

When using School Messenger, please do not reply to the email that we've sent, as we do not receive those messages. To ensure that your message is read, kindly address your emails to the Michelangelo email address (michelangelo@emsb.qc.ca) or to whomever you would like to address your concern.







IB SPOTLIGHT



Grade 2 IB News

In their second unit of inquiry, students in Grade 2 explored magnets and their many uses. When brainstorming for their summative task, they used their critical thinking skills and the knowledge acquired when discussing their ideas to solve real-life problems using magnets. This unit of inquiry was centered around the fact that innovations help people in their daily lives.





We would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very joyful holiday season filled with happiness and many wonderful memories. We hope that you get to spend quality time with family and friends.

Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year. See you back again on January 6th, 2022

Marisa Mineiro
Principal

Jennifer Martins
Vice Principal





A message from Daycare

It has been a busy, action packed and fun first few months of Daycare for all the staff and students in daycare. The educators have been working hard on implementing some great new activities that compliment and respect all the new health and safety protocols.

We had lots of fun on our Ped days with the educators planning some fun activities to keep all or students happy and engaged. Starting off with celebrating Fall and Halloween, our adventures with Space and Science, our very first outing since the pandemic started going to see a movie at the cinema!

We have a fun-filled day planned for our upcoming ped day scheduled on **Monday, Dec 6th, 2021** celebrating **Holidays Around the World!**

The first Ped day after the holidays is scheduled for **January 14th, 2022** and we will be treating the kids to fun-filled day with the company **Club Fy** who will plan a whole day of kid-friendly circus-type training. *More information on this ped day and permission slips will be distributed next week.*

Deadline to register for the Jan 14th, 2022 Ped day is: Tuesday December 14, 2021.

(Please don't miss this deadline. It is soon after we return from the holidays, so we need to prepare. 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.

Daycare & Lunch Supervision Fees:

We kindly ask that all daycare payments for December be made no later than: **December 20, 2021**

Invoices for December will be sent out by email the week of December 13th. 2021.

*Please make sure to pay the correct accounts for daycare or lunch Your statement will indicate which account to pay on the top heading of the statement. It will indicate either "Michelangelo School" – LH CODE for online payments or "Michelangelo Daycare" – SG CODE for online payments.

REMINDERS!



Safety Concern for Daycare Dismissal:

With the colder weather, and time change it is becoming very dark quite early and it is sometimes very difficult to see parents when they pick up their children. Please note that for safety reasons unless there is an authorized adult visible at the daycare door, we cannot dismiss and send your child out.

AFTERSCHOOL ACTIVITIES: (Soccer/PELO/Chess)

A reminder that daycare students attending afterschool activities need time to be dismissed from their activity and return to their daycare group and retrieve their things. Please do not come to pick them up from daycare before **5:15pm** on those days. Please do not send a Hop Hop request before the activity ends, this makes dismissal very confusing as they are not with the daycare during the activity.

*Also, often adults picking up the children forget when they have their activities and come to pick them up too early from daycare. Please make sure that anyone authorized to pick up your child is aware of the afterschool activities they are registered for. We cannot take your children out of the activity.

*For daycare students attending the later session of FFF Soccer from 4:52-5:52; please note that the soccer instructor will dismiss all the students including daycare students from the office doors for the second **soccer session only**. This includes any make-up sessions scheduled from 4:52-5:52pm.



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



