



# November Newsletter



## HALLOWEEN

We had a wonderful Halloween celebration. The school was adorned with beautiful Halloween decorations and creatively decorated pumpkins; one for each classroom. Many fun Halloween-themed activities took place, and it was a fun experience for everyone! The theme this year was Barbie. Activities included Just Dance in the gym, an art activity, a virtual escape game, trick or treating at the main office and the HAUNTED HOUSE!! A big thank you to all the parents who volunteered countless hours of their time and effort to get the Haunted House ready for our students. A shout out to the Halloween committee as well who planned an excellent, fun-filled day for our students!



## PHOTO RE-TAKES

On Thursday, November 10<sup>th</sup>, Lifetouch will be back at school for photo re-takes. Re-takes are available for students who were either absent on October 12<sup>th</sup>, **OR** if there was a problem with the photo (i.e., eyes were closed). A Microsoft Form was sent to parents to request a photo re-take. Reminder the school uniform is mandatory for picture day.



## PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES – TERM 1

Our Term 1 Parent-Teacher Conferences will take place on Thursday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>. These conferences will be held in-person at school. Teachers will be communicating with parents shortly on how to proceed with booking your appointments.



## BOOK FAIR

We are excited to announce that our Book Fair will take place from November 21<sup>st</sup> until November 23<sup>rd</sup> in the gymnasium. On November 21 & 22, all classes will have a chance to visit the Book Fair. On November 23<sup>rd</sup>, the Book Fair will be open all day to give parents a chance to visit as well during Parent-Teacher conferences.



**\*\*Please note that ball hockey will be cancelled on November 21<sup>st</sup> due to the book fair taking place in the gym. \*\***

## OPEN HOUSE

Our Open House will be held on Thursday, November 9<sup>h</sup> from 6:00pm to 8:00pm. We have a dynamic team of teachers and student tour guides who will be sharing their knowledge and experiences about all the great programs that we offer at Michelangelo International. We look forward to meeting all our potential new students.



## FUNDRAISERS

Thank you to everyone who has supported our school by selling chocolates or donating to the school. PPO has been hard at work organizing our next fundraisers. More information will be sent shortly. Stay tuned!

## MORNING ENTRY AND DISMISSAL

There are many procedures set in place to ensure the safety of all our students. Parents are asked to not enter the school yard. When dropping off or picking up your child, please do not block the entrance to the schoolyard. There are many children trying to access the entrance and we do not want to create congestion.

Please do not change your child's routine without written notification and ensure that your child is aware of and understands the change. Also take note that calling at the last minute (afternoon on the day of) is not only disruptive but cannot guarantee that your child will receive the correct message in a timely manner. Students will not be removed from the bus by any adult



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other than a staff member, who must verify with the child's teacher and Main Office of this change. Please help us avoid a dangerous situation by writing in your child's agenda any changes made to your child's daily routine.

Lastly, remember, the main office is a very busy place. The first and last hour of the day, as well as lunch time the busiest times. We ask that you do not call during these times unless it is an emergency.

## LUNCH EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

We strongly recommend that parents do not order hot meals for lunch on the days that their child(ren) are in an extra-curricular activity.

(It becomes more complicated to remove meals from the warmers etc. when they change their lunch routine, and it also takes longer for them to eat which can take precious time away from their activity.)

A quick sandwich/wrap would do the trick on those days.



## WEATHER

Remember that a change in weather means a change in attire. It is time to take out warm coats, hats and gloves. Help us by stressing the importance of dressing for the weather with your child(ren). Please remind your child(ren) that they are expected to wear the same outdoor clothing at recess as what they came to school wearing. We also ask that you help your child respect the school dress code (see School Dress Color Code in the School's Agenda).

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 to friends. Throat lozenges are not candy and, in addition, there are students with different allergies and intolerances.

## GRADE 2 IB NEWS

During their first unit of inquiry, the grade 2 students discovered that through literature such as fairy tales, creativity can be developed and used to express themselves. Students re-enacted a fairy tale and had the opportunity to add creative touches to their skits. Mr. Matthew also "*played a part*" in this unit by helping the students in creating a mask of their character. Some students even took the initiative to create props on their own. Look how wonderfully creative our students can be!



Can you guess which fairy tale is portrayed in these pictures?





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## STUDENT COUNCIL

The Student Council representatives for the 2023-2024 academic year are:

**Grade 2:** Aurelia Scali, Mirko Venditti

**Grade 3:** Kayla Scarpelli, Giulia Tiseo

**Grade 4:** Vittoria Argento, Chloe Morello

**Grade 5:** Luca Cicora, Emma Maglieri

**Grade 6:** Matteo Piccone, Alyssa Pazienza

A BIG thank you to all our representatives for taking such an interest in school life. 😊

## PPO NEWS

A BIG thank you to all the PPO parents and volunteers who made donations and volunteered their time to make Halloween a great event for our students.

If anyone is interested to donate for future events, please email our PPO chairperson, Giovanna Renda, at [johanne29@gmail.com](mailto:johanne29@gmail.com). In addition, if you think your company can help with future events and/or fundraisers, please let us know. We would like to support local!

*Wishing you all a safe and healthy month of November!*

Sincerely,

Marisa Mineiro  
Principal

&

Amanda Vallelunga  
Vice-Principal





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## Daycare November News & Information:

### November Ped days

We have three ped days in November. Our first ped day is November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023, and this ped day is already set and scheduled. The next two ped day letters will be sent you shortly.

**The due date for the November 23 & 24 Ped days registrations will be Friday November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2022.** Please make sure to respect the deadlines for Ped day registrations, we continue to get late submissions. Ped days requires a lot of planning, staffing and organisation to make them a success. For this reason, we need the number of students who will be attending by the deadline. A reminder that priority will be given to students attending daycare full time. Please verify the agenda daily to make sure the permission slip was submitted. We encourage you to send the permission slips by email as they are less likely to get lost. This will ensure we get them by the due regardless of absences as well. 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.

- + Wednesday November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023: In School – Games Day! / Deadline passed
- + Thursday November 23, 2023: Outing: T.B.D (Funtropolis)
- + Friday November 24, 2023: In School: Stars & Space Theme

**Special Note:** For those who have registered for the Ped days, please note that on Ped days all students need to be dropped off and picked up at the Daycare Entrance located next to the office. We kindly ask that students arrive no later than **9:00 am** and **picked up no earlier than 3:00 pm** so they can benefit from all the planned activities. Since our staff is busy with the Ped day activities, we cannot guarantee that someone will be at the daycare door to let your child in or dismiss your child. After 9am and before 3:30pm.

*Heads up! The next month's Ped day: **Friday Dec 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023**,  
In School Holiday Theme (letters will be sent out by Nov 20, 2023).  
Deadline to register: **Wednesday November 29th, 2023***



### Hop Hop App for Daycare:



We launched our Hop Hop App a few years ago and 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 a private company. It is **dependent** on internet service being available for the school and dependant on wherever you are applying it. If internet is not available for any reason, then 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.

### AFTERSCHOOL ACTIVITIES: (Pelo/Chess/Karate)

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 **5:00pm** 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.

**DAYCARE FEES & DAYCARE LUNCH FEES / SCHOOL LUNCH SUPERVISION FEES\***The statements of accounts for both **Daycare & School Lunch Supervision** have been sent out by email to all parents for October 2023. The due date for daycare & lunch fees is **October 30th, 2023**. Invoices for November will be sent by November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023, and due **November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023**.  
**A reminder that online payments for daycare needs to be made to the Michelangelo Daycare account as the payee using the SGCODE found on your statement of account.**  
**Payments for Lunch Supervision Fees are to be made to Michelangelo School account as the payee using the LHCODE found on your statement of account.**



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**Please look carefully at the statement you receive. They look very similar so please look on top. If the statement says Michelangelo Daycare, then please pay the daycare account. If you see Michelangelo Lunch, please pay the Michelangelo School lunch account. These are separate accounts and not transferable. If you have children in both programs, you need to pay them separately. We are still receiving online payments in the wrong accounts and since it not transferable it forces us to have to refund the payment made to the wrong account, and then ask parents to then pay again to the correct account. Please check your statement carefully.**

For those who come to daycare on occasion or sporadically from Gr 1-6, please remember that the days you do use the daycare services fees need to be paid to the daycare including Ped days; however, your lunch supervision fees will still need to be paid to the School Lunch account.

**November Daycare Programs:** The daycare educators have planned some great activities this month. Parents will receive a copy of the November programs shortly.



Sincerely,  
Nancy Salituri  
Daycare Technician