

EDINBURGH BUZZ

November 2022 Newsletter

Dear Edinburgh Community,

Where has October gone? Time flies when we are having fun! This month, we began many of our after-school programs and our students engaged with the curriculum in exciting and meaningful ways. We also took an opportunity to reflect on the importance of gratitude around Thanksgiving, a core value of the Edinburgh community.

Looking ahead, we have a busy month to come. November is typically a big month in all schools and Edinburgh is no exception. Most notably, the First Term Report Cards are published (November 18) and are followed by Parent-Teacher Interviews (November 23-24). More info can be found below in the newsletter.

I truly hope this school year has been everything you had hoped for so far. On our end, the school team is beyond thrilled to find ourselves back into more familiar school routines and creating opportunities to make learning fun. If I haven't said it enough, Edinburgh truly has a remarkable school community, and I am looking forward to bragging more about it during our Open House next week.

Wishing you a happy, healthy, and exciting November ahead!



Sincerely,
Gaetano Sifoni
Principal / Directeur

UPCOMING EVENTS


November 1

School Professional Day
NO SCHOOL

November 3

Open House
Home & School Meeting

November 9

 TCBY Day (Home & School)


November 11

 Remembrance Day

November 15

Governing Board Meeting

November 18

 Term 1 Report Card Available
Pizza Day (Home & School)

November 23

Parent-Teacher Interviews
3:00- 9:00 pm

November 24

Parent-Teacher Interviews
1:00- 7:00 pm

November 24-25

School Professional Days
NO SCHOOL



Report Card & Parent-Teacher Interviews

With the month of November comes the end of TERM 1. On November 18th, the Term 1 report card will be published on the [MOZAIK PARENT-PORTAL](#). This Term is worth 20% of the school year (Term 2 is also 20% and Term 3 is worth 60%).

We encourage you to sit with your child to look it over together and take the opportunity to praise all their hard work and effort, as well as embrace the new challenges to work on areas of improvement.

Parent-Teacher Interviews will take place on November 23rd (from 3:00-9:00 pm) and on November 24th (from 1:00-7:00 pm). All parents are invited to meet their child's teacher(s) at a pre-scheduled appointment during these days. We will organize the scheduling of appointments using Microsoft Bookings. The booking system will open on November 14th. All the pertinent information you need will be sent home in a separate email in the coming weeks.

*On this day, **Babar Books** will be here at the school for our Annual Book Fair! As well, you will also have the opportunity to support our Graduating class through their **Bake Sale** Fundraiser. Home and School will send more information as we approach the date.*

Individual Education Plans (IEPs)

A message for parents of students who have an IEP - The revised document will be sent home with your child on November 18th to be signed and returned to the school. During the Parent-Teacher Interviews, you will have the opportunity to receive feedback about the current plan as we begin Term 2.

Changes to Dismissal Plans?

A friendly reminder that if there is a change in dismissal plan for your child(ren) – i.e., *they should not be taking the bus today, they will be picked up early, they are not going to BASE, etc.* – I will ask that you [please inform the main office before 2:00 pm](#) so that we can ensure everyone gets where they need to be **safely**.

October at Edinburgh

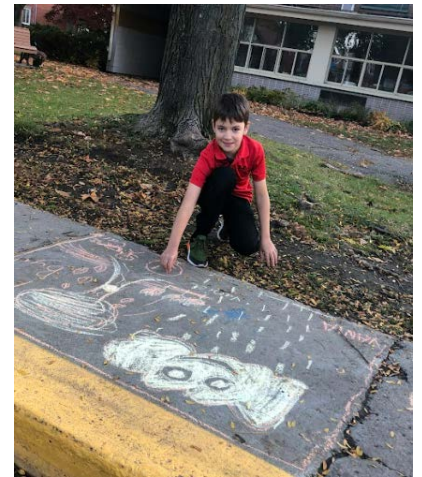


Open House (November 3)

This year, our Open House we are returning to an in-person Open House. We have been hard at work promoting the event. If you have any friends or neighbours who are interested in being a part of the Edinburgh community, please encourage them to follow us on Facebook and visit our school website to keep up to date with all information involving our Open House and Registration week in February.



October at Edinburgh



Governing Board Meetings

Edinburgh Governing Board Meetings are scheduled for the following dates:

- October 18, 2022 (in person)
- November 15, 2022 (online)
- December 13, 2022 (in person)
- January 31, 2022 (online)
- February 28, 2022 (online)
- April 4, 2022 (online)
- May 9, 2022 (online)
- June 13, 2022 (in person)

As a reminder, Governing Board meetings are public and any decisions taken will be recorded in the minutes of each meeting. These minutes available on our [website](#) once approved.

Members of the public are welcome to attend and have an opportunity to address the Governing Board during the question period. In this case, parents are encouraged to send your questions in writing in advance of each meeting to the Governing Board chairperson (fiori36@hotmail.com).

Each upcoming Agenda which will have the link to join our virtual meetings. They will also be available on the website and sent out to the community at least 48 hours prior to each meeting.

[YOU CAN KEEP TRACK OF ALL INFORMATION PERTAINING TO GB HERE](#)



Cross-Country Race (GMAA)

Congratulations to our cross-country runners who took part in the annual event this year at Beaver Lake. Our Grade 6 girls finished first place and the Grade 6 boys finished second place in their group. Everyone ran their hearts out and represented Edinburgh with pride! Thank you to Mr. Cho for volunteering his time and energy into providing our students with this memorable experience.

Guest Speaker at Edinburgh

On Tuesday, October 25, our students in Grades 4-5-6 were visited by a guest speaker who is quite literally “out of this world”. Mr. Brian Ewenson (an Aerospace Educator, Consultant, and Professional Speaker) visited our school to talk about his experience working for NASA and the Canadian Space Agency. He also brought a large collection of space artifacts with him. Very cool!

Colder weather reminder

This is your friendly monthly reminder that our students go outdoors for recess three times every day (and sometimes more depending on the class activity). Everyone should be dressed accordingly, please. I hate to acknowledge it but we will likely see our first snowfall this month so a **proper snowsuit, hat, gloves, and waterproof boots** should be worn once that happens. Students are also strongly encouraged to keep a change of clothes/socks handy in case of emergency. Everything should be LABELED. More layers means more lost items so labels **absolutely** help.

Please be reminded as well that **every student is expected to have a pair of INDOOR and OUTDOOR shoes/boots.** In general, the field can get muddy at this time of year and I want to encourage everyone to do their part to keep our lovely school CLEAN.

October at Edinburgh

