

EDINBURGH BUZZ

February 2023 Newsletter

Dear Edinburgh Community,

Welcome to February! There is a lot going on this month and we are very much looking forward to ending Term 2 with some fun! Throughout February, we will be celebrating Black History through various workshops, assemblies, and in-class activities. At the same time, there are many cultural activities taking place as well, including local Quebec artists leading workshops in Cycle 3 classes and an excursion to the always fun "Maison Théâtre" in K4-5 and Cycle 1.

But wait, there's more! Next, week is Staff Appreciation Week (visit the amazing [Home and School website](#) to keep up to date with events and learn how you can contribute if interested). February 14th is **REDiculous** Day where students can come to school wearing Valentine's Day colours and we will pause to enjoy another school-wide BINGO game! Then, February 22nd is our annual Pink Shirt Day across Canada so all students are encouraged to wear pink for our Anti-Bullying assembly led by DJ Malik and the Youth Stars Foundation. Finally, as if it wasn't enough, the month ends with a very fun-filled **Carnival Week!** – more info will be sent out later in the month.

The second session of after-school and lunchtime extracurricular activities (Chess, Basketball, ArtSparkz) is underway and CodeU will continue on Feb 13-14. The last meeting for MadLab and Engineeus Coding is next week so more information about the following session will be sent out shortly.

Registration week also began this past Monday and I wanted to share that based on the latest feedback, it sounds like there is a growing BUZZ (pun fully intended) about being part of the Edinburgh family and that is very much thanks to the teachers, staff and families that make up this wonderful community. Thank you all! ❤️

As usual, I remain available for any questions or clarifications that you might have. Wishing you a happy, healthy, and safe February ahead!



Sincerely,

Gaetano Sifoni
Principal / Directeur

UPCOMING EVENTS

February 3 🍕
Pizza Day / Dress Down Day
(Home & School)

February 8 🍦
TCBY Day (Home & School)

February 14
REDiculous Day at Edinburgh

February 17 🍕
Pizza Day / Dress Down Day
(Home & School)

February 20
School Professional Day
No school

February 21
Maison Théâtre (K4-5 & Cycle 1)

February 22
Pink Shirt / Anti-Bullying Day

February 27-March 2
CARNIVAL WEEK!
More info to come



January Highlights

Although it's only been 3 weeks since our return to classes, January was filled with many amazing memories. Notably, the entire school enjoyed an amazing day Tubing or at *Funtropolis* on January 12. We were the only school there at both locations which made for an extra special day.

On January 25, our students enjoyed a Lion Dance performance in the gym in honour of Lunar/Chinese New Year. We are certainly very proud to highlight and honour different cultural traditions.

The next day, our school completed a successful Lockdown drill. Thank you for your role in having those important conversations at home which made the whole experience run very smoothly.

Finally, this week, Edinburgh hosted Virgin Radio personality, Lee Haberkorn for an important assembly and discussion on anxiety and the typical insecurities young people experience. He spoke about his mental health journey and not being afraid to talk about our feelings. Apparently, he also said very nice things about us on the radio! Thank you Lee!

Important information regarding EXAMS

This is another friendly reminder that there is a uniform, compulsory end of cycle exam in Grade 4 and 6 (worth 10%) in French, English Language Arts, and Math. Below are the dates for your reference:

Grade 4

- **French: January 23 - February 1 (completed)**
- **English Language Arts (Part 1): February 6 – 10**
- **English Language Arts (Part 2): April 11-28**
- **Math: May / June (TBD)**

Grade 6 (MEQ exams)

- **French: May 1 – 10**
- **English Language Arts: May 11 - 24**
- **Math : June 6 – June 8**

Please make every effort to ensure that your child is present for school on these dates. Since each exam takes place over the course of a few days, missing a day during this period would have a significant impact on their final result

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Grade 6 Graduation News

Save the Date! The Grade 6 Graduation is scheduled to take place on Wednesday, June 21st in the Wagar auditorium (more information will of course be sent as we approach the date).

The soon-to-be grads will complete their ministry exams on June 8th and then enjoy the traditional graduation trip on Friday, June 9th. In case you missed it, [HERE IS THE LETTER THAT WAS SENT HOME](#)

There is a lot of excitement surrounding these events and the Grad sweatshirts and rightfully so. Graduating from Edinburgh is something to be very proud of!

Other information & reminders

AM Drop-off

Please be reminded that the gate opens at 7:47 am and once the bell rings at 7:55 am, the teacher at the gate will close it and accompany the students inside. **Everyone is expected to be IN CLASS by the time the bell rings at 8:00 am.**

Documents section on our website

I like to periodically remind the community that our website is a valuable resource for information. For example, you can find all of the upcoming Agendas and Past Minutes for our Governing Board Meetings [HERE](#). You can find links to the other important documents that are approved at GB meetings for our school [HERE](#) – including the school's [CODE of CONDUCT](#), [SAFE SCHOOL ACTION PLAN](#), and [SEXUALITY EDUCATION PLAN](#)

Free tutoring online

Learn Quebec offers FREE online tutoring. You can access it by logging on through the emsb eportal using your child's information. [Click here for a video showing you exactly how to access LEARN](#). Another resource that was recommended at a recent Governing Board Meeting is [Paper.co](#) which may also be useful.

MERENDA utensils

As of February 1st, our hot lunch provider (MERENDA) is unable to provide plastic utensils that are usually included with the brown bag containing the beverage, dessert and raw vegetables. **Families who purchase a hot lunch are encourage to send reusable utensils with their child for lunch.**

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