

EDINBURGH BUZZ



November 2023 Newsletter

Dear Edinburgh Community,

Welcome to November! Time flies when we are having fun, doesn't it? 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. Most notably, the First Term Report Cards are published (November 17) and are followed by Parent-Teacher Interviews (November 22-23). More info can be found below in the newsletter.

The school team is working hard to make learning fun and create new opportunities for academic and social-emotional growth, planning diverse classroom activities and educational excursions for the coming months. I am looking forward to bragging more about our amazing school community during our Open House in a couple of weeks. Help me spread the word!

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



Sincerely,
Gaetano Sifoni
Principal / Directeur

Upcoming Events

November 1

PED Day (NO SCHOOL)

November 3

JamJerk Lunch (Home & School)

November 8

Open House
Home & School Meeting

November 11 🍁

Remembrance Day

November 15

Spirit Day!

November 16

Governing Board Meeting

November 17 🍕

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

November 22 🍦

Friday Schedule

TCBY Day (Home & School)
Parent-Teacher Interviews
3:00- 9:00 pm

November 23

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

November 23-24

PED Days (NO SCHOOL)



October Highlights

During the month of October, our students participated in many different, exciting activities. Our Grade 5 and 6 students visited **Bois de Belle-Rivière** and enjoyed a GPS-style scavenger hunt – a memorable and enriching day spent in nature. Meanwhile, our youngest students in K4-K5 and Grades 1 and 2 visited **Maison Théâtre** – an annual tradition. As well, we had our first Home & School Sponsored **SPiRiT DAY** and **JamJerk Lunch Fundraiser**.

Report Card & Parent-Teacher Interviews

With the month of November comes the end of TERM 1. **On November 17th, the Term 1 report card will be published on the [MOZAIK PARENT-PORTAL](#).** For the first time, this also includes report cards for K4 and K5. As a reminder, The first term is worth 20% of the school year (Term 2 is 20% and Term 3 is worth 60%).

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

Parent-Teacher Interviews will take place on November 22nd (from 3:00-9:00 pm) and on November 23rd (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, as we did last year. The booking system will open on Sunday, November 12th at 7:00 pm to give everyone enough time to book an appointment time that's convenient for all. All the pertinent information you need will be sent home in a separate email in the coming weeks.

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 17th (the same day report cards are published) to be signed and returned to the school. There will be two (2) copies – one for you to keep. During the Parent-Teacher Interviews, you will have the opportunity to receive feedback about the current plan as we begin Term 2. Remember, the IEP is a living document and although you do not yet have a hard copy, rest assured that the teacher is implementing accommodations as outlined in the most previous version or according to any new professional recommendations, making revisions as necessary.

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2023-2024 Governing Board

Edinburgh Governing Board Meetings are scheduled for the following dates:

- October 19, 2023
- November 16 (online)
- December 14 (in-person)
- February 8 (online)
- March 21 (online)
- April 18 (online)
- May 16 (online)
- June 13 (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 their questions in writing in advance of each meeting to gb.edinburgh@gmail.com

Each upcoming Agenda which includes the link to join our virtual meetings will be posted to the website and school calendar at least 48 hours prior to each meeting.

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

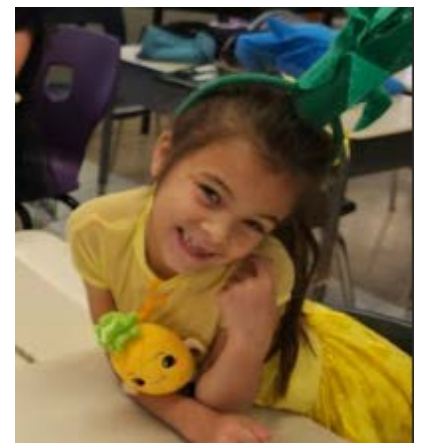
Open House (November 8)

Our Open House is scheduled to take place on Wednesday, November 8th from 8h15-9h15 and again from 13h30-14h30. We have been hard at work promoting the event. If you have any friends or neighbours who are hoping to join the Edinburgh community, please spread the word and 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.



Good news! A few spots have opened up for the next session of Art Sparkz (from November 2-3 to December 7-8). If you are interested, please email your request to artsparkz@gmail.com. Payment can be made once availability is confirmed.

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Home & School Fundraisers

In addition to the ongoing Fundraisers, this month Home & School is offering two other opportunities:

Big Box of Cards! **BIGBOX FUNDRAISING**

- Order by November 10, available for pick up at Parent-Teacher night,

Warm Winter Clothing Drive

- Still collecting gently used warm clothing for adults and children in support of the Saint-Raymond Community Centre in NDG until November 3rd

Felix & Norton

- Order by November 8, available for pick up at Parent-Teacher night



Fundscrip

- Order by November 10, available for pick up at Parent-Teacher night,

VISIT THE HOME & SCHOOL SHOP TO VISIT THE ONLINE STORE TO ORDER

Edinburgh Video Library



Edinburgh is now proud to offer a “showcase” on VIMEO of our ever-expanding list of events filmed at Edinburgh, thanks to the generosity of a member of our parent community. Of course, You can access it by clicking the link and password below.

<https://vimeo.com/showcase/10529798>

Password: **Ed1nburgh2023**

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) and with the weather quickly becoming cooler, please ensure that your child is dressed accordingly. 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. Having more layers inevitably means more lost items so labels **absolutely** help.

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