

EDINBURGH BUZZ



December 2024 Newsletter

Dear Edinburgh Community,

There are only 11 school days left until Winter Break! As we wind down towards the holidays, I wanted to take a moment to reflect on all that we have to be grateful for as a school community. This month, we celebrated the spirit of giving, kindness, and togetherness that makes our school such a special place. The holiday season offers us the opportunity to pause, appreciate our loved ones, and recognize the hard work and dedication of our students, staff, and families. I am so grateful for the continued support from our community, which helps create a nurturing and vibrant environment for our students to grow and thrive.

Term 2 is well underway, and the school year is in full swing. I encourage everyone to reflect on the successes of Term 1, set goals for ourselves for the next term, and begin taking the steps to progress toward those goals. Over the next two weeks, we have plenty to be excited about at school, from the annual Holiday Concert to pyjama parties, to simply enjoying playing together in the snow.

On behalf of the entire school team, I wish you all a warm, safe, and joyful holiday season.



Sincerely,
Gaetano Sifoni
Principal / Directeur

Upcoming Events

December 4

Montreal Steppers Presentation
Special Lunch (Dumplings)

December 5

Home & School Book Fair

December 12

Governing Board Meeting

December 13

Free Dress / Pizza Day (H&S)

December 16

Spirit Day (Holiday Colours)

December 17

Maison Théâtre (K-2)

December 18

Holiday Concert (K-3)
Holiday (H&S)
TCBY Day (Home & School)

December 19

Holiday Concert (4-6)
Pancake Breakfast

December 20

Pyjama Day



November Highlights

During November, our students participated in many different, enriching activities. In Grade 6, we had the **Little Mechies** from the **McGill Association of Mechanical Engineers** visit the classes to deliver presentations on what an engineer is, followed by an interactive mini-science lesson on potential and kinetic energy. The same week, they had a visit from **Relay Education** to teach about solar energy. Meanwhile, in K4, parents were invited to participate in a variety of **play-based learning activities** with their children, in a workshop offered by **Universe of Play**. They were introduced to fun dramatic play, construction play, sensory play, and loose parts play activities that they can easily implement at home. Grade 5 students welcomed **Flavie Dupont** who presented a workshop that introduced youth to the rudiments of coding through the art of Indigenous beadwork.

As part of our Veterans Week activities, members of the **Royal Montreal Regiment Foundation** (*Je Me Souviens*) once again led interactive guided tours of a temporary exhibit set up in our gym, while our graduating class, attended the Remembrance Day Assembly at **Royal West Academy** that allowed us to highlight deep connections to our community. We had our second consecutive annual **Movie Night**, organized by the Home & School Association, which was a smashing success, another fun **Spirit Day** that saw a variety of different sports jerseys, our **Parent-Teacher Interviews**, and the month culminated in a very successful **Open House**, with tours being led by our very own Student Council!

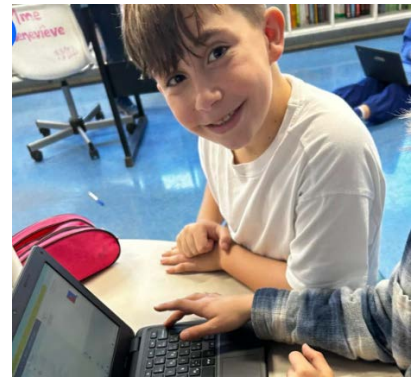
Kindergarten Sibling Registration (2025-2026)

Parents whose children are currently attending the school will have priority to register siblings in K4 and K5 between **January 13** and **January 24, 2025**. An email will be sent at the beginning of January with a link to book an appointment to register at the main office with the following documents:

- *Child's birth certificate (original)*
- *Birth certificate (or valid passport) of the parent that has English eligibility (original)*
- *Proof of residence (driver's license, Hydro bill, tax bill, etc.)*
- *Child's Vaccination booklet (copy)*
- *Child's Medicare Card (copy)*

The official elementary school registration day **for new students who do not have siblings** at our school is February 3rd (with the online system opening January 27th at 7:00 am). If you have any friends hoping to join our wonderful school community, please spread the word! emsb.qc.ca/reserve

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Colder weather reminder

This is a friendly reminder that it is imperative your child is dressed appropriately for the change in weather. They go outside to play three times a day. Now that the snow has arrived and the weather is getting colder, they should have the usual items (**winter hat, mittens/gloves, winter boots, snow pants, and a proper winter jacket**). They also need a pair of indoor shoes. Having more layers inevitably means more lost items so please be sure to label everything. We usually donate the winter lost & found items in the Spring.

Holiday Concert & Pancake Breakfast

You are cordially invited to the Edinburgh Holiday Concert! Our young musicians from Preschool to Grade 6 will perform in the school gymnasium on **Wednesday, December 18th, and Thursday, December 19th** according to the schedule below. As usual, all students will be performing in both concerts, so we ask parents to respect their assigned date as space is limited in our gymnasium. It will be the same show on both days so if you have children in multiple grades, you do not need to attend both shows. Mr. Radu has also asked that every child wear a white top for the event, please.

Parents of students in K to 3 - Wednesday, December 18th (12:45 pm – 2:15 pm)

Parents of students in Gr 4-6 - Thursday, December 19th (12:45 pm – 2:15 pm)

We are also pleased to announce, thanks to our generous Home & School Association, that every child will be treated to a free PANCAKE BREAKFAST (provided by our hot lunch supplier, Le Doral) on **Thursday, December 19th**. The whole school will enjoy a special breakfast together at 9am.

Volunteer Opportunities (Home & School)

We need some helping hands for the following events that remain in December!

Pizza Lunch (Dec 13): [Click here](#) to volunteer distribute the Pizza lunch

Holiday Luncheon (Dec 18):

[Click here](#) to volunteer to contribute food or drinks.

[Click here](#) to help set up, serve and clean up.



Holiday Breakfast for Students & Staff (Dec 19)

[Click here](#) to help distribute a pancake breakfast to student and staff

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