



École Gerald McShane School

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Dear Parents & Guardians,

December is already upon us. I'd like to take this opportunity to wish you all very happy holidays. I wish you joy, health, happiness, and lots of rest. I look forward to seeing you in the new decade!

- PARKING LOT:** Parents are reminded that there should be no stopping or parking in front of the Daycare door. In addition, the parking lot should be used as a Daycare drop-off only. Parents who are dropping off in the parking lot are asked not to loiter in the lot as teachers and staff members must have access to parking spots. These measures have been put in place to ensure the safety of everyone who uses the parking lot. Your cooperation in the matter is extremely appreciated.
- DRESS DOWN DAY:** We will be having a Dress Down Day on **Wednesday, December 11th**. There is NO COST to the students, although we ask that each student bring in 1 non-perishable food item for our holiday food drive.
- OUTSIDE CLOTHING:** With the arrival of the snow, it is important that students are properly dressed to go outside every day. This includes an adequate winter jacket, snow pants, boots, hat, cache cou, and gloves/mittens. It would also be beneficial to have an extra pair of socks in your child's schoolbag.
- INSIDE SHOES:** In order to ensure student safety, students will not be allowed to wear their outside boots in school. Therefore, all students must have a pair of "inside" shoes for use in the building. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.
- PARENTS IN THE BUILDING:** Any parent who has an appointment or comes to school for a student's early dismissal is asked to come via the Main Entrance on Maurice Duplessis. If you have a question or concern to discuss with a teacher, please do not do so in the halls of the building while there are others present. Please leave your telephone number with the secretary and the message will be forwarded to the teacher concerned.
- GRAD COMMITTEE:** If your child is in Grade 6 and you would like to be part of this year's Grad Committee, please send a note, via your child's agenda, indicating your interest. Our first meeting will be early in the new year.
- REMINDER:** Parents are PROHIBITED from smoking on school property. This includes the parking lot, stairs, as well as the bus drop off area. Fines will be issued to anyone smoking in non-smoking areas.



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8. Kindergarten Parent Corner *Every month, I will be providing kindergarten parents with fun tips and suggestions to continue to promote a happy and smooth transition into both kindergarten and school. At times, I will also be providing general information about events in the community for families with young children.*

Naître et Grandir is a bilingual website that offers families a variety of information regarding the development of children between the ages of 0 and 8. Some topics on the website include; *understanding sleep, play and development, the importance of attachment, anxiety in young children and the importance of routines.*

Additional resources that can be found include; *family recipes, downloadable e-books and blogs.*

Parents can also sign up to receive a free monthly newsletter.

To access the Naître et Grandir website in **English**, please use the following URL:

<https://naitreetgrandir.com/en/feature/>

To access the Naître et Grandir website in **French**, please use the following URL:

<https://naitreetgrandir.com/fr/>

"Children are the world's most valuable resource and its best hope for the future" John F. Kennedy

Candice Madden

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Thank You!

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all the parents who have volunteered their time to making the first half of the year a successful one. From our Welcome Back event, to Open House, to Halloween, to Book Fair & Bake Sale, and everything yet to come, we appreciate everything you do!

There are not enough Thank Yous!

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