



Gerald McShane School

March 2025 Newsletter

Dear GMS Community:

Welcome back, students and families! We hope you had a fun and refreshing Spring Break, and we are excited to see all the bright smiles ready for learning. As we ease back into our routines, please remember to set your clocks forward one hour on **Sunday, March 9, 2025**, for daylight savings time. Let's make this season full of growth, discovery, and joyful moments together!

Mr. Vince Timpano
School Principal

REMINDER:

Pre-School Vision Screening

Marie-Ève Bouchard, from École de la Vue, will be carrying out free visual screening of Pre-school students on **Tuesday, March 11**. The booklets went home to all parents. If you have any questions, please email Mme Bouchard: mebouchard@ecoledelavue.ca or info@lecoledelavue.ca

Report Cards: will be issued to parents on **Wednesday, March 12** via Mozaik.

Parent-Teacher Interviews: Parent-Teacher Interviews will be virtual for Term 2 via Microsoft TEAMS. They will be scheduled on **March 13, 2025** between 3:30 – 5:30 pm and 6:30 – 9:00 pm to discuss your child's academic progress.

Parents/Guardians who are requested to meet their child's teacher(s) will be given priority to schedule a meeting through the booking app on **March 10 and March 11**. For Cycle 2 and 3 students, please book with the English teacher only; both French and English teachers will be present.

Parents/Guardians who are not invited but still wish to meet their child's teacher(s) may book an appointment through the booking app only on **March 12**. If you book prior, the teacher will delete the appointment to give priority to parents who are requested to meet.

An email link for interviews will be sent to all GMS parents/guardians on the morning of **Monday, March 10** by **GMS Email Broadcast**.

If you are unable to attend, please email the teacher to schedule a different date and time.

Show: On **Tuesday, March 13, 2025**, GMS will host a show called C'est non (INTIMIDATION)! The play will be for all grade levels. It will teach students more about anti-bullying and anti-violence.

Pedagogical Day: Friday, March 14 & Friday, March 21

Hockey Play Day: Gerald McShane Elementary will host Hockey Play Day @ Rolland Arena on Friday March 21st from 11:00 - 1:00. Any parent interested, or if you know of any parents who may be interested, in our Hockey Program and wish to register as new students at Gerald McShane Elementary between grades 3-6 next year, are welcome to attend. Current students from grade 2-5 are welcome to attend. Potential families can speak to the coaches, GMS staff and current parents! Please register using the QR code on flyer found below.

Governing Board: Next Governing Board will be on **Tuesday, March 25 @ 7pm (Virtual)**.

Grade 6 Graduation Pictures: It's time to look extra special. Pictures will be taken on **Friday, March 28.**

Storytelling: 3A, 3/4C and 4B will begin their storytelling workshops on March 28. The students will participate in 8 workshops.

Communication with Teachers:

Please note that all students have received a school agenda. You are encouraged to use the agenda as a communication tool between home and school. You are also encouraged to stay in regular contact throughout the year with your child(ren)'s teachers to ensure they are progressing academically. Teachers may be contacted through the agenda, by phone (message relayed to teachers) or by email.

Internet Security Warning: GRICS has notified us of a third-party application on the Apple App Store called "Pedamo" that is of concern. It was created by an unofficial developer and allows student to connect to Mozaik, serving to reorganize the information it gets from Mozaik within the app. (Screen shot further below). We recommend that you and your children to only ever use sanctioned EMSB applications for school-related needs. This is of importance when using their EMSB credentials.

Health Tip for March

Bite into a fruit or vegetable

According to the Canadian food guide, in order for a child to eat healthy make half of his/her plate vegetables and fruits.

Half a plate seems like a lot!!! Take a closer look, this quantity, distributed as a whole, is very easy to consume.

Offer your child vegetables and fruits of different textures, colours and shapes.

- cauliflower
- spinach
- broccoli
- sweet potatoes
- sweet peas
- mango
- cantaloupe
- grapes
- pineapple
- strawberry



Vegetables and fruits frozen or canned without added sugar or seasoning is also a healthy option. You can add dried fruits as well (figs, cranberries, etc) to the plate.

Make the most of your meal; choose dark green and orange fruits and vegetables. These foods are very important for the fabrication of proteins and cells and they reinforce the immune system.

For more information, visit the web site: www.food-guide.canada.ca Or www.teachnutrition.org

After School Activities:

Please note the remaining dates of each after school activity below. If you have a child participating in an activity, please pick up your child from the Daycare entrance at 3:40 PM. If they are in daycare, they will return to their group after the activity.

Mondays	TUESDAYS	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAYS
DIY Art & Beads	COSOM HOCKEY <i>Enfant & Compagnie</i>	Yoga	KARATE
March 10	March 11	March 12	March 13
March 17	March 18	March 19	March 20
March 24		March 26	March 27
			April 3
			April 10

GRADE 4 & 6 FINAL EXAMS:

All grade 4 & 6 parents and students are to take note of the final exam period listed below. Non-urgent travel and appointments should be avoided during exam periods. Attendance is mandatory as there are no make-up days for unjustified absences.

- **English Language Arts Grade 4 (ministry exam)** – March 10-25
- **French Second Language Grade 4 (board exam)** – April 25 to May 7
- **Mathematics Grade 4 (ministry exam)** – June 11, 12, 13

- **French Grade 6:** April 28 to May 8 (7 hours)
- **ELA Grade 6:** May 20 and June 3 (7 hours)
- **Math Grade 6:** June 10, 11 & 12 (6 hours)

K4 & K5 Student Spots Available:

Gerald McShane has some K4 & K5 availability and we are **taking appointments as of March 10!** There are only a few spots left, so call us soon to secure yours. Be part of our family and experience exceptional service! Don't wait—call today to book your appointment before they fill up. Spread the word!

📞 514-321-1100 ✨

Montreal School of Performing Arts (MSOPA), has been a pillar of the Montreal arts community for over 30 years, providing a space where aspiring and emerging artists can develop their craft. They believe in the transformative power of the performing arts through acting and recognize the importance of this program in fostering self-confidence, cultural expression and community engagement.

MSOPA provides acting training for children, teens, and adults in a safe and comfortable atmosphere. They focus on technique and development, while also teaching them about the business of acting and giving them opportunities to network and work in the industry.

Their workshops are affordable, hands on and most importantly **fun**. For more information about the school programs and our services, please contact Josa Maule, 514-483-5526 or email: info@msopa.com.

Some MARCH 2025 Dates to Remember

March is National Nutrition Month.

March 3-7	March Break (school and daycare closed)
March 9	Daylight saving time begins – set clocks AHEAD by 1 hour
March 10	Students and staff return after March Break / Star Students of the Month assembly
March 11	Vision Screening only for Pre-K
March 12	Report cards issued to parents/guardians & K4A -K5B Skating @ Rolland Arena
March 13	Play for students & Parent-Teacher Interviews (Virtual - appointment only)
March 14	Pedagogical Day
March 17	St. Patrick's Day Dress Down Day – wear green!
March 20	Students follow a Friday schedule
March 21	Pedagogical Day & Hockey Play Day @ Rolland Arena
March 25	Governing Board (Virtual)
March 28	GMS Storytelling for certain grades & Grade 6 Graduation Pictures & Grade 5-6 Indoor Soccer Tournament @ Laurier MacDonald (selected students only)



GERALD MCSHANE HOCKEY PLAY DAY

MARCH 21, 2025

Rolland Arena

12000 Bd. Rolland, Montreal North

11:00-12:45 - Doors open at 10:40

Full equipment required

Open to all EMSB students - Grades 2-5

Spots are limited.
Reserve using QR code

Hockey Play Day Registration



FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA



Remember that anyone can follow us on Instagram and Facebook. Our school posts often with photos from different classes and reminders of upcoming events and activities.

Follow us on Facebook and Instagram!



We also have a new YouTube channel – subscribe to us!
Search for “Gerald McShane Elementary School.”