



October NEWSLETTER



September 30th, 2022.

Dear parents,

We are about to begin our second month of school, and all is going well. We hope your child(ren) will continue to invest time and energy in learning new skills and concepts. Your support will be needed in ensuring that your child(ren) gets the proper rest by going to bed at a reasonable time at night. Please verify that all homework is being done properly and that your child(ren) studies and reads in English and French everyday.



Our school day begins at 8:52am. Parents are reminded to ensure that all students arrive to school on time. We are implementing proper work habits for our students and teaching them the value of being punctual. Arriving on time also sets the tone for how your child's day will go. Please be reminded that **three lates in one-month results in a reflection.**



A.M ENTRY/ P.M DISMISSAL

We would also like you to remember to **keep the bus corridor free of pedestrians** to ensure that students can get off and, on the bus, safely. These measures have been put into place for the safety and security of all our students and we ask for the full cooperation of all our parents.

We also ask that parents do not block the entrance to the main gate of the school yard. Once your child(ren) enters the yard or are picked up, please keep the entrance free so that students can enter or exit without heavy congestion.

SCHOOL FEES



If you have yet to pay this year's school fees (that were due on September 10th) you are asked to do so as soon as possible. Both cash and cheques are accepted.

GOING PAPERLESS

As you have noticed we have moved into being a "paperless" community. As much as we all are accustomed to having a "paper copy" of notices, going paperless was not only safer for us all during the pandemic, but it also helps us use less paper and save the trees. It is the way of the future!



Just a reminder when accessing a Microsoft Form. If the link does not work when you click on it, copy the link, and paste it into the browser (NOT the Google search bar). Often, accessing the link on a computer works better than your cell phone.

IMPORTANT FORMS

We ask that you sign and return all forms to school with your child. These forms include: the health form, photo consent form, and registration form. We also ask that all parents of Pre-K and Kindergarten students send in a copy of their certificate of eligibility to complete your child's dossier if you have not done so already.

SCHOOL YARD

Our school yard received some additions this past summer to add to the makeover it received last year. We were able to add another Triple-Bucket, three Speedbag sections, and we completed the Basketball court with two official size Basketball nets. So much fun!



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GOVERNING BOARD AND PARENT PARTICIPATION ORGANIZATION (P.P.O)

The Governing Board and P.P.O held their first meeting on September 21st and September 22nd respectively. The following are the elected members for this year. Thank you to all the parents that will be volunteering their time to be on these important committees.

GOVERNING BOARD MEMBERS:

Astorino, Giuseppe (Chairperson)	Fortin, Suzanne
Di Cesare, Kristina (Vice- Chair)	Bozzo, Noemia
Passucci, Stephanie (EMSBPC delegate)	Di Genova, Elisa
Palermo, Rosanna (Treasurer)	Urso, Domenic
Serrecchia, Miranda (Secretary)	Lucia, Amanda
Renda, Giovanna	Cardillo, Lori
Berghout, Choukri	Rinaldi, Giuseppina
Ciccotelli, Nick	Salituri, Nancy

P.P.O

Passucci, Stephanie (Chairperson)	Renda, Giovanna (Vice -Chairperson)	Cabral, Vanessa (Secretary)
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* And many other wonderful mom and dads. 😊

A **BIG** thank you to all who have volunteered their time to support our children.

CHOCOLATE FUNDRAISER

Our annual chocolate drive is being organized by our PPO. A Microsoft Form (link) was sent out at the beginning of the week where you can request a box(es) of chocolate. Families not interested in selling chocolates can donate \$50 instead. We are asking for the payment of the boxes before they can be distributed to your child.



The chocolate drive is **our biggest and most profitable fundraising effort** that **subsidizes our prestigious and renowned IB Program**. IB World private schools and IB World public schools usually charge special IB fees. At Michelangelo International Elementary School, **our Governing Board and PPO have been able to pay** the IB – Primary Years Program, **through the chocolate fundraiser**. It is **important to support** our school with its fundraising efforts in order to continue providing this wonderful program at our school.

PICTURE DAY

Our Picture Day this year will be on Friday, October 7th, 2022.

ANNUAL BOOK FAIR

We will be having our Scholastic Book Fair the week November 21st in-person at school this year!

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES (CHESS, GUITAR, SOCCER, KARATE, PELO)

We are excited to be able to offer Extra-Curricular activities once again. Some activities have already begun, while others will begin shortly. Guitar Club (September 26) and Chess Club (TBD) will take place during lunch. Soccer with the Excellence Soccer Academy (October 17), Karate (September 22) and PELO (October 12) will take place after school.



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Reminder to all parents, that daycare children will return to daycare after their activity. Children being picked up after their activity will be brought to the Office Entrance (Soccer) or Side Entrance (Karate) for pick up.

TOYS

Students are not to bring any toys to play with when at school. This causes a distraction or conflicts with other children. We appreciate your support in ensuring that all toys remain home.

HALLOWEEN



We are planning various Halloween activities for our students. It is with great excitement we would like to announce the Haunted House will make its return this Halloween! This year's theme is Strange Things. The children costumes can follow our theme, or they may wear costumes of their choice. When choosing a costume for school consider your child's mobility in the costume as they will be taking the stairs, playing outside and doing lots of activities. **Full face masks, weapons and violent props are not permitted.**

OPEN HOUSE



This year our Open House will take place **in-person** on **November 17th, 2022**. Get the "Buzz" going about our great school! Our school offers a prestigious **International Baccalaureate program** with a successful bi-literate program **one week in English and one week in French**. Our language instruction is exceptional. While we take great care of our students' academics, we also provide many **resources to support student learning** and ensure that they come to school in a **caring, fun and safe environment**. Speak to your family, friends and neighbours. Have them visit our website to visit the school virtually. We are **proud** about all that Michelangelo International has to offer.

SCHOOL MESSENGER

When using School Messenger, please **do not reply** to the email as we do not receive them. To ensure that your message is read, please address your emails to the Michelangelo email address (michelangelo@emsb.qc.ca) or to whomever you would like to address your concern.



SCHOOL OFFICE

The school office is a very **busy place**. It is like Grand Central Station. It is where we **all** go when we need something. We ask that you keep this in mind when you call the office. The **first and last hour of the day, as well as lunch time are the busiest times**. We ask that you do not call during these times unless it is an **emergency**. Also, calling with a last-minute change to your child's dismissal plan is not possible as we cannot guarantee that your child will get the message. This causes a lot of stress to not only the office, your child's teacher, and your child. Lastly, as much as the secretaries would love to have a full conversation with you when you call, they are not able to. When you call the school, please be mindful of our wonderful secretaries and keep your call short. They are trying not to be rude, but often they are juggling your call, as well as a child asking for a band-aid or feeling sick.



IB HIGHLIGHT

Hear ye, hear ye!

Michelangelo International Elementary School will have a Student Council this year! As an IB school, it is very important to let students have a choice, a voice and take ownership regarding their learning and their school life. It is exciting to see the interest and enthusiasm on the part of the students. We have received a great deal of letters of intent demonstrating many attributes of the IB learner profile and filled with wonderful, creative ideas. Stay tuned for more news on the upcoming elections!





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MICHELANGELO INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL DAYCARE

Daycare News for October 2022:

The daycare educators have been introducing many new activities to help keep all the students stimulated, busy and happy. We have also received news that the B.A.S.E extracurricular activities will also begin shortly. We are very excited to re-introduce all these programs to our daycare students! Educators have all prepared October programs for their daycare groups in which parents will receive a copy.

Online Payments Reminders:

For Daycare Fees:

A reminder to use the **SG code** (service-de-garde) to pay online daycare fees only. This includes Ped days. Allow at least 24-48 hours for fees to be processed.

Please do not send cash.

The payee must be Michelangelo Daycare. The SG code is located on the statement.

For Daycare Lunch Supervision Fees: (Pre-k & Kdg)

Same online codes as above apply (SG code).



Online Payments for Non-Daycare students for Lunch Supervision fees:

This option is only to pay for lunch supervision fees.

Code starts with **LH (lunch hour)**

Please don't use the online payment for any other school fees.

It is only set up for lunch fees.

Parents who received a letter regarding the school lunch supervision fees need to pay fees to this account.

***Special Note:** Please pay careful attention to the statement of account you receive by email; it will indicate if it is from Daycare or the School lunch supervision program. Some parents have children in each program; therefore, it is very important it is paid to the correct program as it not transferable.

October Ped Days:

Monday, October 3, 2022 – In school activities – World Smile Day

*Letters for this Ped day have already gone out to parents and the deadline to register was September 27, 2022.

*This Ped day is also on Election Day, and since our school is a polling station, the daycare entrance will be closed off. **Students registered for this ped day need to be dropped off and picked up at the office doors for this ped day only.**



Friday, October 14, 2022 – Apple Picking Field Trip – Verger Labonté

Wednesday, October 19, 2022 – In school activities – Fall & Halloween Theme

Letters regarding our upcoming Ped Days will be sent out shortly to all parents by email and regular daycare students received a paper copy as well. We cannot accept any late registrations for Ped days since we staff, schedule order materials, snacks and plan according to the number of registrations we receive. Please respect the deadlines. A reminder to parents, we have only **one entry and pick up door** which is the main daycare door (near the gym).

All students from Pre-k to Gr 6 attending a ped day need to use this door.

***Deadline for the Oct 14, 2022 Ped day is: Friday October 7th, 2022.**

***Deadline for the Oct. 19, 2022 Ped day is: Wednesday October 12, 2022**



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CHANGE OF DISMISSAL PROCEDURES:

Dismissal time is a very important time and critical time for the school to dismiss students safely.

Often, we receive messages of dismissal changes that are late or unclear. If your child is changing their dismissal procedure, please be very clear on the directives. For example, "*picked up*" by grandfather today needs to be clarified – is it pick up afterschool by grandfather (no daycare) or picked up by grandfather from daycare. A reminder that the deadline to call the school dismissal changes is 2pm to assure your child is dismissed safely.

AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES:



Examples: KARATE/PELO/SOCCER/CHESS

Please note that if your child is signed up for afterschool activities, he/she must **remain for the entire duration of the class**. Students will not be permitted to leave early unless parents have already called the school before **2:00 pm** to make other arrangements. Please do not ask the Daycare educators to get your students out from the activities. We will not be taking the students out of their activity. This is very disruptive for the instructors / teachers of these activities or classes, the students, as well as the Daycare. We are also unable to contact the children as they are not with the daycare during the activities.

For students who are **not in daycare** – the pick-up area after the activities is at the Schoolyard door exit (where the walkers are normally dismissed) except for Soccer which will be dismissed at the office door.

Daycare students who are participating in these afterschool activities need to be picked up no earlier than 5pm. Your children are still in their activity and have not yet returned to daycare. Please do not signal the **HOP-HOP APP** to prepare your children before 5pm as well on those days. Please advise anyone who is picking up your children of these procedures.

We are looking forward to an exciting month of activities in Daycare!

Wishing everyone a very Happy Thanksgiving Holiday!



Sincerely,

Marisa Mineiro
Principal

Mario Benvenuto
Vice-Principal Interim