



February 2024

REGISTRATION

Sibling registration was held last week (January 29th to February 2nd). We are currently registering new students this week (February 5th to February 9th). We are happy to announce that we have had lots of interest in our school, and we cannot wait to welcome our newest members to the Michelangelo family!

MOZAIK ATTENDANCE

This is a reminder that parents have the option of entering their child's absence on Mozaik instead of calling the school.

REPORT CARDS AND PARENT TEACHER MEETINGS

Please note the Second Term report cards will be available on Mozaik, the parent portal, as of February 21st, 2024. The date of the **Parent-Teacher Meetings will be held in-person on Friday, February 23rd, 2024.** These meetings are by appointment only.



WINTER WEATHER REMINDER

Fresh winter air is very healthy for our students. Unless the temperature is extremely cold or the school yard is covered in ice, the students will be going outside for recess. Please ensure that your child comes to school every day with appropriate winter attire. The following items are mandatory:

Winter jacket, winter boots, snow pants, hat, scarf and mittens/gloves.



WINTER PARKING

Winter can make many everyday tasks more challenging such as parking. The staff parking lot was created to help alleviate congestion on the roads by creating more parking spots around the school. We ask for parents to be conscientious of the pedestrians outside as well as neighbors' property. Cars should not be blocking anyone's driveways, double-parked, or be parked on the sidewalks. Also, we ask for your cooperation is not crowding the sidewalks or the area in front of the entrance gates so that students can enter the school yard safely. It is sometimes difficult for students, especially the younger ones, to get through the crowds as they enter or exit the schoolyard. The safety of everyone entering and leaving the school is an upmost priority.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

In honor of Black History Month, our teachers and Community Spiritual Animator will be organizing in-class activities to help educate our students and highlight the importance of this special month.



STAFF APPRECIATION WEEK (February 13th-16th)

During this week, we celebrate our staffs' dedication and wonderful work with the children. Your children spend a good part of their daily lives with their teachers & daycare educators, as well as many other staff members that help make the school a fun and safe place. Take a few moments with your child to discuss this and encourage him/her to express gratitude and appreciation to our staff members.



On behalf of the Michelangelo International school community, we would like to extend our heartfelt appreciation to our truly OUTSTANDING staff. We cannot thank you enough for all that you do for the students every day!

VALENTINE'S DAY

We will be celebrating Valentine's Day on Wednesday, February 14th. In honor of the day students can wear **pink** or **red** (non-uniform bottoms are allowed) for a \$2.00 donation. All money collected will go towards school activities.



CARNIVAL DAY

Carnival week will be taking place this year from February 26th to March 1st. Students will be taking part in fun indoor and outdoor activities all week long, as well as going skating at a nearby arena. They will also be treated to a *delicious Cabane à Sucre meal and taffy on Wednesday, February 28th, 2024*. On that day, students can wear a plaid shirt and a non-uniform bottom. Please note that if students are not wearing plaid, then they must be in full uniform.



GRADE 4 VACCINATIONS

Vaccinations will be held on February 22nd, 2024. Parents will receive a letter with more information shortly.

TCBY Fundraiser

Our annual TCBY fundraiser will begin on Wednesday, February 14th. A link was already sent to parents to place their order.



MARCH BREAK

March Break will take place from **Monday, March 4th to Friday, March 8th, 2024**. Enjoy the week off with your children. Please note that daycare services will **NOT** be offered during March break. **School will resume on Monday, March 11th, 2024.**

In IB News...

We are happy to report that the grade 6 classes have begun planning their PYP Exhibition. “What is an IB PYP exhibition?” you may ask. Well, the Primary Years Programme (PYP) exhibition represents a significant event in the life of a PYP student. This is where the students have the opportunity to show the school community the attributes of the IB learner profile and the skills that they have developed throughout their years at Michelangelo International Elementary School. The PYP exhibition has a number of purposes, some of which are as follows:

- To provide the students with an opportunity to demonstrate independence and responsibility for their own learning.
- To provide the students with an opportunity to explore different perspectives.
- To provide the students with an opportunity to apply what they have learned from previous years and to reflect upon their journey through the PYP.
- To provide the students with the opportunity to take action as a result of their learning.
- To celebrate their transition from primary school to high school.

As a community, we can encourage the students and support our PYP Programme by attending our Exhibition Night on April 18, 2024. More information will be forthcoming in the following months. Exhibition night is when the grade 6 students will present their projects to their community. This is a time for them to demonstrate their skills in collaboration. They will demonstrate how they used the inquiry process to identify, investigate and offer solutions to real life issues or problems that are important to them. Some topics that are being explored are; Climate Change, Oceans, Outer Space, Natural Disasters, Mental Health, Genes/Evolution, Human Body, Deforestation, Health, Planet Earth.

We are all excited to see what they have discovered through their research. Looking forward to seeing you there.

Mrs. Noemia and Madame Suzanne (I.B Coordinators)

Sincerely,

Marisa Mineiro & Amanda Vallelunga
Principal Vice Principal





Tax Receipts for 2023 (Jan-Dec 2023) Daycare Receipts and School Lunch Supervision Receipts will be prepared and uploaded to your child's Mozaik account by February 28th, 2024. Please note that this income tax receipt includes payments made in the year 2023 from January to December 2023. (This means that it covers Jan-June 2023 of the previous school year, and Sept-Dec 2023 of the current school year).

*The Schoolboard will have tax receipts available on your child's Mozaik account under the **Finance tab**. It is not available yet; we will send more information shortly on the procedures to retrieve your tax receipts when they have been entered into your Mozaik account. *A reminder that if parents both made payments in their name than each parent needs to retrieve their receipts separately with their own email (it must be the one we have registered at school) and password for their child.*

We cannot issue a tax receipt without a valid SIN#. If we are missing any information including a SIN# we will contact, you.

Upcoming Ped days:



Feb 12th, 2024: In School Valentine Theme Ped day – **Enfant & Compagnie** Valentine activity.

**The February 12th, 2024, Ped day registration deadline is Thursday Feb. 1st, 2024.*

We are not accepting any permission slips after that date.



Feb. 23, 2024: **Outing – (Cinema Guzzo & Lunch at school)**

**The February 23, 2024, Ped day letter will be sent out shortly. The registration deadline will be*

Thursday Feb. 15th, 2024. We are not accepting any permission slips after that date.



Daycare Fees: Please note that invoices have been sent out for an outstanding and unpaid Daycare Fees up to and including the month of January 2024. Please send payments by cheque or online payment. Outstanding fees need to be cleared up by **February 2, 2024**, to continue daycare services and participate in Ped days. * A reminder that we need a minimum of 5 days (working days) notice to make any permanent changes to your child's daycare expected attendance. Regular absences, vacations are not refunded or credited. *Please use the correct payee: **Michelangelo Daycare** and reference codes for online daycare payments (**SG CODE**)-**service de garde**

*Please note that there are no reimbursements or credits for regular absences without a medical note of a minimum of 5 days.



Important Safety Reminder: Daycare Pick-up Afterschool:

To ensure the student's safety, it is very important that safety measures are always followed. We ask for parents support and cooperation with the following safety measures:

- Please make sure to make yourself visible at the door when picking up your child and announce who you are there to pick up
- Children will not be dismissed if you are not physically present (please do not wait in your car)
- Advise the daycare if someone other than those authorized will be picking up your child (a written email is preferable) – *without authorization we cannot dismiss your child*
- Advise any adult picking up your child (including parents themselves) that daycare staff may ask for verification or ID

*Often, we have different daycare staff answering the door who may not know or recognize the adult; therefore, verification is required. We ask for your patience and support during this time as we have hundreds of students in daycare to dismiss safely every evening.

SCHOOL LUNCH SUPERVISION FEES:(Gr 1-6 only not in daycare lunch)

Updated invoices covering the month August 2023 to January 2024 have been sent out by email. A reminder to use the correct codes for lunch payments (LH CODE)- Lunch

Any outstanding lunch supervision fees need to be cleared no later than Feb 2, 2024, to continue receiving this service. Parents with outstanding fees will be contacted.

DAYCARE REGISTRATIONS FOR 2024-2025

The online Daycare Registrations on Mozaik for 2024-2025 is not open or available yet.

Registration for daycare services will take place at later time this year.

We will notify parents when it is time to register for daycare services.



Lunch Time Reminder:

A reminder that students need to bring their own cutlery at lunch time for their own lunches, and also when ordering hot meals. The hot meal provider no longer provides any cutlery or water bottles.

We also recommend a reusable water bottle so they can refill their bottles throughout the day.

Thank you,

Nancy Salituri, Daycare Technician & the Daycare Team 😊