



October NEWSLETTER



Dear parents,

We are about to begin our second month of school and 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.

LATES



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.

A.M ENTRY/ P.M DISMISSAL

We would also like to remind you 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 at the end of the day, 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.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Please note that if a student wears tights to school, they must wear a top that **covers their bottom.**

PROGRESS REPORT DISTRIBUTION

Progress reports will be available on Monday, October 16th, 2023 on the Mozaik portal. Meetings with teachers will take place on October 18th. These interviews are by invitation only.

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.



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

The Governing Board and P.P.O held their first meeting on September 14th and September 18th 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:

Di Cesare, Kristina (Chairperson)	Stefanie Fuoco
Serrecchia, Miranda (Vice- Chair)	Bozzo, Noemia
Passucci, Stephanie (EMSBPC delegate)	Di Genova, Elisa
Passucci, Stephanie (Treasurer)	Nada Porco
Stefanie Fuoco & Mirella Di Stefano (Secretaries)	Mirella Di Stefano
Pazienza, Giuseppe	Cardillo, Lori
Brancati, Pat	Rinaldi, Giuseppina
Ciccotelli, Nick	Salituri, Nancy
Borsellino, Roberto (alternate)	



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P.P.O:

Renda, Giovanna (Chairperson)	Serrecchia, Miranda (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 to request a box(es) of chocolate. Families not interested in selling chocolates can donate \$60 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 **Thursday, October 12th, 2023**.

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 began September 19th. Chess Club will take place Mondays and Tuesdays after school as of October 16th, and during lunch on Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays. Ball hockey (begins October 17 & 19), Karate (began September 21st) and PELO (starts week of October 17th) will take place after school.

Reminder to all parents that daycare children will return to daycare after their activity. Children being picked up after Pelo, karate and chess will be brought to the main schoolyard gates 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 including our spooky Haunted House. When choosing a costume for school, please 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 9th, 2023**. Let’s 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@msb.qc.ca) or to whomever you would like to address your concern.





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SCHOOL OFFICE

The school office is a very **busy place**. 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 encouraged as we cannot guarantee that your child will get the message. This causes a lot of stress at the office, to your child's teacher, and to your child. When calling the school, please be mindful that our secretaries are juggling many things at once and are therefore unable to have long conversations with each parent. It is important to keep calls short so that they have the time to properly attend to everyone's concerns.



IB HIGHLIGHT

Express yourself! The Grade 5 students spent the first few weeks of the school year learning about how communication brings about understanding. They have been exploring the many ways people communicate, how different cultural and personal elements influence communication and finally how communication has evolved and changed through time.

In French class, the students' curiosity was piqued when they had the opportunity to view an assortment of communication used through time. They were also very engaged when learning about the science of sound.



In English class, the students were very intrigued with Coco the ape (yes, an ape!) and his journey into learning how to communicate with humans using American Sign Language.



Les élèves de la 5^e année ont découvert la technologie du passé dans le cadre de leur premier module de recherche : la communication.



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MICHELANGELO INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL DAYCARE

Daycare News for October 2023:

The daycare educators have been introducing many new activities to help keep all the students stimulated, busy and happy. We will also receive new B.A.S.E extracurricular activities which will also begin shortly. We are very excited to 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 48-72 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 both programs; therefore, it is very important it is paid to the correct program as it not transferable.



October Ped Days:

✚ Friday, October 13, 2022 – In school activities – Fall Harvest

*Letters for this Ped day have already gone out to parents.

Deadline to register is October 2, 2023.

✚ Wednesday, October 18, 2022 – In school activities – Halloween Fun

*Letters for this Ped day will be sent out shortly.

Deadline to register will be October 10th, 2023.



Letters regarding all future Ped Days will be sent out to all parents with children attending Michelangelo School. You will receive them by email. Regular daycare students will also receive a paper copy.

To register for Ped days, your child needs to be registered with daycare as a sporadic user (if you are not already registered). Please contact the daycare office if you need to register your child.

Important! Please note that 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. We cannot make exceptions. A reminder to parents that we use the daycare door for entry and dismissal on Ped days.

CHANGE OF DISMISSAL:

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.



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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 for dismissal changes is 2pm to assure your child is dismissed safely.

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.

AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES:

Examples: KARATE/PELO/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).

Daycare students who are participating in these afterschool activities need to be picked up no earlier than 5:10pm. 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 5:10pm 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 Happy Thanksgiving!



Sincerely,
Marisa Mineiro
Principal

Amanda Vallelunga
Vice-Principal