



September Newsletter 2023



Dear Parents,

We are happy to greet our new and returning students for the 2023-2024 academic school year. We would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a successful school year.

WELCOMING DAY

Friday, September 15th, will be our official welcoming day. Numerous fun activities have been planned for the students to make their back to school as fun as ever.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

Our school photos will take place on October 12th, 2023. Please note that sibling photos will not be possible this year as the company is not offering this service. We are already looking into the matter for next year.

School uniform is mandatory for the school photos.



DISMISSAL PROCEDURES

Dismissal for PK and K students will take place at **3:47pm**. Dismissal for grades 1-6 will take place every day at **3:52 p.m.** No student will be allowed to be removed from the bus by any adult other than a staff member. Please do not change your child's routine without written notification. **Calling at the last minute (after noon on the day of) cannot guarantee that your child will receive the correct message in a timely manner.** Please help us avoid a dangerous situation by writing in your child's agenda any changes made to your child's daily routine.

*Please note that as of **September 5th**, pre-kindergarten and kindergarten parents can no longer enter the school yard to pick up their child.

STUDENT DISMISSAL

To ensure a safe and secure learning environment for all our students, please take note of the rules regarding student drop off and pick up.

- **No parents are allowed in the school yard at any time:** Parents picking up their children must wait at the gate. Please **do not block the gate entrance** as the students need to have a clear path to leave the yard.
- **Using the daycare door:** Only students who are boarding the busses at the end of the day are to exit from the daycare door. This is necessary to alleviate the congested sidewalk traffic and to ensure the safe boarding of the buses by all the students in a timely manner.
- **Please do not pick up your child at the daycare door before ALL busses are gone.** We appreciate your cooperation in this matter.
- **School buses:** Please do not use the sidewalk while students are boarding the school buses. Kindly wait until the buses have departed to cross the school bus loading area to access the school yard gates where students are dismissed. Reminder that it is **against the law to pass a school bus when the flashing red lights and/or STOP sign are activated.** The penalty is a fine and demerit points.



Our children's safety is our 1st priority.



DROP OFF ZONE/NO PARKING ZONE/NO STOPPING ZONES(S) REMINDER

Please note that the section of the street that runs all along the front side of the school yard is designated as a bus **drop off zone** during morning arrival. Parking in the drop off zone **forces a slowdown in traffic, and forces other parents to drop off their child in the middle of the street.** Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.



MORNING LATE ENTRANCE

Michelangelo International Daycare service is available from 7:00 a.m.

The school bell rings at **8:47 a.m** and the second bell rings at **8:52 a.m.** Since it is important for children to learn the value of being punctual, therefore, students are expected to be at school on time to allow for the smooth running of their day and to avoid class disruptions.

Please note that no students will be admitted via the front door unless a student is late, where the secretary will therefore administer a late slip.



MOZAIK



Please remember that parents can now enter their child(ren)'s absence(s) on the Mozaik portal instead of calling the school.

MORNING ENTRANCE

All students, grades PK-6, must enter the school by one of the four entrances mentioned below.

- **ENTRANCE 1** (Daycare Doors)
 - For bus students & daycare drop-offs
- **ENTRANCE 4** (Kindergarten Doors)
 - For Pre-K and Kindergarten students
- **ENTRANCE 3** (Regular school entrance via schoolyard)
 - For grades 1 and 2
- **ENTRANCE 5** (Back school yard Doors)
 - Grades 3, 4, 5 and 6



SCHOOL LUNCH DELIVERIES



Students should come to school every day with a **healthy** and **nut free lunch** that includes a beverage and snack. Our hot meal provider is Le Doral. **Please understand that we do not accept daily deliveries from parents.** This includes parents delivering daily lunches to the office or using Uber Eats to send food to school for their child. This is very disruptive to the school routine and that of your child. Therefore, make sure your child leaves home with his lunch and snack for the day. Please take note that we do not have a cafeteria and we do not have extra hot lunches; thus, it is entirely the responsibility of the parents to ensure that their children have a lunch and snack.

REFLECTIONS

As per school protocol, teachers, supervisors and administration issue a reflection when a student behaves in a way that requires them to think about their actions. The purpose of a reflection is not to punish a student, rather it provides for an opportunity for students to reflect on their actions, and what they can do differently in the future when faced with a similar situation. As per our mandate, it is our responsibility to educate students both academically & socially.

ORIENTATION NIGHT

We held our orientation on August 28th and once again it was a success! We hope you enjoyed meeting your child(ren)'s teachers.



PARENT GENERAL ASSEMBLY /GOVERNING BOARD ELECTIONS

On **Thursday September 14th, 2023** we will be holding our **Annual General Parent Assembly** to elect our parent representatives who will be elected to serve on the Governing Board. The election will take place in the **Gym at 6:00 pm.**

If you wish to bring forward your name to be a member on the Governing Board, please use the link below to fill out all required information. If you cannot attend the meeting, but wish to bring forward your name, you can use the same link to fill out the proxy section. Our Governing Board meets on average once a month. Our **first meeting** will take place **directly after** the General Assembly **on September 14th, 2023.**

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PPO ELECTIONS

Upon approval of our Governing Board, we will hold a PPO meeting to elect our 2023-2024 Chairperson. The election and first meeting will be held at school on **Monday, September 18th, 2023 at 6:00 pm.** We will send more info via email as the date approaches.

AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Planning of extra-curricular activities are underway. Angelo Di Bella (karate) will begin Thursday, September 21st and guitar club will start on September 18th. Please return all registration forms to the main office. As the year progresses, we will keep you up to date with other after school activities that will begin. Be sure to look out for memos.



Parents picking up their children (non-daycare) after an extra-curricular activity, are asked to do so outside the main schoolyard gates. The activity monitor will bring the students directly to this entrance.

REMIND APP

To help facilitate keeping on top of everyone's busy schedules, we are using the Remind app to keep you up to date concerning important upcoming events, and to send you pictures and clips of your children.

Please note that this app is a **one-way communication**. You can send us an email or place a phone call for any concerns or issues pertaining to your child. We already sent a memo on how to sign up. Please make sure to sign up according to your child's grade level. Your child's teacher(s) may also have their own Remind App and they will send you the information so you can see what is taking place in their specific classroom.

Remember, when posting on social media, we try to keep our written messages as short as possible. We also like to post pictures and/or videos, however, understand that we can't post everything from one event.

FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA

Michelangelo International Elementary School is on Twitter, Instagram and Facebook! You can follow us by going to:

X (Twitter): www.twitter.com/michelangeloint

Facebook: michelangelo@msb.qc.ca

Instagram: [michelangelointernational](https://www.instagram.com/michelangelointernational).



We suggest that all parents create an account and follow our school as well as @English MTL for the most up to date news. Please refrain from sending messages via Facebook Messenger and call the school instead. The feature has been left available in case of an exceptional circumstance. The messenger option should not be the means of communication between parents and the school. Also, please be careful what you comment on social media. We love to promote our school, but if you have any concerns, you should NOT be using social media to do so.

*Please note that all messaging on Instagram has been disabled.



SOME OF THE WONDERFUL PROGRAMS AT OUR SCHOOL:

IB Programme

Quebec Educational program

Music Program

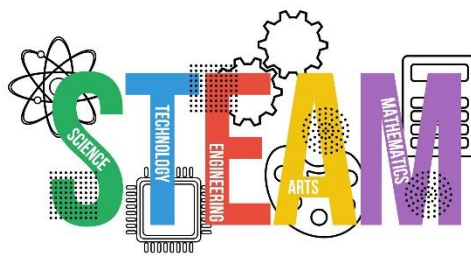
Physical Education Program & 60 min physical activity

Media (coding, robotics, scratch, Microsoft programs)

Art Program

STEAM School

Chess program



IB PROGRAMME

Welcome back Michelangelo International community! We hope that you are all rested and ready for another wonder-filled year at Michelangelo International Elementary School. We are happy to see that you are continuing to embrace the programme by staying involved in your child's PYP journey. Please remember to read all of the Unit of Inquiry introductory letters that your child brings home. This is a good way to stay in touch with the concepts that your child is exploring in class. You can be an active participant in your child's learning by showing an interest and asking questions related to the theme. Please feel free to fill out the Action portion of the letter and send it back to school with your child.

We are excited to start a new year and we are looking forward to all the great things to come.

Have a great start to a new school year. Stay tuned for more IB news!

Ms. Noemia and Mme Suzanne
IB PYP Coordinators



WHAT IS STEAM IN SCHOOLS?

STEM **education** refers to the areas of **S**cience, **T**echnology, **E**ngineering and **M**athematics. **STEAM education** incorporates the “**A**” for the **A**rts – recognizing that to be successful in technical fields, individuals must also be creative and use critical thinking skills which are best developed through exposure to the arts. **STEAM** is an educational approach to learning that uses Science, Technology, Engineering, the Arts and Mathematics as access points for guiding student inquiry, dialogue, and critical thinking.

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Depending on the availability of the teachers, we offer many extra-curricular activities. They take place during the morning recess, lunch recess or after school. When an ECA begins, a letter will be sent home. If the activity is for a specific level, only that level will get the letter. Don't worry, we offer many different activities to ensure that all the students are happy.

Here are some of the ECA's we offer:

Intramurals
Knitting
Chess
Choir
Robotics
Newspaper club
Doodling club
Dungeons and dragons club
Karate
Piano
Guitar
Fédération du futebol français
Hockey on ice
And much more...



PLEASE TAKE NOTE...



ALL MEMOS WILL BE SENT TO YOU VIA EMAIL, if you are not on our mailing list, please make sure to let the office know or if you wish to receive a paper copy, please advise the office. We want to waste as little paper as possible.

SEPTEMBER NEWS FROM DAYCARE



On behalf of the Michelangelo Daycare Team, we want to welcome everyone back to school. My name is Nancy Salituri, and I am the Daycare Technician (Coordinator). I am happy to be back ready and eager to get started on all the exciting activities planned for the students attending daycare this year. We will be sending a separate and detailed memo to all parents using the daycare services regarding the daycare routines, activities, and information regarding payments for daycare shortly.

Daycare students will receive a healthy snack afterschool every day as of September 11th, 2023; until then please provide an extra snack for your child.

Please contact the daycare office regarding any daycare related questions or concerns or email (Nancy Salituri) at nsalituri@emsb.qc.ca. For any dismissal change message please make sure to advise your child's teacher and/or contact the office before 2pm.

ENTRY & DISMISSAL FOR DAYCARE

PreK & Kindergarten students starting daycare on September 5th, 2023 will use the regular daycare entrance/exit next to the office located on 5e rue.

Important: Parents or anyone coming to pick up or drop students in daycare will not be permitted to enter the school.

SCHOOL LUNCH SUPERVISION PROGRAM *(students not in daycare -- Gr 1-6 only)*

For students in Gr 1-6 who are **NOT** using the daycare services:

Parents received a letter regarding lunch supervision fees in June 2023.

The cost for lunch supervision is \$2.25/day. Statements will be sent out monthly via email.

For students who are not in daycare need to pay the school for lunch supervision fees to the school by cheque or through online banking. The online code is indicated on your statements starting with an LHCODE to Michelangelo School as your payee.

Please make sure to bring utensils and water bottles every day for lunch.

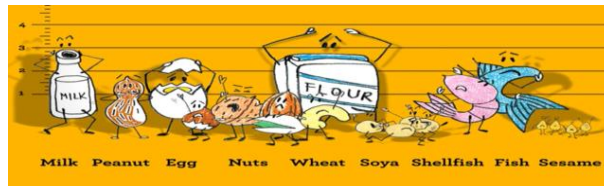
Looking forward to fun-filled year with your children!

Ms. Nancy Salituri

Daycare Technician



A MESSAGE FROM THE NURSE



ALLERGY-EPIPEN-SCHOOL NEW INFO

Teaching your child about food allergies is an important part of keeping them safe. Young children can start to learn about food allergies at a young age. This knowledge will give them confidence with self-managing their food allergies as they get older.

Taking in consideration the recommendation of the new allergy guide there will be some new guidelines to follow at school:

In each classroom there will be an envelope with the student's name, picture, allergy, and placement of the EpiPen. In this envelope school staff will find a personalised intervention plan for each student and step by step administration protocol.

GRADE 1-6

- In your school, the student will always keep the EpiPen on themselves except gym class. It is important for the student to have a belt bag or fanny pack for easy access for school staff in case of an emergency. We need your help to teach your child at home to ask for help from an adult if not feeling well and to never open the medication by themselves, to show a friend or to play with it.

PRE-K KDG

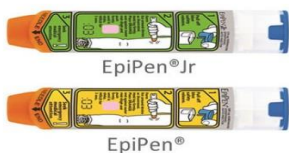
- Considering the young age of the children and following the allergy guide, for Pre-K and KDG students the EpiPen will be kept in unlocked classroom on the wall for easy access.

GYM CLASS

- In the gymnasium, a special board with hooks will be available so the student can place their belt bag in a safe place while doing exercise.

BELTBAG or FANNY PACK

- Take some time to talk with your child about his or her allergy. Choose the belt bag together, you can personalise it too. On the EpiPen.ca website you can order one too if needed.



REMEMBER:

Never share food, wash your hands before and after eating, use a placemat, tell a Grown up if you are not feeling well

To ease this transition, the school nurse will make a class tour with her puppet named EPI to inform ALL the children.



WISHING EVERYONE A SUCCESSFUL SCHOOL YEAR!



Sincerely,
Marisa Mineiro & Amanda Vallelunga
Principal Vice-Principal