



January Newsletter



NEW YEAR REMINDERS

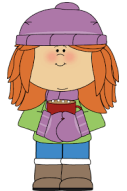
A new year brings about a fresh new start, with good intentions and resolutions. Let's all work together to ensure a smooth, successful, and safe transition back to school for our students.

Healthy mind and body. Going to bed early to ensure your child gets enough sleep is essential for your child to focus and function properly in school. Having a healthy, nutritious diet as combined with outdoor physical exercise (outdoor play) helps to fuel a young growing body and a developing brain.



Attire Students must dress appropriately for winter weather with snow pants, boots, hats, gloves, and scarves. Students are required to follow the dress code as stipulated in your child's agenda. Lastly, students must have a change of shoes to wear in school.

Punctuality Being on time is a lifelong skill that is learned from a young age. Parents are responsible for getting their children to school on time. Morning entry begins at 8:47 and ends at 8:52 so that students are ready to begin class at 9:00 sharp. It is very stressful for a child when he/she walks in late. Walking in late also disrupts the classroom routine already in place. Deadlines for assignments should also be respected. Making excuses for your child will not benefit in the long run.



Responsibility Learning to be responsible for yourself can be learned from a young age. Your child can start by preparing his/her clothing for the following day, making his/her lunch, packing his/her schoolbag the night before, etc. It is also never too early to instill the importance of respect for others as well as having good manners.

HOLIDAY CHARITIES

Thank you to all the families who generously participated in our holiday charity drive. A big Thank You to our Spiritual Animator, Veronica D'Agata who organized and implemented this drive. The charity drive was a big success, and we helped several local organizations.



HEAD LICE

Every year, especially in the Fall and Winter months, we get unpleasant surprises with head lice showing up in children's hair. We recommend that students keep their hair short or tied up, and that they do not share any hair accessories or hats. Young children hug each other and play in close contact with each other. Please check your child's hair as often as possible.

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

With the new year, all organizers will be preparing their activities for their winter sessions with the activities beginning throughout the month. Please refer to the January Calendar for the important dates.

REGISTRATION

Sibling registration for the 2025-2026 academic year will take place from **Monday, January 27th, 2025, to Friday, January 31st, 2025, from 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.** To register your child during this week, you must already have a child registered at school. A link has been provided by email and will also be posted on social media for you to schedule your appointment.

Remember to also bring these original documents to your appointment:

- (1) your child's original birth certificate.
- (2) the parent's certificate of eligibility.
- (3) the birth certificate of the parent whose name is on the certificate of eligibility.

New Student Registrations will take place from **Monday, February 3rd to Friday February 7th, 2025.** The link to book appointments to register will be available on our social media. Look out for the link.

ADDITIONAL PEDAGOGICAL DAY:

An additional Pedagogical Day was added to the school calendar across the English Montreal School Board. This Pedagogical day is on February 14, 2025.

We are looking forward to working collaboratively with you in 2025.



Sincerely,

Marisa Mineiro & Stefanie Fuoco
Principal Vice Principal



January News from Daycare & School Lunch Supervision



Please note that the December 2024 fees for both daycare and school lunch supervision services are due no later than Wednesday Dec.18, 2024. The statements have already been sent out before the holidays. A reminder that all outstanding fees from previous months need to be cleared as well to continue receiving these services.

Reminder:

The first Ped day after the holidays is scheduled for **January 6th, 2025**, and it will be an in-school Ped day. The theme is **Winter Wonderland!** It is the first day back after the holidays so if you haven't already registered, your child will unfortunately be unable to participate. **(The deadline was Dec. 13, 2024)**
We are not accepting any late registrations.

Upcoming Ped days:

Jan 6, 2025 – In School - Winter Wonderland Theme

Jan 31-2025 – In School – National Fitness Day with **Sport life Services Company**

More info to come in January: deadline to register will be **Feb. 13, 2025*

Feb. 14, 2025 -In School – Valentine Theme with **Univers de Toutou**

Feb. 21, 2024 – Outing – more info to **Portira Cage**

The daycare team have a lot of fun activities planned for the students upon their return to school. The educators will be sending you a copy of their activity plans when we return.

Income Tax Receipts for 2024 (Jan-Dec 2024)

Daycare Receipts and School Lunch Supervision Receipts will be prepared and distributed to everyone by February 28th, 2025. Please note that this income tax receipt includes payments made in the year 2024 from January to December 2024. **(This means that it covers Jan-June 2024 of the previous school year, and Sept-Dec 2024 of the current school year).**

Tax receipts will be made available on your child's Mozaik account. We will keep you informed as soon as we have the more information. Please note that we cannot issue a tax receipt without a valid SIN#, and correct email address on file. This is how the information is linked to Mozaik. If we are missing any information including a SIN# we will contact you. **Each parent has their own link should there be more than one payer eligible for a tax receipt.**



Some Helpful Reminders:

*Don't forget to send your child to daycare/school in the morning with their shoes on the first day back to school. They are often forgotten on that busy first day back!

*Bring all winter attire such as snow pants, hats, mittens – we go out for recess everyday!

*Especially for younger grades: It is a good time to replenish and send extra clothes for the winter months that students can bring and keep at school for those unexpected mishaps or accidents that require a change of clothes. Pants, socks, shirts, and undergarments are always a good idea!

*We also ask that parents please look over their orders for hot meals for January if they have ordered for the month, to avoid errors, or missing lunches for that first week back.

*Whenever possible we recommend that parents do not order hot meals on the days that their child is in an extra-curricular activity at lunch time such as ball hockey, chess, and guitar. Students from the Junior (PreK-Gr 3) & Senior groups (Gr 4-6) have their lunch at separate times, and it becomes more complicated to remove meals from the warmers etc. when they change their lunch routine. It also takes longer for them to eat which can take precious time away from their activity. A quick sandwich/wrap, for example, would do the trick on those days. 😊



Happy New Year from the Daycare Team!
Sincerely, Nancy Salituri, Daycare Technician



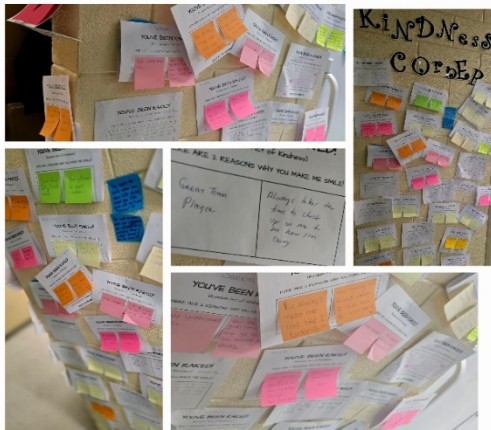
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In this 2nd Unit of Inquiry, “You are What you Eat”, grade 5 students became health detectives. They investigated 5 clues (pictures) to uncover the secrets to health. They discovered that health encompasses not only physical, but mental and emotional as well. Then, with the help of Canada’s Food guide, they created healthy food menus that included a variety of colorful and balanced meals from all the food groups.

Seeing as December is the month of giving, the 2nd Grade students helped our school highlight the learning attribute “Caring”. Maybe the simplest, yet a very important attribute for a citizen of the world to have. NOT ONLY AT CHRISTMAS TIME, BUT ALL YEAR LONG. The question was raised to students, how can we show that we care?

Not only did students share and offer caring acts, but the Michelangelo Staff also took extra time to stop and PAY IT FORWARD! What exactly did the staff pay forward? A positive word to each other! A word of gratitude, admiration, acknowledgement etc.



During this Season of Giving, Michelangelo International is reflecting on how some of the most powerful gifts do not necessarily come from a store. As our beloved Grinch once said,

" Maybe Christmas, he thought, doesn't come from a store,

Maybe Christmas ... perhaps ... means a little bit more!"



