

Dante Elementary

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

The month of September has come and gone so quickly. I wanted to thank you all once again for welcoming me into your school community. So far, my experience has been very positive and I consider myself very lucky to serve as your school Principal!

The month of October is filled with exciting activities. Please pay particular attention to the "Upcoming Events" section of this newsletter as it highlights important dates.

Once again, should you have any questions or concerns, I invite you to contact the school office at (514) 254-5941. You may also send an email to the school secretary Ms. Pina Ippolito at gippolito@emsb.qc.ca or to Ms. Silvana, secretary, at santonelli@emsb.qc.ca.

Best regards,

Irini Margetis
Principal

DANTE SCHOOL ON CTV BREAKFAST TELEVISION

On October 2nd, Ms. Maria Kelly, our Spiritual Animator, organized a beautiful Thanksgiving Celebration for our students in the school gymnasium. For this occasion, CTV Breakfast Television Weather and Traffic Host, Catherine Verdon Diamond, interviewed a few of our students. You may see the segment this coming Friday, October 5th, between 6 and 9 a.m.

TERRY FOX WALK-RESULTS

Thanks to your generosity, our school was able to raise \$997 for the Terry Fox Foundation! See you again next year!

LIGHT THE NIGHT-IN MEMORY OF ANISSA LUZIO, FORMER DANTE TEACHER

Dante Elementary School has decided to organize a **dress down day on Friday, October 12th, 2018**. The students are asked to bring in 2\$ in exchange for a uniform free day. All proceeds will be donated to Team Anissa for the **Light the Night Walk**, which will be held on October 14th. Anissa Luzio was an amazing teacher who cared about all those around her, never hesitated in helping others in need and inspired many. In her honor, we have joined her family to donate to the Leukemia and Lymphoma society.

Please help us support this family and in turn help all those who have been affected by this disease.

Thank you for your support!



Upcoming Events

OCTOBER 5

Registration Deadline for after school activities

OCTOBER 8

Thanksgiving Holiday - school and daycare closed

OCTOBER 9

After School Activities Begin

OCTOBER 12

Distribution of Progress Reports
Dress Down Day-See Light the Night section

OCTOBER 16

Governing Board Meeting 7 pm

OCTOBER 17

Deadline to order school photos

OCTOBER 19

Pedagogical Day-Daycare Open

OCTOBER 24

Photos Retakes & Sibling Photos in the morning

OCTOBER 25

Open House
Day: 9:30-11:30 am & 1:30-3:00 pm
Evening: 6:30-8:30 pm

OCTOBER 26

Vaccination-Grade 4 only

OCTOBER 31

Halloween Celebrations

CHANGES TO STUDENTS DISMISSAL SCHEDULE

It is paramount for parents/guardians to advise their child's teacher of any changes regarding dismissal at the end of the day. Please use the school agenda to communicate these changes to your child's teacher. **Should an unforeseen circumstance arise throughout the day, please call the school office before 2 p.m. Accommodations will not be made after this time, to avoid confusion and prevent mistakes from happening.** Thank you for your comprehension and cooperation.

DROP-OFF AND PICK-UP OF CHILDREN

Children should not be left unsupervised in the school yard before 8:42 a.m. Teachers' supervision begins at 8:42 a.m. when the first school bell rings. At this time, we ask parents to please remain **outside of the school yard.**

Students who walk home for lunch will leave the school at 11:34 p.m. through the main office, door #1. Parents picking up their child for lunch are asked to please wait for their child outside the main entrance. When returning to school for the afternoon, these same students are asked to enter the school yard via Côme Street at 12:29 p.m., not earlier. In case of inclement weather, they may enter through the main office at 12:29 p.m.

The dismissal bell rings at 3:35 p.m. Parents picking up their children at dismissal should do so at the front of the school, near door #5. **Our students' safety is of utmost importance to us so please make sure that a teacher acknowledges your presence and sees your child leave with you.** Children taking the school bus will be dismissed through the junior door #4, and children attending daycare will be brought to their after school classroom.



To facilitate circulation and avoid accidents, we ask that you avoid dropping off/picking-up your child on Côme Street as this is the drop-off/pick-up zone for school buses. Please park on Lachenaie or neighboring streets and escort your child to the school yard (Côme Street entrance). The school parking lot is reserved for Dante Staff only. **Please do not drop off your child in the parking lot.** These precautionary measures are put into place to assure the safety of our students, your children. We thank you for your cooperation!

Lastly, in the event of rain or inclement weather, parents are asked to bring their child to the junior door #4 at 8:42 a.m. Staff members will escort them into the building.

STUDENT ABSENCES AND STUDENTS ARRIVING TO SCHOOL LATE

Children should be present in school every day. We ask that you please schedule family vacation on designated holidays and not during school days as this could impede your child's learning. The period covering mid-April to mid-June is especially critical as most school and school board evaluations are done at this time. Routine is very important at a young age and missing too many days of school will result in your child falling behind. Vacation is not considered a justified absence and teachers are under no obligation to provide school work for this particular child.



In the event that a child must be absent from school due to illness, we ask parents/guardians to do one of the following:

- Inform the teacher of the child's absence ahead of time with a note in the agenda (mainly for doctor's appointments that cannot be scheduled before or after school);
- Send a note to school via sibling;
- Call the school between 8:00 and 9:15 AM if the child's absence is unexpected.

While it is important for students to be in school, sick children are not prepared to focus on teaching and learning. If a child is running a fever or has been sick early in the morning, he/she should not attend school. *****If parents have determined that their child is well enough to attend school, then the student will be sent outdoors for recess or at lunch time since the school is not equipped to supervise sick children indoors. As well, doctors point out that children with minor ills and colds benefit from being outdoors in the fresh air. Should there be a medical reason for a child to remain indoors, we require parents to provide us with their doctor's note. Provisions for supervision will be made for these rare occasions.**

Punctuality is an important life skill that we must collectively teach our children. Although we understand that there are extenuating circumstances that might lead to lateness (eg: weather, sickness), **we ask that all students arrive to school on time, which means 8:52 a.m. at the latest.** Lateness brings disruption to the morning routine of the class and it also creates additional work for the school secretary at a very busy time in the day. We really appreciate your cooperation and understanding in this matter.

"Education is for improving the lives of others and for leaving the community better than you found it."

MARIAN WRIGHT EDELMAN