

## Dante Elementary

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

First and foremost, I would like to thank the Dante Staff and the members of our Governing Board (GB) and Parent Participation Organization (PPO). Both groups were instrumental in the success of our Open House which took place on October 24<sup>th</sup>. Our visitors appreciated the warmth of our staff and parents as well as the guided tours given by our grade 6 students and GB / PPO members.

The staff and I would also like to thank our PPO parents for the Halloween maze and the pirate-themed library. The decorations were beautiful and our children had lots of fun!



The month of November is filled with events and dates to remember. Please refer to the "Upcoming Events" section for a quick glance at these 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. Silvy Gomes-Pires at [sgomes-pires@emsb.qc.ca](mailto:sgomes-pires@emsb.qc.ca) or to Ms. Silvana, secretary, at [santonelli@emsb.qc.ca](mailto:santonelli@emsb.qc.ca).

Best regards,

Irini Margetis  
Principal



### Upcoming Events

NOVEMBER 4

Virtues Assemblies

NOVEMBER 6

Town Hall Meeting-7 p.m.

NOVEMBER 7

Dress Down Day-Adopt a Child

NOVEMBER 8

Pedagogical Day- Daycare Open

NOVEMBER 12

Remembrance Day Assembly

NOVEMBER 15

Pedagogical Day-Daycare Open

NOVEMBER 19

Distribution of Report Cards

NOVEMBER 20

Pizza Lunch

NOVEMBER 21

Governing Board Meeting-7 p.m.

NOVEMBER 26-27

Scholastic Book Fair (students only)

NOVEMBER 28

Pedagogical Day-Daycare Open  
Parent-Teacher Interviews  
Scholastic Book Fair (parents)

NOVEMBER 29

Pedagogical Day-Daycare Open

### TOWN HALL MEETING-NOVEMBER 6<sup>TH</sup> 7 P.M.

As mentioned in a previous email to parents, the EMSB has launched a Major School Consultation on June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2019 to consolidate its network in the east end. Seeing as Dante School is part of the consultation, the Governing Board invites all Dante parents to a Town Hall meeting on November 6<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. where the proposed scenario for our school will be presented. The Dante Governing Board is looking forward to your feedback and input. Please RSVP by using the following link: <https://forms.gle/pk8fPfZz8ffsCnco7>

### DANTE SCHOOL FUNDRAISER

Today you will receive a letter explaining the details of our major fundraising campaign. Our Governing Board has approved for the funds to be used to finance school-wide activities and events. **WE NEED EVERYONE'S COLLABORATION TO MAKE THIS A SUCCESS.** We thank you in advance for your collaboration and help!

## "VIRTUES ASSEMBLIES"

Every month, our school spiritual animator, Ms. Mary Poullas, will introduce and discuss a virtue with our students. During the month of October, "gratitude" was presented. Students who best displayed this virtue throughout the month received a certificate for their accomplishment during a school assembly. Congratulations to all our recipients! November theme: Respect.

## ADOPT-A-CHILD-DRESS DOWN DAY-NOVEMBER 7

As part of our *Établissement Vert Brundtland* initiatives for the 2019-2020 school year, we will be participating in the "Adopt-A-Child" Gift Campaign with St. Brendan's Parish. On November 7, we will have a dress down day, for the occasion. Students are asked to bring in a monetary donation in exchange for the dress down day. With the funds collected, we will purchase gifts for the needy families that are served by the St. Brendan's Parish community. As in previous years, we will "adopt" as many children as we can depending on the funds collected. We thank you in advance for your donation, support and for helping to make the holidays special for so many children.

## SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR-NOVEMBER 26, 27 AND 28TH

Once again this year, our PPO parents and Dante staff will be setting up a Scholastics Book Fair for your chance to purchase books for your children. In November, you will have the opportunity to purchase English titles whereas the French titles will be available at a second book fair in February. On November 26 and 27, students will visit the book fair with their teacher. Purchases can be made at this time. Should you wish to visit the book fair yourself, you may do so on November 28<sup>th</sup> during Parent-Teacher interviews. More details will be sent to you via email the week prior to the event.

## PARENT-TEACHER INTERVIEWS-NOVEMBER 28TH

Once again this year, parents will receive a letter with a link guiding them to the *Calendly* website where they can select their preferred time to meet with their child's teachers. More information to come.

***"Do not confine your children to your own learning, for they were born in another time."  
– Chinese proverb***