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Upcoming Events

NOVEMBER 5

PPO Meeting- 7 p.m.

NOVEMBER 6

Remembrance Day Celebration

NOVEMBER 9

Pedagogical Day-Daycare Open

NOVEMBER 13

Grand Défi Pierre Lavoie Activity

NOVEMBER 14

Pizza Lunch

NOVEMBER 15

Distribution of Report Cards
Governing Board Meeting-7 p.m.
Dress Down Day-WE Are Silent

NOVEMBER 16

Pedagogical Day-Daycare Open

NOVEMBER 22

Outing Cycle 2

NOVEMBER 27-28

Scholastic Book Fair (students only)

NOVEMBER 29

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

NOVEMBER 30

Pedagogical Day-Daycare Open

Dear Parents/Guardians,

First and foremost, I would like to thank the Dante Staff and the members of our Parent Participation Organization (PPO). Both groups were instrumental in the success of our Open House which took place on October 25th. Our visitors appreciated the warmth of our staff as well as the guided tours given by our grade 6 students and PPO parents.

The staff and I would also like to thank our PPO parents for the Halloween decorations and for ordering the pumpkins that our student artists decorated. The school gymnasium was 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. Pina Ippolito at gippolito@emsb.qc.ca or to Ms. Silvana, secretary, at santonelli@emsb.qc.ca.

Best regards,

Irini Margetis
Principal

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DANTE SCHOOL FUNDRAISER TO PURCHASE ADDITIONAL IPADS

As an educational institution, part of our mandate is to teach students to use technology responsibly and effectively for the completion of projects, for research, for effective communication and as a tool for learning. We currently possess a classroom set of iPads but this number is not sufficient to meet the demand. For this reason, our Governing Board has approved for the funds collected through this year's fundraising campaign to be used for the purchase of additional iPads.

In the coming days you will receive a letter explaining the details of our main fundraiser for this year. **WE NEED EVERYONE'S COLLABORATION TO MAKE THIS A SUCCESS.** We thank you in advance for your collaboration and help!

REMEMBRANCE DAY CELEBRATION-NOVEMBER 6

On November 6th, Dante students will remember and celebrate the Canadian soldiers who sacrificed their lives for the freedom of all. For this occasion, poppies will be distributed to all children. Donations for our Canadian Veterans are welcome.

WE ARE SILENT-DRESS DOWN DAY-NOVEMBER 15

On November 20th, also known as United Nations Universal Children's Day, Dante students will participate in a global event called *WE are Silent*. This day is the perfect time to offer a platform to advocate, promote and celebrate children's rights. Children interested in participating will take a vow of silence during their lunch hour in solidarity to those who go unheard. By pledging to go silent they will give a voice to those whose rights are not respected and show the importance of education. To raise money for this initiative there will be a dress down day on November 15. We kindly ask for a \$2 or more donation that will be collected by the WE club students.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR-NOVEMBER 27, 28 AND 29TH

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. Please note that Scholastics Canada no longer offers bilingual book fairs. In November, you will have the opportunity to purchase English titles only. The French book fair will take place at the end of February. On November 27 and 28, 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 29th during Parent-Teacher interviews. More details will be sent to you via email the week prior to the book fair.

PARENT-TEACHER INTERVIEWS-NOVEMBER 29TH

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. Please note that this letter will first be sent to parents with multiple children in the school.

PEDAGOGICAL DAYS-DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION

Many factors are dependent on the number of students registered for pedagogical days and confirmation of this number must be made in advance. We therefore ask for your collaboration in respecting this deadline and for understanding that **registrations will not be accepted past this deadline.**

SCHOOL LIBRARY

The Dante school library will re-open next week. A librarian has not yet been assigned to our school as the EMSB is still actively looking to hire someone. In the meantime, our PPO parents have graciously accepted to run the library fill time.

BOOKS DONATED FOR OUR GRADE 1 STUDENTS

The Canadian Children's Book Centre, sponsored by TD Bank Group, has graciously offered grade 1 students across the country a book called *Giraffe and Bird*, written and illustrated by Rebecca Bender and published by Pajama Press. Their goal is to foster a love of reading in children by offering them a book to be read at home in the company of a parent or guardian. We hope you enjoy this precious moment with your child.

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