



The EBS Connection

January / Janvier 2026

A Message to our School Community

Dear Parents/Guardians,

I hope that January has arrived with moments of happiness and renewal, as we settle into the new year. For our students, the new year has already brought varied opportunities for growth and learning. Their creativity, resilience, and reflectiveness remind us what they are capable of, and how much we can accomplish when school and home work together.

On behalf of the entire EBS team, thank you for your continued support and partnership. Your commitment to our students and our school community is deeply appreciated.

Please find below a look at January, along with a few updates or reminders.

Sincerely,
Eugenia Carystios
Interim Principal



Reminders, Updates, and Highlights

Comedy for Kids Workshops:

Throughout the month of January, students have been enjoying engaging workshops led by Comedian-Writer Jeff Schouela. Mr. Schouela helps students share unique thoughts and original experiences through the fun platform of stand-up comedy.

Cycle 3 Project:

Our Cycle 3 students spent the last two months learning to code with Scratch. This month, they proudly showcased their games to our K-4 students. They also created brochures to go with their games. Their creativity, teamwork, and innovation were appreciated and wonderfully shared!

Open House:

We were pleased to greet prospective families during this year's Open House, which took place on **Monday, January 19th**. With the help of our student guides, we proudly shared with new families what makes our school welcoming for our students, through the work, care and collaboration in place at EBS. <https://elizabethballantyne.emsb.qc.ca/elizabethballantyne>.

Coming up...

Annual Safety Exercise:

As indicated in the email sent to our school community on January 13th, our annual lockdown drill is scheduled for the morning of **Thursday, January 22nd**. Please refer to that email for details. As mentioned, we will send out a School Messenger notice that day to advise you that it has been completed.

K4/K5 Parent Session - Yoga and Smoothies:

As part of Elizabeth Ballantyne's Family Fun Series, K4 and K5 parents are invited to come and enjoy a relaxing yoga session with their child, followed by making delicious and healthy smoothies together. Please refer to the invitation that was shared with K4/K5 parents earlier this month for the details and registration link. Session date: **Wednesday, January 28th**.

Introduction to Black History Month:

As we step into Black History Month, we will honor and celebrate the incredible stories, achievements, and enduring contributions of remarkable individuals throughout history and today. Our grade 3-6 students will end the month of January with an introduction to this important month, through a presentation by Overture With The Arts. It will take them on a cross-country journey to uncover the history of early Black communities in Canada, while highlighting how the legacies of the individuals who shaped these communities continue to influence Canada today. Presentation date: **Thursday, January 29th**.





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2026-2027 Registration

Sibling Registration - Week of January 26th to 30th, 2026

If you would like to register your child's sibling at EBS for next year, please make an appointment during the week of January 26th to 30th to complete the registration forms: (514) 484-1006.

Registration for NEW students - Week of February 2nd to 6th, 2026

Interested families will need to sign up for an appointment spot and then book their registration appointment online. Please visit: <https://www.emsb.qc.ca/emsb/reserve> for details.*

*The link will open on January 26th at 7:00am.

School Transportation Safety Campaign:

The annual School Transportation Safety Campaign is taking place from January 26th to February 6th. The following links have been provided by the EMSB Transportation department and may be of interest to parents/guardians:

- School Crossing Guard Information

<https://saaq.gouv.qc.ca/fileadmin/documents/publications/protect-children-obey-crossing-guard.pdf>

- Safety Obligations Around Schools

<https://saaq.gouv.qc.ca/fileadmin/documents/publications/feuille-obligations-around-schools-school-buses.pdf>

Montréal-Ouest Children's Library Update:

The next session of after-school activities at the library begins the week of January 19th. There are spaces remaining for the following two activities. Parents can contact the library for registration at mwcl@mwcl.ca, or call: (514) 484-7194.

LEGO

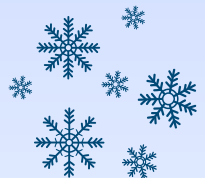
Build fascinating structures using LEGO blocks, together with other passionate LEGO players.

Wednesdays, 3:45 - 4:30 pm
January 21 - February 25
Cost: 20\$ / Children 5 - 9

MANGA DRAWING

Learn the basics of manga technique by creating easy and spectacular drawings

Mondays, 3:45 - 4:30 pm
January 19 - February 23
Cost: 20\$ / Children 6 - 12



EBS Calendar Link

We encourage you to monitor the 2025-2026 **EBS Community Calendar** regularly for any updates. Items will be added as we move through the year:



Click below for our Social Media Updates

