



Gerald McShane School

June 2026 Newsletter

June has arrived, and we're thrilled to welcome the summer season with your children. Throughout the month, students will take part in engaging learning activities and joyful celebrations. We're especially looking forward to our Fun Day and Spring Fling on June 19th, where students can enjoy games, activities, and time to unwind. As we close out the school year, we will also celebrate important milestones with our Kindergarten Celebration and Grade 6 Graduation.

As we head into summer, let's continue to inspire our children to stay curious, read often, and explore the world around them. We are incredibly proud of all they have accomplished this year. Please continue to check your email and our school website for important updates and upcoming dates.

Thank you for your continued support and for being such an important part of our GMS community. On behalf of the entire staff, I wish all our students and families a safe, joyful, and relaxing summer break.

Mr. Vince Timpano
School Principal

Important Dates to Remember:

- June 1 PPO Meeting (in person)
- June 2 Henri Bourassa & GMS Reading Activity
Grade 6 ELA Exam Ends
- June 3 Flag Football Tournament at Royal Vale
- June 4 Armand Frappier Outing – Grade 1
Dance Photo Shoot
- June 5 Ped Day
GMS Futsal Tournament
- June 8 Ball Hockey Tournament at John Caboto
- June 9 Grade 6 Math Exam Begins
Pet Therapy
- June 10 Terry Fox Reward (Pie in the Face)
Pet Therapy
- June 11 Star Student Assembly (May & June)
- June 12 Preschool End of Year Celebration
- June 16 Roller Blading Outing – Cycle 2
- June 17 GB Meeting (in person)
- June 19 Fun Day
Spring Fling (4:30 to 7:00 p.m.)
- June 22 Grade 6 Graduation
- June 23 Grade 6 Breakfast
Last Day of Classes
- June 26 Report Cards Available on Mozaik
- June 27 Office Closed for Summer Vacation

GRADE 6 FINAL EXAMS

All grade 6 parents and students are to take note of the final exam period listed below. Non-urgent travel and appointments should be avoided during exam periods. **Attendance is mandatory as there are no make-up days for unjustified absences.**

Mathematics
(ministry exam)
June 8-11

AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Please note the remaining dates of each after school activity below. If you have a child participating in an activity, please pick up your child from the Daycare entrance at 3:50 PM. If they are in daycare, they will return to their group after the activity.

MONDAYS	TUESDAYS	THURSDAYS
<i>Flag Football</i> <i>Mr. Paolo</i> <i>Gr. 4-6</i>	<i>Robotics</i> <i>Francesca Loretta</i> <i>Gr. 4-5</i>	<i>Basketball</i> <i>Kevin</i> <i>Gr. 2 & 3</i>
June 1	June 2	June 4

LIBRARY BOOKS

Friendly reminder that all library books must be returned to school no later than Thursday, June 4.

PET THERAPY

On June 9 and 10, our students will have the opportunity to learn about how trained therapy dogs help support people in therapeutic settings. Two specially trained dogs will be visiting our school as part of this unique and engaging experience. We would like to extend a special thank you to Maria Caldarella, Principal of Links High School, for helping facilitate this wonderful opportunity for our students.

SUMMER WEATHER ATTIRE

Elementary school students should come to school dressed in clothes that are comfortable and suitable for the summer weather. Light, breathable fabrics like cotton help keep them cool and focused on their studies instead of the heat. Short-sleeved shirts, shorts, and sneakers are great choices, while flip-flops should be avoided to ensure safety and maintain a positive learning environment. Students should also bring reusable water bottles to stay hydrated throughout the day.

WELCOME PACKAGE 2026-2027

All returning students for 2026-2027 will be receiving, before the end of the school year, the Welcome Package with information and forms to complete. The forms and school fees must be returned to school during the **first week of school (September 1-4)**.

HEALTHY TIP

Backpack Basics:

Children spend most of their time at school. A backpack over-loaded and mal adjusted on a growing vertebral column may cause bad posture, back pain or a deformation. Therefore, one must choose the right backpack, verify the total load carried by the child and assure that the backpack is carried appropriately.

Choose

The right size: not higher than the shoulders nor lower than the hips.

- ✓ **The right straps:** 5 cm (2 Inches) wide with a padded back panel
- ✓ Favor a **light material** such as canvas
- ✓ Opt for a backpack that has a **waist belt**

Replenish

- ✓ **Limit the load:** a child between the ages of 5-17 shouldn't carry more than **his weight**. For example: a 30-kilo child = maximum load of the backpack is
- ✓ Always fill the backpack with **the heaviest items closest to the child's back** toward his center of gravity
- ✓ **The lunch box** should be carried separately

Adjust

- ✓ **Adjust the two straps:** only one hand should be able to glide between the backpack and the child's back
- ✓ **Encourage a good posture:** show your child how to bend at the knees when lifting a backpack to his/her shoulders



**10% of
3 kilos
and**

Attention should be given to the total weight of the backpack carried by your child on a regular basis, and not only at the beginning of the school year. Verify and weigh the backpack several times during the school year.

On behalf of the GMS Team, have an enjoyable summer break!

Our first day of school for Grade 1-6 is **Monday, September 1, 2026.**

Pre-K (K4) and Kindergarten (K5) progressive entry will take place on September 1, 2, and 3, by appointment. The first FULL day for K4 and K5 is **Friday, September 4.**

Good luck to all our Grade 6 Graduates!
Remember GMS will always be your home.

Monthly Calendar on the following page.



JUNE 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
31	1	2	3	4	5	6
	PPO Meeting 6:30 – In person	HBHS Reading Buddy Cycle 1 	Flag Football Tournament at Royal Vale	Armand-Frappier Grade 1 Dance Photo Shoot 	GMS Futsal Tournament Ped Day (Daycare Open)	
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
	Ball Hockey Tournament SC3/4 & SC4 	Grade 6 Math Exam Pet Therapy	Grade 6 Math Exam Pet Therapy Terry Fox Reward Pie in the Face	Grade 6 Math Exam Star Student Assembly 	Preschool End of Year Celebration 	
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
		Rollerblading Outing Cycle 2 	GB Meeting 6:30 – In person		FUN DAY  Spring Fling 4:30 p.m.	
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
	Grade 6 Graduation  2026	Grade 6 Grad Breakfast Last day of school	 BONNE FÊTE NATIONALE DU QUÉBEC 24 JUIN		Report Cards available on <u>Mozaik</u> 	