

GERALD MCSHANE SCHOOL – OCTOBER 2026

Message from the Principal

Dear Parents/Guardians,

September has been an exciting and busy month as our students settled into new routines, built friendships, and embraced a new year of learning. It was wonderful to welcome many new families to the Gerald McShane community.

As we move into October, students can look forward to many engaging activities, special events, and exciting Halloween celebrations. We will also take time to celebrate Thanksgiving, reflecting on gratitude, kindness, and the strong community spirit that makes our school so special.

Our Governing Board and Parent Participation Organization (PPO) have now been established, and we look forward to working together throughout the year.

Please join us for our Annual Open House on **Thursday, October 22**, and help spread the word about Gerald McShane to families seeking a school for 2027-2028. Parents in Grade 2 who are interested in applying for the Sports Concentration Program are strongly encouraged to speak with Ms. Sonia, the Sports Coordinator, for information (sdaddario@emsb.qc.ca).

Be sure to follow our social media accounts and check your emails regularly so you do not miss any important school news and upcoming events.

Sincerely,
Vince Timpano
Principal



Learn to Skate

Cycle 1 will learn to skate and have sessions until mid-November. The dates are October 7, 14, 21, 28 and November 4, 11, 18, 25

- 2A & 2B will skate from 8:00 – 8:45 a.m.
- 1A & 1B will skate from 8:45 – 9:30 a.m.

If you wish to volunteer and haven't already indicated it on the form, please contact the main office.

Donations

Any parent/guardian who wishes to donate to Gerald McShane may do so by clicking on the following link:

<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/english-montreal-school-boardcommission-scolaire-english-mo/>

Your contributions to our school will greatly be appreciated.

ATTESTATION DAY

MONDAY SEPTEMBER 30

September 30 is an important day for attendance in school as we determine our official enrolment, which in turn affects our funding.

Please make every effort to ensure your child(ren) attends school on September 30.

If a student is absent on Sept. 30, a parent must accompany him/her to school upon return to sign an attestation form.

Dates to Remember

October 1

Fire Drills

October 2

High School Presentations
Gr. 6 (Lester B. Pearson & Laurier MacDonald High School)

October 5

PED DAY – Daycare **OPEN**

October 7

Learn to Skate: Cycle 1

October 12

Thanksgiving Holiday – school and daycare closed

October 13

Photo Retake & Sibling Photos

October 14

Learn to Skate: Cycle 1

October 16

GMS Hockey Tournament
Ped Day – Daycare **CLOSED**

October 19

First Communication available on Mozaik

October 21

Learn to Skate: Cycle 1

October 22

Open House, 6:00-8:30 PM

October 23

BOARD PED DAY – Daycare **OPEN**

October 26

Police Presentation for Gr. 6

October 27

Terry Fox School Run

October 28

Learn to Skate: Cycle 1

October 30

Costume Day

Lunchtime Activities

Lunchtime activities are offered by teachers who want to share their passions and expertise. Lunchtime clubs will be starting in October, including such activities as:

- Art Club with Ms. Stephanie
- Sports Club with Ms. Karine and Mr. Mike
- Band/music club with Ms. Alongi
- Chess Club with Ms. Sonia A.

Some clubs are open to certain cycles. Teachers will specify the details with students in the coming days.



Bagel Days

Thanks to St. Viateur Bagels in Anjou, our weekly Bagel Days are back as part of our morning breakfast program. Bagel Day began the week of September 5.

If you do not want your child to have bagels, please include a note in their agenda for the teacher.



SCHOOL PICTURE RETAKE DAY SIBLING PHOTOS

Please click the link to let us know if your child was absent on Picture Day or if you wish to have sibling photos on:

MONDAY, OCTOBER 13

[Photo Retakes 2026 \(October 13\) – Fill out form](#)



Deadline to fill out form
is **Friday, October 9.**

Your Governing Board 2026-2027

Congratulations to our Governing Board elected parents! This year's members are:

John Di Liello
Michael Basile
Vanessa D'Onofrio
Elvira Corso
Keshia Pierre

Shane Fombuena **PC Delegate**
Claudio Prioletta **PC Alternate Delegate**
Maria Di Fulvio
David Reda

PPO

Any parent who wishes to help volunteer for school events with our PPO please email:
gmsppo@gmail.com

Orange Shirt Day

On **Tuesday, September 30th**, students and staff will honor the lives affected by Canada's residential school system.

Students are encouraged to wear any orange shirt with school dress code pants and proper school shoes in honor of the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation.

The entire school will walk at 10:30 to the Lester B. Pearson High School track to commemorate this occasion. All parents are welcome to join us for the walk. We will exit from the Main Office and cross the street near us.

Our Social Community Officer, Constable Amelie St. Georges, will be joining us on that day too.

GMS on Social Media

We encourage to follow Gerald McShane School on social media. We use two platforms: Instagram and Facebook.



@geraldmcshane_emsb



www.facebook.com/GeraldMcShaneEMSB/

We also maintain an updated school website, which includes our monthly activity calendar: <https://geraldmcshane.emsb.qc.ca>

PUNCTUALITY

As the year progresses, we generally see many students start to arrive at school late in the morning. It is critical that students begin their day with their classmates. Arriving chronically late is not only disruptive to the class but also disruptive to your own child's school day.

Parents dropping off are asked to make every effort to get their child(ren) to school on time. Entry is from 7:50-7:55. After 7:55, students are marked "late."

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Terry Fox Campaign

Our annual Terry Fox fundraising campaign is in full swing. Our school's Terry Fox Run takes place on **Tuesday, October 27**.

If you wish to donate, click the link below:

<https://schools.terryfox.ca/GeraldMcShaneSchool>

Please help keep the dream alive to end all cancers by donating to this great cause.



After School Programs

After-School Programs

Our after-school programs begin in October and run from **2:45 p.m. to 3:45 p.m.** These activities include:

- **Monday:** Flag Football (Grades 4-6) Start date: **Monday, October 19**
- **Tuesday:** Coding (Grades 4-6) Start date: **Tuesday, October 20**
- **Wednesday:** Soccer (Grades 1, 2-3) Start date: **Wednesday, October 7**
- **Thursday:** Basketball (Grades 4-6) Start date: **Thursday, October 1**
- **Friday:** Karate (K4-K5, Grades 1-6) Start date: **Friday, October 2**

Due to limited space, enrollment is capped for each activity. Parents of students who have secured a spot will receive a confirmation email. We will do our best to prioritize students who were unable to register for the winter session. Basketball for grades 2-3 is cancelled due to low enrollment.

Students must be picked up at the **daycare entrance** when their activity ends. Students who are not picked up by **3:55 p.m.** will be brought to daycare, and regular daycare fees will apply.

If an activity is cancelled at the last minute by the coach or organizer, students may remain in daycare **at no charge during the scheduled activity period**. Daycare fees will only apply if pick-up occurs after the activity's scheduled end time. Any cancelled session will be rescheduled by the organizer in consultation with the school, and parents will be informed once a new date is confirmed.

Le Mini-Bistro

Mini Bistro lunch program began in **September** and will run five days a week for both parent-paying and subsidized students.

All parents were given instructions on how to place orders directly through the **Le Mini Bistro**. If you still need details on how to set up your account and start placing meal orders, please click the link:

[Mini Bistro Brochure 2026-2027.pdf](#)

or

visit the website: [Le Mini Bistro](#)

OCTOBER 22 OPEN HOUSE

October 22 is our Open House from 6:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Kindly spread the word to the community.

Daycare News

Morning drop-off is from 6:45 to 7:45 a.m.

Daycare students arriving after 7:45 a.m. must use the main entrance.



October 2026



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Fire Drills 	2 High School Presentation LBP & LMAC Grade 6	3
4	5 Ped Day (Daycare Open)	6	7 Learn to Skate Cycle 1 	8	9	10 
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18	19 First Communication Available on Mozaik 	20	21 Learn to Skate Cycle 1 	22 Open House 6:00-8:30 p.m.	23 Ped Day (Daycare Open)	24
25 	26 Police Presentation Grade 6	27 Terry Fox Run	28 Learn to Skate Cycle 1 	29	30 Costume Day Haunted House	31 