GERALD McSHANE SCHOOL – NOVEMBER 2026

Message from the Principal

Dear Parents/Guardians:

With cooler weather now here, please ensure your child comes to school dressed for outdoor activities with a warm coat, gloves, a tuque, and a scarf. Eventually, snow pants are required for students in K4 to Grade 3 and strongly recommended for all students. Please note that the school cannot provide replacement clothing if clothes become wet.

Important Dates:

- **November 13**: End of Term 1
- **November 20**: Report Cards available on the Parent MOZAIK Portal
- **November 26**: Parent-Teacher Interviews

The interview booking link will be emailed to all families on **November 22**, with appointments available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Interview Times:

- 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
- 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
- 6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

As the holiday season approaches, we will be supporting families in need through food and gift card assistance. Thank you for helping us make a difference in our community.

Sincerely,
Mr. Timpano



Holiday Food Drive

The Holiday Food Drive will kick off on **November 13** with a special Dress Down Day for students! We will be collecting non-perishable food items to support GMS families in need and our neighboring community throughout the season. Donations can be dropped off in the Main Office Area any time before **December 4,** when the campaign concludes. Let's come together to make a difference and help ensure everyone enjoys a warm, nourishing holiday season!

BoSapin Fundraiser

Order your Christmas trees and decorations through BoSapin and have everything delivered right to your door. Portions of all purchases will go back to the school for student activities.

Order online:
http://www.bosapin.com/gerald-mcshane-elementary-school

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Noël à votre porte

Warm Coat Giveaway

On **Monday, November 2,** every student at Gerald McShane School will receive a free brand-new coat thanks to the generosity of Operation Warm and FedEx. Students will be able to choose their preferred coat color and receive assistance in selecting the proper size.

Please send your child with a bag to bring their coat home, and we encourage families to label the jacket. If you would like to purchase labels through Mabel's Labels or Oliver's Labels, please click the links below:

https://www.oliverslabels.com or /https://mabelslabels.ca/fundraising/support

https://geraldmcshane.emsb.qc.ca/geraldmcshane/parents/documents

Sibling Registration

Sibling registration for the 2027-2028 school year will take place from **December 3 to December 11**. Starting November 2, you may call the school at: **514-321-1100** to schedule an appointment with Ms. Jennifer.

Dates to Remember

November 1
Daylight saving time ends – set clocks back by 1 hour.

November 2
Warm Coat Giveaway

November 3
SPVM Safety Presentation Gr. 6

November 4
Cycle 1 Learn to Skate

November 5
Lego Workshop K5s

November 6
Lockdown Drill & Star Student Assembly

November 9
PED Day – Daycare Open

November 10
Terry Fox Fundraiser Ends

November 11
Remembrance Day
Cycle 1 Learn to Skate

November 12
Lego Workshop K5s

November 13
Food Drive Fundraiser (Dress Down Day) & Term 1 Ends

November 16
PPO Meeting 6:30PM (In-person)

November 17
Mini-Volleyball Playday (Grade 6)

November 18
Cycle 1 Learn to Skate

November 19
Lego Workshop K5s

November 20
Term 1 report cards available on Mozaik
School Engagement Project Gr. 6

November 24
Scholastic Book Fair

November 25
Musical Bake Sale

November 26
PED day – Daycare Open
Parent-Teacher Interviews
Musical Bake Sale

November 27
PED day – Daycare Open

For the full calendar, please see the last page of this newsletter.

Scholastic Book Fair

The popular Scholastic book fair is coming back for Parent-Teacher Interview day.

Book Fair for students to visit with their classes on **Tuesday Nov. 24,** then on **Thursday Nov. 26**, it will be open all day for the parents, during Parent-Teacher Interviews.

Parents are encouraged to visit the book fair in the library and purchase new books for home. Strong literacy skills are the foundation for success, in and out of school.

Remembrance Day

On November 11, we will hold an assembly to honor the importance of Remembrance Day.



After School Programs

After school programs continue:

- Mondays: Flag Football, Robotics
- Tuesdays: Coding
- Wednesdays: Soccer, Robotics
- Thursdays: Basketball, Chess
- Fridays: Karate

Meetings

PPO: Monday, Nov. 10 at 6:00 pm (In-person)



Gerald McShane School Apparel Fundraiser

GMS is pleased to announce the launch of a school apparel fundraiser in support of a project aimed at enhancing students' use and enjoyment of our school building. Participation is entirely voluntary, and families are under no obligation to purchase any apparel.

A PDF flyer with additional details will be distributed separately from the November Newsletter. Orders will be accepted from **November 1 to November 30**; Families may scan the **QR code** on the flyer, which will direct them to the order form and payment information. Orders will not be processed unless payments are made.

Parents will pick up their orders on **December 11 from 3:30 -8:00 pm** at the GMS Livraison Door.

Lunchtime Activities

Lunchtime activities are offered by teachers who want to share their passions and expertise. Lunchtime clubs will continue in November, 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

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

GMS on Social Media

We encourage you 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

FULL NOVEMBER CALENDAR – NEXT PAGE

November 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Warm Coat Giveaway	3 SPVM Presentation Grade 6	4 Learn to Skate Cycle 1	5 Lego Workshop K5	6 Lockdown Drill Star Student Assembly 9:00 a.m.	7
8	9 **Ped Day** (Daycare Open)	10 Terry Fox Fundraiser Ends	11 Learn to Skate Cycle 1 Remembrance Day	12 Lego Workshop K5	13 Food Drive Fundraiser Dress Down Day Term 1 Ends On Board Games 3A, 3/4M, 4A	14
15	16 Term 2 Begins PPO Meeting: 6:30	17 Mini-Volleyball Playday Grade 6	18 Learn to Skate Cycle 1	19 Lego Workshop K5	20 Report Cards Available on Mozaik On Board Games 3A, 3/4M, 4A Field Day LBP – Grade 6	21
22	23	24 Scholastic Book Fair	25 Learn to Skate Cycle 1 Musical Bake Sale Nov 25 & 26	26 Parent/Teacher Interviews 8:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. **Ped Day** (Daycare Open)	27 **Ped Day** (Daycare Open)	28
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