



# Gerald McShane School

## April 2026 Newsletter

Dear GMS Community,

April brings a bright wave of new beginnings and exciting changes! As the days grow warmer and flowers begin to bloom, it's a wonderful chance to step outside, enjoy nature, and soak in all the beauty around us.

This month inspires a sense of renewal, reminding us to notice and appreciate life's little joys. It's the perfect moment to set fresh goals, try fun activities, and stay focused on all the amazing projects happening at school.

Let's keep our positive energy strong and support one another as we head toward the end of the school year. Here's to making the most of April, celebrating the sunshine, staying curious, and enjoying great moments with friends and family.

**Mr. Vince Timpano**  
School Principal

### Important Dates to Remember:

- April 1 Lego Workshop K5 & Grade 1
- April 2 Afterschool Musical Rehearsals
- April 7 EMSB Storytelling Contest
- April 7 Afterschool Musical Rehearsals
- April 8 K4 & K5 Community Center  
Cabane à sucre (School Wide)  
GB Meeting: 6:30 p.m.
- April 10 Grade 6 Graduation Pictures
- April 14 Afterschool Musical Rehearsals
- April 16 Afterschool Musical Rehearsals
- April 17 Vaccination Day – Grade 4  
Storytelling Workshop – 3A, 3/M, 4A
- April 20 Afterschool Musical Rehearsals
- April 21 Afterschool Musical Rehearsals
- April 22 Administrative Professionals (Secretaries) Day  
Musical Dress Rehearsal
- April 23 Musical Show – 12:45 to 2:15 p.m.
- April 24 Musical Show – 10:00 to 11:15 a.m.  
Musical Show – 7:00 to 8:15 p.m.

### EMSB STORYTELLING FESTIVAL at GMS

Gerald McShane will proudly be hosting the EMSB Storytelling Festival on **Tuesday, April 7**. Our cycle 3 students have been working enthusiastically on their storytelling presentations, and their creativity and effort truly shine. Before the big day, we will hold our own in-house competition, where selected winners will go on to represent our school at the festival. We're excited to celebrate with their hard work, confidence, and imagination together!

### 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.**

<b>English Language Arts</b> (ministry exam) May 19-June 2	<b>French Second Language</b> (board exam) April 27-May 11	<b>Mathematics</b> (ministry exam) June 8-11
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### CABANE À SUCRE DAY

On April 8, Cabane à sucre Chez Gagnon will be providing the school with an authentic cabane à sucre experience.

### AUTISM AWARENESS

April is Autism Awareness Month. Throughout the month, students will be learning about autism in class through meaningful discussions and activities. We will focus on understanding, kindness, and celebrating differences; helping our students build empathy and create a more inclusive school community.

## MUSICAL

Our Cycle 3 students have been hard at work preparing a magical production of *Aladdin Kids*, and we are excited to invite you to come see their efforts come to life on stage! Our talented Cycle 2 students will also be joining the show, lending their voices as part of the choir.

Showtimes are as follows:

**Show 1:** Thursday, April 23 from 12:45–2:15 p.m.

**Show 2:** Friday, April 24 from 10:00–11:15 a.m.

**Show 3:** Friday, April 24 from 7:00–8:15 p.m.

Admission is free, and a monetary donation will be accepted at the door. All proceeds will go toward supporting our school's music program. We hope to see you there for this unforgettable performance!

## LITERACY WEEK

On Thursday, April 30, we will be hosting a used book sale. We invite families to donate gently used books between now and April 27. Books can be dropped off at the main office. More details will be shared in the coming weeks.

## AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Please note that due to the Musical certain after school activity dates in April are canceled and will be moved to the following month. If you have a child participating in an activity, please pick up your child from the Daycare entrance after the activity ends. Parents who are late will have their child placed in daycare and daycare fees apply. If they are in daycare, they will return to their daycare group after their activity.

MONDAYS	WEDNESDAYS	WEDNESDAYS
<i>Flag Football</i> <i>Mr. Paolo</i> <i>Gr. 4-6</i>	<i>Sportball</i> <i>SportLife</i> <i>K-2</i>	<i>Soccer</i> <i>SportLife</i> <i>Gr. 4-6</i>
April 13	April 1	April 1
April 27	April 8	April 8
	April 15	April 15

THURSDAYS	FRIDAYS	FRIDAYS
<i>Basketball</i> <i>Coach Patrick</i>	<i>Karate</i> <i>Sensei Alessandro</i> <i>K4-K5</i>	<i>Karate</i> <i>Sensei Alessandro</i> <i>GR. 1-6</i>
April 9	April 10	April 10
April 16	April 17	April 17

## END-OF-DAY ROUTINE CHANGES

Parents who need to change their child's usual dismissal routine (example: a child who is normally in daycare but will be picked up) must notify the main office **no later than 11:20 AM of the day of the change.**

# APRIL 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
March 29	30	31	1	2	3	4
	Château Ramezay 4A, SC3/4, SC4 	<del>Château Ramezay</del> 3A, 3/4M Storytelling Festival Cycle 3 Afterschool Musical Rehearsals	Lego Workshop K5 & Grade 1	Afterschool Musical Rehearsals	<b>Holiday</b> (Daycare Closed) 	
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
	<b>Holiday</b> (Daycare Closed)	EMSB Storytelling Festival Afterschool Musical Rehearsals	Cabane à sucre at GMS School Wide  K4 & K5 Play - Community Center GB Meeting: 6:30 p.m.		Grad Pictures Grade 6 	
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
	Video Games Workshop SC5 & SC6	Afterschool Musical Rehearsals		Last day of Hockey Concentration Afterschool Musical Rehearsals	Vaccinations Grade 4  Storytelling Workshop 3A, 3/M, 4A	
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	Video Games Workshop SC5 & SC6 Afterschool Musical Rehearsals 2:40 – 4:30 p.m.	 Afterschool Musical Rehearsals 2:40 – 4:30 p.m.	Aladdin Kids Dress Rehearsals	 Aladdin Kids Musical 12:45 – 2:15 p.m.	Aladdin Kids Musical 10:00 -11:15 a.m. 7:00 p.m. – 8:15 p.m.	
26	27	28	29	30	May 1	2
	 Literacy Week  Video Games Workshop SC5 & SC6 FSL Exam Begin Grade 6			Used Book Sale		