



Gerald McShane School

May 2026 Newsletter

May is a wonderful month filled with bright sunshine, blooming flowers, and plenty of excitement. As spring comes alive around us, it's the perfect moment to head outdoors, spend time with friends, and discover new things.

This month, we celebrate Victoria Day and honour the amazing women who make a difference in our lives.

With the school year starting to wrap up, students are working hard to finish strong and prepare for summer. Many classes might enjoy field trips or special outdoor activities.

Let's embrace this lively month by being kind, giving our best effort, and enjoying every moment together.

Wishing everyone a fantastic May!

Mr. Vince Timpano
School Principal

Important Dates to Remember:

- May 1 Used Book Sale
- May 4 PPO Meeting (in person 6:30pm)
- May 5 GB Meeting (in person 6:30pm)
- May 6 Star Student Assembly
- May 8 Ped Day (Welcome to Kindergarten Day)
- May 10 Mother's Day
- May 11 Canadian Red Cross Babysitting 2:45-4:45
- May 12 Canadian Red Cross Babysitting 2:45-4:45
- May 13 Denim Day
Halo Road Race (Gr. 4, 5, 6)
Canadian Red Cross Babysitting 2:45-4:45
- May 14 Ice Cream Day
Canadian Red Cross Babysitting 2:45-4:45
- May 18 Victoria Day (No School)
- May 19 Grade 6 Exams Begin
K4 & K5 Outing - Intermiel
- May 20 K5 Culinary Workshop
- May 21 K4 Culinary Workshop
- May 27 Track & Field Play Day (Select Gr. 5 & 6)
- May 28 SVPM Basketball Game

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.**

English Language Arts (ministry exam) May 19-June 2	French Second Language (board exam) April 27-May 11	Mathematics (ministry exam) June 8-11
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GRADE 6 GRAD PHOTOS

The deadline to order your child's graduation photo is Monday, May 4.

NATIONAL DENIM DAY

On Wednesday, May 13, students and staff are invited to wear denim for the fight against breast cancer. Breast cancer is a battle that calls for strength, resilience, and a strong support system. Survivors show us what it means to face adversity with courage, and their stories continue to inspire hope. To all the women in your life: mothers, sisters, daughters, friends, remember to check in and encourage monthly self-exams. We encourage all our GMS community to give to charities in their local communities.



HALO RUN

Grades 4-5-6 will be competing against other schools at Mount Royal on **Wednesday, May 13**. Permission slips were sent home. A junior halo run will be planned at the school for students in K4-K5-1-2-3 at the end of May.

TRACK AND FIELD

Selected students in Grades 5 & 6 will participate in GMAA track and field event on **May 27**.

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	WEDNESDAYS	WEDNESDAYS
<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>Sportball</i> <i>SportLife</i> <i>K-2</i>	<i>Soccer</i> <i>SportLife</i> <i>Gr. 4-6</i>
May 4	May 19	May 6	May 6
May 11	May 26		
May 25	June 2		
June 1			

THURSDAYS	FRIDAYS	FRIDAYS
<i>Basketball</i> <i>Kevin</i> <i>Gr. 2 & 3</i>	<i>Karate</i> <i>Sensei Alessandro</i> <i>K4-K5</i>	<i>Karate</i> <i>Sensei Alessandro</i> <i>GR. 1-6</i>
May 7	May 1	May 1
May 14	May 15	May 15
May 21	May 22	May 22
May 28		
June 4		

SAVE THE DATES!

We'll be celebrating our **K4 students** and honoring our **K5 graduates!** We can't wait to share this special moment with you!

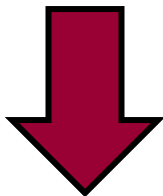
-  **Friday, June 12**
-  **10:00 AM**
-  **GMS Gymnasium**

We are excited to announce that the **Grade 6 Graduation Ceremony** will take place on:



-  **Thursday, June 22**

Additional information will be sent home soon. We're looking forward to a fun and memorable evening with our Grade 6 students and their families!

Monthly Calendar on the following page.



MAY 26

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
26	27 FSL Exam Begins Grade 6 Literacy Week	28	29	30 Used Book Sale 	1 Used Book Sale Storytelling Workshop 3A, 3/4M, 4A	2
3	4 Grade 6 Grad Songs With Milan PPO Meeting In person 6:30 pm 	5 Grade 6 Grad Songs With Milan GB Meeting In person 6:30 pm	6 Grade 6 Grad Songs With Milan Star Student Assembly 10:30 p.m.	7 Grade 6 Grad Songs With Milan	8 Ped Day (Daycare Open)	9
10 Daycare Week	11 FSL Exam Ends Healthy Tip Workshop Grade 6 Canadian Red Cross Babysitting 2:45 to 4:45	12 Canadian Red Cross Babysitting 2:45 to 4:45	13 Halo Road Race Grades 4, 5, 6  Canadian Red Cross Babysitting 2:45 to 4:45	14 Ice Cream Day  Canadian Red Cross Babysitting 2:45 to 4:45 Snack Program Ends	15	16
17	18 Holiday (Daycare Closed)	19 ELA Exam Begins Grade 6 K4 & K5 Outing Intermieil	20 K5 Culinary Workshop St. Brendan's Parish Select Grade 6	21 K4 Culinary Workshop	22	23
24 	25 Grade 3 & 4 Outing Insectarium	26 Grade 3 & 4 Outing Insectarium	27 Track and Field Select Grades 5 & 6 	28 SPVM Basketball Game 	29	30