

GERALD MCSHANE SCHOOL – OCTOBER 2025

Message from the Principal

Dear parents/guardians:

It has been nearly a month of the new school year already. The beginning has been busy as everyone gets back into the routine and helping orient so many of our new students. October is right around the corner, as you can tell by the Halloween treats are already being sold in stores. Our Governing Board and PPO have been established, and regular monthly meetings will begin in early October.

Our annual Open House is on Thursday, October 23. As always, we ask our community to help spread the word about our school to families/friends who are in search of a school for the 2026-2027 school year.

We have got many activities happening in October, so keep up to date through our social media accounts, and make sure you are receiving our school emails. If you are not receiving emails from “Gerald McShane School” check your junk or cluster folders or contact us to make sure your email has not been blocked or unsubscribed.

Sincerely,

Vince Timpano
Principal



Learn to Skate

Cycle 1 will learn to skate and have sessions until mid-November. The dates are October 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 and November 5, 12, 19.

- 1A & 1B will skate from 8:00 – 8:45 a.m.
- 2A & 2B 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. Help needed to carry skates and help put them on and off.

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 affect 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

Learn to Skate: Cycle 1

October 2

Star Student Assembly

October 3

LMAC Visit: 8:30 a.m. – Grade 6
LBP Visit: 10:30 a.m. – Grade 6

October 6

Snack and Milk Program Begins
Inventor Stem – Lego Workshop
K5 & Gr. 1

October 8

Learn to Skate: Cycle 1

October 10

Police Presentation for Gr. 6

October 13

Thanksgiving Holiday – school and daycare closed

October 15

Learn to Skate: Cycle 1

October 17

Photo Retake & Sibling Photos
Progress reports available on Mozaik

October 20

Guest Speakers: Grades 4 to 6
Inventor Stem – Lego Workshop
K5 & Gr. 1

October 22

Learn to Skate: Cycle 1

October 23

Open House, 6:00-8:30 PM

October 27

BOARD PED DAY – daycare **OPEN**

October 28

Terry Fox school Run

October 29

Learn to Skate: Cycle 1

October 31

Halloween Day
Costume Day

For the full calendar, please see the

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
- Basketball with M. Djibril and M. Lochan
- Chess Club with Ms. Sonia

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 22.

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 17**

<https://forms.office.com/r/zqm3HBYtHS>



After School Programs

After school programming is underway. These are parent-paid activities for students that take place after school from 2:40-4:00 PM the latest once a week for 10 weeks. They include:

- Kids' Yoga – Please see attached form to register

Students participating in after school programs must be picked up from the livraison entrance once the activity ends. Students who are not picked up will be brought to daycare and fees for daycare will apply.

Should a coach/organizer cancel a session at the last minute, your child will remain in daycare for **free** and daycare fees will only apply if you pick up your child past the allotted activity time. The coach/organizer will need to reschedule the missed date through the Administration, and we will let you know the date once it is confirmed.

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.

OCTOBER 23 OPEN HOUSE

October 23 is our Open House from 6:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Kindly spread the word to the community.



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>

Le Mini-Bistro

Mini Bistro lunch program will begin on **Monday, September 29th**, and will run five days a week for both parent-paying and subsidized students.

The menu will be shared with you shortly by email (parent-paying) early next week with instructions on how to place orders directly through the **Le Mini Bistro** website, starting with meals for September 29th.

Your Governing Board 2025-2026

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

Amalia Lavoratore
Elvira Corso
Lara Vilani
Maria Di Fulvio
Keshia Pierre

Shane Fombuena **PC Delegate**
Claudio Prioletta **PC Alternate Delegate**
Antonio Petosa
David Reda
Sandra Renzi **alternate**

PUNCTUALITY

As the year progresses, we generally see many students start to arrive to 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 28.

If you wish to donate, click the link below:

<https://schools.terryfox.ca/110149>

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



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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