Merton Elementary School

October 2026 Newsletter

A word from the Principal

Dear Merton Families,

It's hard to believe that we have already been back at school for a month! Our students are settling into their routines, getting to know their teachers and classmates, and becoming comfortable with the rhythm of the school day. It has been wonderful to see their enthusiasm and growth as they find their footing in the new school year.

As we move into October's cooler weather, please remember to send your child to school with a warmer jacket so they are comfortable during outdoor recess time.

This month also marks the beginning of our after-school activities! We are excited to offer students opportunities to explore new interests, develop skills, and have fun beyond the classroom. We invite parents to register their children for the activities that interest them.
Thank you to our families for helping make the transition into the new school year such a positive one. Establishing new routines takes time, and we appreciate the support you provide each morning and evening to help your children arrive ready to learn.

Ms. Christy Tannous
Principal

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<u>Noteworthy information:</u>
World Teacher's Day is October 5. We want to take this opportunity to say a huge THANK YOU to all Merton teachers who do so much to ensure the well-being and academic success of our students.

Important Dates

- **Oct 2** — **H & S Fundraising lunch** Pasta
- **Oct 5** — **PED DAY - NO SCHOOL** B.A.S.E OPEN
- **Oct 6-7** — **Picture Day**
- **Oct 8** — **Terry Fox Run**
- **Oct 9** — **Astronaut Trainer Assembly**
- **Oct 12** — **Holiday** School & B.A.S.E <u>CLOSED</u>
- **Oct 13** — **Governing Board Meeting** on TEAMS at 7:00pm
- **Oct 15** — **Progress Reports**
- **Oct 16** — **PED DAY - NO SCHOOL** B.A.S.E CLOSED
- **Oct 23** — **H & S Fundraising lunch** Pizza
- **Oct 26** — **PED DAY - NO SCHOOL** B.A.S.E OPEN
- **Oct 29** — **Star Student Assembly**
- **Oct 30** — **Halloween at Merton**

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https://merton.emsb.qc.ca/

Governing Board Information

Merton's first Governing Board meeting will be on Tuesday, October 13 at 7:00 pm on TEAMS.
The regular meetings are always open to parents/guardians of Merton students. The agenda for the meeting will be emailed to all Merton families a day or 2 prior.

Merton Governing Board Members for 2026–2027:

Parents: Steven Merling, Nathalie Guitta, Josh Gonshor, Jarred Coxford, Lauren Tatner (alternate: Matt Karpman)
Staff: Heidi Loerick, Chérine Mikail, Tania Siconolfi, Sandra Longo, Gesell Dufeal
Commissioner: Paola Samuel
Administration: Christy Tannous



CLICK HERE TO JOIN THE MEETING

B.A.S.E on Ped Days

Unless otherwise specified, B.A.S.E will always be open on ped days, and closed on holidays.

A reminder that students must register ahead of time in order to attend B.A.S.E on ped days. Please contact our B.A.S.E Technician Sandra Longo at slongo@emsb.qc.ca for more information.

Oct.5 – PED DAY – OPEN
Oct.12 – HOLIDAY – CLOSED
Oct.16 – PED DAY – CLOSED
Oct.26 – PED DAY – OPEN

Safety Protocols - Fire Drills

In keeping with the School Board's Emergency Measures Protocols, we will be conducting four fire drills throughout the month of October. Two fire drills will take place during regular class time, one during lunch, and one after school during B.A.S.E.
Classroom teachers will take the time to review expectations and procedures with students so that everyone understands what to do and how to respond safely during a fire drill.



Terry Fox Run

Continuing on a very important Merton tradition, we are proud to be taking part in the Terry Fox School Run again this year, and we are looking forward to coming together as a school community to support this meaningful cause.

The run will take place on the afternoon of Thursday, October 8.

Thank you, as always, for your generosity and support in the fight against cancer. Your contributions help us continue the important work of keeping Terry Fox's legacy and vision alive within our school community.

For the event, please make sure your child has a hat, reusable water bottle, and sunscreen. Students are also asked to wear their physical education clothes.

Click here to donate and support Merton's fundraising efforts.



School Picture Day

Picture Day will take place on October 6 and 7, according to the schedule below.

Students in Grades 1–6 are asked to come dressed following the Merton dress code: a white or blue top with blue bottoms.
Kindergarten students are asked to wear a white top with their red bottoms.



Tuesday, October 6	Wednesday, October 7
KA - Mme Pascale KB - Mme Élisa 3A - Ms. Cindy 3B - Mme Sylvia 5A - Ms. Janet 5B - Mme Korinne 6B - Mr. Devon	1A - Mme Heidi 1B - Mme Nathalie 2A - Mme Sihem 2B - Mme Chérine 4A - Ms. Taylor 4B - Mme Sandra 5/6 - Mme Audrée Anne 6A - Ms. Myriam



Progress Reports

Our Progress Reports (or First Communication) will be available on the ClicÉcole parent portal on October 15.

Progress Reports provide families with an opportunity to see how their child is progressing in their learning and development so far this school year. They highlight areas of strength and identify areas where students can continue to grow.
This early feedback helps families and teachers work together to support each student's continued progress throughout the year.

Mark your calendars! Our first Parent-Teacher Interviews of the school year will take place on Thursday, November 26. We encourage all families to make every effort to attend, as teachers are unfortunately unable to accommodate additional meeting dates for families who are unable to attend on this evening.

H & S Friendship and Mailing List

To make sure you stay connected with other Merton families, please take a moment to fill out this form. This will let Home & School know that you would like to be included on your child's grade friendship list, which helps families easily connect with one another.

If you do not want to be added to the Friendship List, but still want to remain informed about all things H & S, including fundraiser lunches, volunteer opportunities, events, and more, please ensure you fill out the contact information section.





After-School Activities

We are excited to launch our after-school activities this month!



Our first session will run from October through December. A new session of activities will be offered starting in January.



We have selected a diverse range of activities to provide students with opportunities to explore different interests and try something new. Spaces are limited, so we encourage families to register as soon as possible to secure a spot.



Due to the numerous ped days and holidays in October, we ask that you please ensure you verify each activity's start and end date.



Reminder - Fees

A reminder that the school fees are now due.

The compulsory school fees for all students are as follows:

Kindergarten – $50
Grade 1 – $120
Grade 2 – $110
Grade 3 – $95
Grade 4 – $85
Grade 5 – $130
Grade 6 – $125

School fees can be paid by cheque (payable to MERTON SCHOOL), cash (exact change) or debit/credit.

Lunch supervision fees are $300 per student.

The lunch fees can be paid by cheque (payable to MERTON SCHOOL), cash (exact change) or debit/credit.

If your child attends B.A.S.E Daycare on a regular basis, you will be invoiced for the fees at the end of every month.

School fees and lunch fees are to be paid separately.

H & S Lunches

The next fundraising lunches are:

- October 2 – Pasta
- October 23 – Pizza

Please note that Merenda hot lunches are not offered on those days.



Merton 'Swag' Day

Our Home & School has been hard at work designing this year's new Merton swag, and they can't wait to share it with our Merton families! In the meantime, students who purchased Merton swag last year are welcome to wear it to school on Fridays.

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After-School Activities

OCTOBER-DECEMBER 2026

2:45-3:45pm

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
KidScience Gr.1-3	KidScience Kindergarten	KidScience Gr.4-6		Karate Gr.1-6 
Cheer Dance Gr.2-3 	Chess Gr.1-6 	Cheer Dance K, Gr.1 		
KidChef Gr.4-6 	KidChef Gr.1-3 	Jewelry & Creativity Studio Gr.1-3 & Gr.4-6 		
Flag Football Gr.4-6 	Ball Hockey Gr. 4-6 	Soccer Gr.1-3 		

REGISTRATION INFORMATION AND LINKS

****Due to the numerous ped days and holidays in October, we ask that you please ensure you verify each activity's start and end date.**

Click here for Game Time Sports information pamphlet

Click here for Mondays-Flag Football

Click here for Tuesdays-Ball Hockey

Click here for Wednesdays-Soccer



Click here for Karate information pamphlet

Click here to register for Karate

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Click here for Enfant & Compagnie information pamphlet

Click here to register for KidScience, KidChef, Cheer Dance, Chess, Jewelry & Creativity Studio