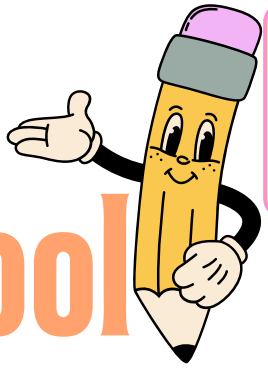
Welcome Back to School



Merton Elementary School
SEPTEMBER 2026
NEWSLETTER





A word from the Principal

Dear Merton Families,
Welcome to a new school year at Merton!

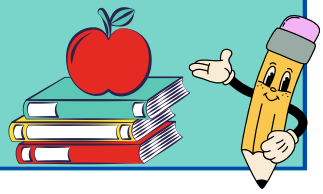
I hope you had a wonderful summer and that you are returning feeling rested, refreshed, and ready for the year ahead.

A new school year brings with it a sense of excitement and possibility. It is a time for new beginnings, new friendships, new learning, and new goals. Whether your child is returning to Merton or joining our community for the first time, we are excited to have you with us.

At Merton, we believe that a strong school community is built on collaboration, respect, and a shared commitment to helping every child grow and succeed. Our dedicated staff work hard to create a welcoming, caring, and engaging environment where students feel supported, challenged, and proud of their accomplishments.

I am excited for the year ahead and look forward to all the learning, growth, and special moments that will make this another memorable year at Merton.

Ms. Tannous
Principal



Important Dates

September 1
First day of school - grades 1-6

September 1 & 2
Progressive entry for K students
9:00-11:00 am

September 3
- First full day of Kindergarten
- Curriculum Night/ Meet the teacher
- Governing Board AGA

September 9
Ice cream food truck

September 18
H & S Fundraising lunch - pizza

September 30
Attestation Day

Noteworthy Information



- Communication with Merton families will take place through our mass emailing system. If you do not receive the emails, please contact the school office at 514-481-7425. You cannot directly reply to those emails. You can email us at merton@emsb.qc.ca
- Water bottle refill stations are available throughout the school. Please ensure your child brings a reusable bottle which they can refill at school as needed.
- Want to volunteer? Join our Home & School Association. Look out for their email coming soon.



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First Day of School

For all students in **Grades 1-6**, the first full day of school will be **Tuesday, September 1**, 2026. Bussing and daycare services will be available as of September 1 to students in grades 1 to 6.

Kindergarten students will follow a progressive entry schedule. On September 1 and 2, Kindergarten students will attend school from 9:00-11:00 a.m. Their first full day of school will be Thursday, September 3, 2026.
Note that bussing and daycare services will be available as of September 3 to Kindergarten students.

**A detailed email will be sent to parents on Friday, August 28 with drop off and dismissal locations.



School Bus Transportation

Students who live within Merton's territory limits are eligible for school bus transportation.

Bus service for students in Grades 1-6 will begin on Tuesday, September 1, the first day of school. Kindergarten bus service will begin on Thursday, September 3, their first full day of school. **Individual bussing information can be found in Clic école as of August 28.**

The school board is also introducing the mTransport app, which will allow parents to track their child's school bus and receive information about when their child boards and gets off the bus at their designated stop.

More information about the app and how to access it will be shared with families soon.



School Supplies

School supply lists for the 2026-2027 school year are available on our school website. Please click here to view the list for your child's grade.

Calendar & School Hours

Merton's regular school hours for all students are 7:50am - 2:40pm.



Click here for the detailed breakdown of the school hours.

There are no classes on ped days and holidays. You can find our 2026-2027 calendar here.

B.A.S.E Daycare

Starting this September, the EMSB's B.A.S.E Daycare will take over daycare services at Merton.

The daycare will run in the mornings from 7:00-7:50am, as well as after school from 2:40-6:00pm.

The daycare will also be open on ped days. If you have not registered your child for daycare but would like to, please contact our Daycare Technician Ms. Sandra Longo at slongo@emsb.qc.ca

You can also contact Ms. Longo for any daycare related questions.

Hot Lunch Supplier



We are pleased to offer a hot lunch program through Merenda. Parents can order meals directly through Merenda, and lunches will be delivered to the school each day according to their orders.

Hot lunch service will begin on Tuesday, September 8. Please note that this is an additional cost to families, and there will be no hot lunch service on days when Home & School is holding a lunch fundraiser.

Please click here for Merenda's ordering information.

School Fees

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.
The school fees are due by September 18.
School fees and lunch fees are to be paid separately.

Clic école app

We encourage all parents to download the Clic école app to stay connected and informed throughout the school year. Through the app, you can notify the school of your child's absence, access report cards, find out your child's bus number and pick-up time, and more.

The Clic école mobile app is an initiative of the Québec government.

Code of Conduct

Our Code of Conduct can be found in the student agenda for students in Grades 3-6. Students in Kindergarten to Grade 2 will receive a paper copy of the Code of Conduct.
We ask all parents to take some time to read through the Code of Conduct with their child to ensure they understand our school's expectations, rules, and consequences.

Once reviewed, both the parent and student must sign page 17. Please return the signed bottom portion to your child's homeroom teacher no later than September 30.
Doing so will support us in helping to create a safe, respectful, and positive school environment for all students.

Lunch Supervision Fees

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.
The lunch fees are due by September 18.
School fees and lunch fees are to be paid separately.

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.

Dismissals

Please ensure your child is aware of their dismissal routine starting September 1.
For the first week of school, if your child is in Kindergarten, grade 1 and grade 2, please submit a handwritten note indicating whether they are taking the school bus, getting picked up, walking home or going to daycare.

Dress Code



Merton has a compulsory school dress code. Merton's supplier is Goldtex, Tel. 514-365-9699 , Email-info@goldtex.ca.

<u>Here are the Dress Code Guidelines:</u>
·Merton students in Grades 1 to 6 follow a dress code of **solid navy-blue bottoms and a solid white or navy blue top daily,** EXCEPT on Physical Education & Health days.
These clothes can be bought from any store and do not have to have a Merton crest.

In cooler weather, the Merton red sweatshirt should be worn (with school logo). No other sweater may be worn indoors.

For Physical Education & Health, field trips and special outings, every student (including Kindergarten students) must have a full school dress code, which consists of red jogging pants (red shorts or skorts in warm weather), a white T-shirt (logo not required) and running shoes.
In cooler weather, a red Merton sweatshirt is worn.

*****Please label all clothes and personal items*****

Curriculum Night/ Meet the Teacher



Meet the Teacher, more formally known as curriculum night, will take place at school on **Thursday, September 3**.

Parents will have the opportunity to meet their child's teachers, learn about classroom routines and expectations, and get an overview of the topics and curriculum that will be covered throughout the year.

Please note that this evening is intended as an opportunity for teachers to introduce their classroom and share information about the year ahead. It is not intended for individual discussions about your child. If you have specific questions or concerns about your child, we encourage you to arrange a separate meeting with the teacher at a later date.

The detailed schedule will be emailed on September 1.

Medications

If your child requires an EpiPen or medication at school, please ensure that it is provided to the school at the beginning of the school year, along with any required documentation and instructions.
All medication must be clearly labelled with your child's name and be up to date. If your child's medication or medical needs have changed since last year, please inform the school office as soon as possible.

For the safety of all students, please do not send medication to school in your child's backpack. Please contact the school office if you have any questions about the process for storing and administering medication.

Governing Board AGA

Merton's Annual General Assembly (AGA) Merton's Annual General Assembly (AGA) will take place in person on Thursday, September 3, the same evening as our Curriculum Night.

Parents interested in serving on Merton's Governing Board (GB) are invited to complete this form to express their interest.

During the election, interested candidates will have an opportunity to briefly introduce themselves and share why they would like to serve on Merton's Governing Board. **Here are the available positions:**

- **1 parent to serve a 1-year term**
- **1 parent to serve a 2-year term**
- **1-2 parents to serve a 1-year term as alternate**

All parents in attendance will have the opportunity to vote by secret ballot for the new Governing Board members.
We encourage parents who are interested in becoming more involved in our school community to consider putting their name forward.

The evening will begin at 6:30pm with the Governing Board elections. The detailed schedule for the test of the evening will be emailed on September 1.

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