



OCTOBER NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents,

We are about to begin our second month of school and we hope your child(ren) will continue to invest time and energy in learning new skills and concepts. Your support will be needed in ensuring that your child(ren) gets the proper rest by going to bed at a reasonable time at night. Please verify that all homework is being done properly and that your child(ren) studies and reads in English and French everyday.

LATES

Our school day begins at 8:52am. Parents are reminded to ensure that all students arrive to school on time. We are implementing proper work habits for our students and teaching them the value of being punctual. Arriving on time also sets the tone for how your child's day will go.



A.M ENTRY/ P.M DISMISSAL

We would also like to remind you to **keep the bus corridor free of pedestrians** to ensure that students can get off and on the bus, safely. These measures have been put into place for the safety and security of all our students and we ask for the full cooperation of all our parents.

We also ask that parents do not block the entrance to the main gate of the school yard. Once your child(ren) enters the yard or are picked up at the end of the day, please keep the entrance free so that students can enter or exit without heavy congestion.

SCHOOL FEES

If you have yet to pay this year's school fees (that were due on September 12th, 2025) you are asked to do so as soon as possible. Both cash and cheques are accepted.



SCHOOL UNIFORM

Please note that if a student wears tights to school, they must wear a top that **covers their bottom**.

PROGRESS REPORT DISTRIBUTION

Progress reports will be available on Wednesday, October 15th, 2025 on the Mozaik portal.

IMPORTANT FORMS

We ask that you sign and return all forms to school with your child. These forms include: the health form, photo consent form, and registration form. We also ask that all parents of Pre-K and Kindergarten students send in a copy of their certificate of eligibility to complete your child's dossier if you have not done so already.



EMAILS

In order to respect the everyone's right to a work-life balance we ask that parents not send any emails to any staff member (secretaries, teachers, daycare, administration) between **4 pm and 8:30 am and on weekends**. We understand that most emails are written in the evening, and we please ask that you simply schedule your email to be delivered as of 8:30 am the following morning.

ONGOING FUNDRAISERS

IB World private schools and IB World public schools usually charge special IB fees. At Michelangelo International Elementary School, **our Governing Board and PPO have been able to pay** the IB – Primary Years Program, **through fundraising efforts**. It is **important to support** our school with its fundraising efforts in order to continue providing this wonderful program at our school.

There are presently two ongoing Fundraisers that will take place throughout the year which are FruitMeUp and Fundscrip. An email was sent to you the week of September 22nd, 2025.



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GOVERNING BOARD AND PARENT PARTICIPATION ORGANIZATION (P.P.O)

The Governing Board and P.P.O held their first meeting on September 11th and September 18th respectively. The following are the elected members for this year. Thank you to all the parents that will be volunteering their time to be on these important committees.

GOVERNING BOARD MEMBERS:

Benvenuto, Mario (Chairperson)	Bao, Andrea
Cabral, Vanessa (Vice-Chair)	Di Genova, Elisa
Passucci, Stephanie (EMSBPC delegate & Treasurer)	Scalia, Gisella
Cabral, Vanessa (Secretary)	Nada Porco
Cerrelli, Nadia	Mirella Di Stefano
Pazienza, Giuseppe	Rinaldi, Giuseppina
Racanelli, Anna	Salituri, Nancy
Di Cesare, Kristina	
Ciccotelli, Nick	
Biscotti, Gina (Alternate)	

P.P.O:

Renda, Giovanna (Chairperson)	Cabral, Vanessa (Vice-Chairperson)	Di Fazio, Diana (Secretary)
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* And many other wonderful moms and dads. 😊

A **BIG** thank you to all who have volunteered their time to support our children.



PICTURE DAY

Our Picture Day this year will be on **Friday, October 3rd, 2025**. Sibling photos will take place on this day too.

TOYS

Students are not to bring any toys to play with when at school. This causes a distraction or conflicts with other children. We appreciate your support in ensuring that all toys remain home.

HALLOWEEN



We are planning various Halloween activities for our students including our spooky Haunted House. When choosing a costume for school, please consider your child's mobility in the costume as they will be taking the stairs, playing outside and doing lots of activities. ***Full face masks, weapons and violent props are not permitted.***

Please note that students are **not** allowed to bring food/treats to school on Halloween to distribute to their peers.

OPEN HOUSE

This year our Open House will take place on **November 6th, 2025**. Let's get the "buzz" going about our great school! Our school offers a prestigious **International Baccalaureate program** with a successful bi-literate program **one week in English and one week in French**. Our language instruction is exceptional. While we take great care of our students' academics, we also provide many **resources to support student learning** and ensure that they come to school in a **caring, fun and safe environment**. Speak to your family, friends and neighbours. Have them visit our website to visit the school virtually. We are **proud** about all that Michelangelo International has to offer.

SCHOOL MESSENGER

When using School Messenger, please **do not reply** to the email as we do not receive them. To ensure that your message is read, please address your emails to the Michelangelo email address (michelangelo@emsb.qc.ca) or to whomever you would like to address your concern.





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SCHOOL OFFICE

The school office is a very **busy place**. It is where we **all** go when we need something. We ask that you keep this in mind when you call the office. The **first and last hour of the day, as well as lunch time are the busiest times**. We ask that you do not call during these times unless it is an **emergency**. Also, calling with a last-minute change to your child's dismissal plan is not encouraged as we cannot guarantee that your child will get the message. This causes a lot of stress at the office, to your child's teacher, and to your child. When calling the school, please be mindful that our secretaries are juggling many things at once and are therefore unable to have long conversations with each parent. It is important to keep calls short so that they have the time to properly attend to everyone's concerns.



Happy Thanksgiving!

Marisa Mineiro
Principal

Stefanie Fuoco
Vice-Principal



My favourite quote:
"Everything happens for a reason!"

This is me
SCHOOL EDITION

My name: Mrs. Rojina
I am: Gr. 3-Bilingual

My Favourites:
Food: Anything Slovenian Animal: Dog
Colour: purple Season: Fall
Subject: Math Hobby: Dancing

My preferences
Coffee or tea: Coffee
Cat or Dog: Dog
sweet or salty: Salty
Beach or mountain: Both
Morning or night owl: Morning

Fun facts about me:
I am a member of a Slovenian Dance group.

What I hope students learn from me:
Kindness always wins!
Learning is everywhere

My favourite quote:
"Give a girl the right shoes and she can conquer the world!"
- Marilyn Monroe

This is me
SCHOOL EDITION

My name: Giulia Pecora
I am: a grade 4 teacher

My Favourites:
Food: Pizza Animal: Dolphin
Colour: Purple Season: Summer
Subject: Math Hobby: Dancing and shopping

My preferences
Coffee or tea: Coffee
Cat or Dog: Dog
sweet or salty: Sweet
Beach or mountain: Beach
Morning or night owl: Night owl

Fun facts about me:
- I LOVE sheep
- I'm always dancing
- I enjoy to travel

What I hope students learn from me:
To bring out their true spirits by building on their own characters. They will feel more confident, supported, determined, equal and authentic!

My favourite quote:
The most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched. They must be felt with the heart.

This is me
SCHOOL EDITION

My name: Mary Antonietta
I am: Daycare Educator

My Favourites:
Food: Soups Animal: Dog
Colour: Blue & Pink Season: Summer
Subject: Geography Hobby: Knitting

My preferences
Coffee or tea: Coffee
Cat or Dog: Dog
sweet or salty: Both
Beach or mountain: Beach
Morning or night owl: Night owl

Fun facts about me:
Exploring Nature

What I hope students learn from me:
Respecting each other and Nature!

My favourite quote:
"Don't count the days, make the days count."
- Muhammad Ali

This is me
SCHOOL EDITION

My name: Stacey
I am: Portuguese

My Favourites:
Food: Sushi Animal: Koala
Colour: pink Season: Summer
Subject: English Hobby: online shopping

My preferences
Coffee or tea: iced coffee
Cat or Dog: dog
sweet or salty: Sweet
Beach or mountain: beach
Morning or night owl: night owl

Fun facts about me:
I was once invited on stage during a Cirque du Soleil show and got to be part of their act!

What I hope students learn from me:
I hope they learn that making mistakes are a part of learning and should be feared. I also hope they learn the importance of being organized

My favourite quote:
"Behind every child who believes in themselves, is a teacher who believed in them first."

This is me
SCHOOL EDITION

My name: Lisa Marie Maglieri
I am: Italian

My Favourites:
Food: pizza Animal: Yoda
Colour: Green Season: Fall
Subject: Art Hobby: spinning, running, eating, scrapbooking, reading

My preferences
Coffee or tea: Coffee
Cat or Dog: Dog
sweet or salty: Sweet
Beach or mountain: Mountain
Morning or night owl: Night owl

Fun facts about me:
① My biggest fear is water
② My favorite singer is Lady Gaga
③ I don't like tomatoes

What I hope students learn from me:
I can make learning fun and engaging
I am their biggest supporter in the classroom!

My favourite quote:
"You deserve the love you keep trying to give everyone else."
- Unknown

This is me
SCHOOL EDITION

My name: Sabrina
I am: an artist

My Favourites:
Food: Everything... Animal: Other - Kitten
Colour: Purple/Green Season: Autumn
Subject: Art Hobby: Painting - Writing

My preferences
Coffee or tea: Both
Cat or Dog: Both!!
sweet or salty: Salty
Beach or mountain: Mountain
Morning or night owl: Night owl

Fun facts about me:
- Newly Married!
- Big Swiftie
- Loves to read

What I hope students learn from me:
To trust their artistic journey, gain confidence in themselves and embrace the joy of a making!



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In Grade 4 News...

From tally marks carved in stone to the symbols we use today, Grade 4 students are discovering how number systems have shaped the way humans organize their world. They are realizing the importance of how they are used in their everyday life. Students have been fascinated by the Egyptian and Roman systems, sparking meaningful connections between past and present. Inspired by these discoveries, the students created their own number systems with unique symbols and practiced representing numbers with them. They are now excited to see what they will be doing with their invented systems in the weeks ahead!





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In Other IB News...

Have you ever wondered how you can support your child’s inquiry based journey in the Primary Years Programme (PYP)? You can be an active participant in your child’s learning. Here are some strategies to help support your child at home:

4 strategies to support inquiry at home



Try new things

Exploring new skills and hobbies helps to grow a learners' identity.

Learn more about yourself and what brings you joy! Sign up for classes, search online, or try something new together.



Play together

Board and card games boost literacy, math, communication, and reasoning skills. Try a family game night!



Learn together

A culture of learning and curiosity at home.

Watch a documentary, read a book, or go to the museum.



Ask questions

Reflection is a powerful tool for inquiry. Here are some questions to try:

- What is your class learning about?
- What are you curious about?
- What problems do you see at home or in school that we could solve?



We are looking forward to all the great things to come during this school year. Stay tuned!

Ms. Elisa and Mme Suzanne
PYP IB Coordinators



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MICHELANGELO INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL DAYCARE

Daycare News for October 2025



The daycare educators have been introducing many new activities to help keep all the students stimulated, busy and happy. We are very excited to introduce all these programs to our daycare students! Educators have all prepared October programs for their daycare groups in which parents will receive a copy shortly.

Online Payments Reminders:

For Daycare Fees:

A reminder to use the **SG code** (service-de-garde) to pay online daycare fees only. This includes Ped days. Allow at least 48-72 hours for fees to be processed.

Please do not send cash.

The payee must be **Michelangelo Daycare**. The SG code is located on the statement.

For Daycare Lunch Supervision Fees: (Pre-k & Kdg)

Same online codes as above apply (SG code).

Online Payments for Non-Daycare students for Lunch Supervision fees:

This option is only to pay for lunch supervision fees.

The payee must be **Michelangelo School**. Code starts with **LH (Lunch)**

Please don't use the online payment for any other school fees.

It is only set up for lunch fees.

***Special Note:** Please pay careful attention to the statement of account you receive by email; it will indicate if it is from **Daycare** or the **School lunch** supervision program. Some parents have children in both programs; therefore, it is very important it is paid to the correct program as it is not transferable.



October Ped Days:

✚ **Friday, Oct. 24, 2025** – In school activities – Fall /Harvest Theme *more info to follow.*

✚ **Monday, Oct. 27, 2025**– In school activities – Halloween Theme *more info to follow.*

*Letters for both Ped days will be sent out the week of October 7th, 2025.

Deadline for registering will be Thursday October 16, 2025.

*Upcoming November Ped days:

- **Friday Nov. 7th- Ped day – Daycare Closed (Professional Development)**
- **Thursday Nov. 27th – Outing (more info to come)**
- **Friday Nov. 28th -in school**

Letters regarding all future Ped Days will be sent out to all parents with children attending Michelangelo International School. **All parents/guardians will receive them by email only.** In an effort to respect our no waste, green initiative, there will be no paper copies distributed. **We need the signed form to register your child for every ped day. We strongly encourage everyone to send the signed and dated ped day form electronically by email or you can send the signed copy to school via the agenda.**

To register for Ped days, your child needs to be registered with daycare as a sporadic user (if you are not already registered). Please contact the daycare office if you need to register your child. Important! **Please note that we cannot accept any late registrations for Ped days since we staff, schedule, order materials, snacks, and plan according to the number of registrations we receive. Please respect the deadlines. We cannot make exceptions.** A reminder to parents that we use the daycare door for entry and dismissal on Ped days, not the office.

CHANGE OF DISMISSAL:

Dismissal time is a very important time and critical time for the school to dismiss students safely. Often, we receive messages of dismissal changes that are late or unclear.



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If your child is changing their dismissal procedure, please be very clear on the directives.

For example, **"pick up" by grandfather today needs to be clarified – is it pick up afterschool by grandfather (no daycare) or pick up by grandfather (from daycare).**

A reminder that the deadline to call the school for dismissal changes is 2pm to assure your child is dismissed safely.

Daycare Pick-up Afterschool:

To ensure the student's safety, it is very important that safety measures are always followed. We ask for parents' support and cooperation with the following safety measures:

- ✚ Please make sure to make yourself visible at the door when picking up your child and announce who you are there to pick up.
- ✚ Children will not be dismissed if you are not physically present (please do not wait in your car)
- ✚ Advise the daycare if someone other than those authorized will be picking up your child. (a written email is preferable) – *without authorization we cannot dismiss your child.*
- ✚ Advise any adult picking up your child (including parents themselves) that daycare staff may ask for verification or ID.

*Often, we have different daycare staff answering the door who may not know or recognize the adult; therefore, verification is required. We ask for your patience and support during this time as we have hundreds of students in daycare to dismiss safely every evening.

AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES:

Examples: KARATE/SOCCER/CHESS



Please note that if your child is signed up for afterschool activities, he/she must **remain for the entire duration of the activity**. Students will not be permitted to leave early unless parents have already called the school before **2:00 pm** to make other arrangements. Please do not ask the Daycare educators to get your students out from the activities. We will not be taking the students out of their activity. This is very disruptive for the instructors / teachers of these activities or classes, the students, as well as the Daycare. We are also unable to contact the children as they are not with the daycare during the activities.

For students who are **not in daycare** – the pick-up area after the activities is at the **Schoolyard door exit** (where the walkers are normally dismissed).

Daycare students who are participating in these after-school activities need to be picked up no earlier than 5:05pm. Your children are still in their activity and have not yet returned to daycare. Please do not signal the **HOP-HOP APP** to prepare your children before 5:05pm as well on those days. Please advise anyone who is picking up your children of these procedures.

We are looking forward to an exciting month of activities in Daycare!

Wishing everyone a Happy Thanksgiving Holiday!



Sincerely, Nancy Salituri, Daycare Technician