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🎃 Halloween Fun at School! 🎃

We had a *spooktacular* Halloween day at school filled with laughter, costumes, and community spirit! A huge thank you goes out to everyone who made this possible, from our parent volunteers to our teacher committee. Students and staff had a wonderful day! Here are some of the activities that took place:

- 5th Street Bistro dance
- Creepy menu creation
- Personalized chef hats
- Trick-or-Treat station
- Haunted Restaurant tour



We would also like to extend a heartfelt thank you to our generous donors:

- Costco Anjou, IGA RDP, and our parents Anne Giulietti and Laura Criniti, for the Halloween goodies (candies, chips and chocolates) for every student,
- GMS Auto-Clinique (De Paoli Family) for the classroom pumpkins.

We are truly grateful for our wonderful school community. Your support and enthusiasm made this Halloween celebration one to remember! 👻

OPEN HOUSE

Our Open House will be held on Friday, November 6th from 6:00pm to 8:00pm. We have a dynamic team of teachers, students and parent tour guides who will be sharing their knowledge and experiences about all the great programs that we offer at Michelangelo International. We look forward to meeting all our potential new students and families!





PHOTO RE-TAKES

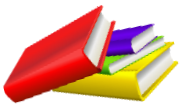
On Wednesday, November 11th, Green Apple will be back at school for photo re-takes. Re-takes are available for students who were either absent for the first session, **OR** if there was a problem with the photo (i.e., eyes were closed). An online form has been sent to parents for the re-take session.
Reminder: the school uniform is mandatory for picture re-takes.

REPORT CARDS & PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES – TERM 1



Report Cards will be available on Mozaik November 20th.
Our Term 1 Parent-Teacher Conferences will take place on Thursday, November 26th. These conferences will be held in-person at school. Teachers will be communicating with parents shortly on how to proceed with booking appointments.

BOOK FAIR



We are excited to announce that our Book Fair will take place from November 24th until November 26th in the gymnasium. On November 24th & 25th, all classes will have a chance to visit the Book Fair. On November 26th, the Book Fair will be open all day to give parents a chance to visit during Parent-Teacher conferences.

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Please note that GNT ball hockey and CF Montreal soccer will be cancelled on **November 24th-25th due to the Book Fair taking place in the gym. **

FUNDRAISERS

PPO will be holding a Bake Sale on the November 26th during the Parent-Teacher Conferences. We encourage you to pass by, as all proceeds will go towards student activities and the IB Program.

In addition, on November 26th, we will be raffling off a pair of **Montreal Canadiens hockey tickets**, donated by one of our Michelangelo families! The lucky winner will attend the game on Tuesday, December 29th VS Colombus Blue Jackets at the Bell Centre. This pair of tickets is in the Desjardins section which includes all-you-can-eat food and non-alcoholic beverages. Each raffle ticket will be **$5** (cash only); grab yours for a chance to win!

Our Big Box of Cards fundraiser will kick off on November 2nd. It will run until November 13th. More information will be sent out shortly.

REMEMBRANCE DAY CELEBRATION:

Our school will hold a **Remembrance Day Celebration on Tuesday, November 10th,** for all students. We are honored to welcome **Captain Jie Lee,** from the **Canadian Army** as our guest speaker. Captain Lee will share her experiences and reflections on service, remembrance, and the importance of peace. This meaningful event is an opportunity for our school community to pause, reflect, and express gratitude to all who have given so much for our freedom. Students will have a chance to purchase poppies as an email will be sent to all parents in the coming week.

MORNING ENTRY AND DISMISSAL

There are many procedures set in place to ensure the safety of all our students. Parents are asked not to enter the school yard. When dropping off or picking up your child, please do not block the entrance to the schoolyard. There are many children trying to access the entrance and we do not want to create congestion.

Students are to enter the building from 8:47am – 8:52am. Parents are encouraged to help ensure that students arrive at 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.

Please do not change your child's routine without written notification and ensure that your child is aware of and understands the change. Also, take note that calling at the last minute (afternoon on the day of) is not only disruptive, but cannot guarantee that your child will receive the correct message in a timely manner. Students will not be removed from the bus by any adult other than a staff member, who must verify with the child's teacher and Main Office of this change. Please help us avoid a dangerous situation by writing any changes made to your child's daily routine in the agenda.

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WEATHER

Remember that a change in weather means a change in attire. It is time to bring out the warm coats, hats and gloves. Help us by discussing the importance of dressing for the weather with your child(ren). Please remind your child(ren) that they are expected to wear the same outdoor clothing at recess as what they came to school wearing. We also ask that you help your child respect the school dress code (see School Dress Color Code in the School's Agenda).

With the cold weather here, we also have more students with colds and coughs. For students who are bringing throat lozenges containing medication (ex: Halls), we ask that an authorization form be filled at the office if your child needs to take this type of lozenge. Also, advise your child **not to share** these lozenges to friends. Throat lozenges are not candy and, it is important to be mindful that there are students with different allergies and intolerances.

Wishing you all a safe and healthy month of November!



Sincerely,

Marisa Mineiro & Domenic Urso
Principal Vice-Principal

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In IB News …

Last month, we explored how *curiosity helps children become lifelong learners*. This November, we are highlighting another important part of the International Baccalaureate (IB) philosophy: **the IB Learner Profile!**

Did you know that the **IB Learner Profile includes 10 attributes** that help students grow not only as learners, but also as thoughtful, responsible, and compassionate individuals?

One of these attributes is **Caring**. As we recognize World Kindness Day on November 13, it's a wonderful opportunity to remind our children that even the smallest acts of kindness can make a big difference.

In an IB classroom, being caring means showing empathy, compassion, and respect for others. Students learn to consider different perspectives, support one another, and take positive action within their school community and beyond.

How can you encourage your child to be caring at home?

Here are a few simple ideas:

- **Model kindness:** Show your child how small gestures, such as helping a neighbour or thanking someone, can brighten someone's day.
- **Encourage empathy:** Ask questions like *"How do you think that person felt?"* or *"What could you do to help?"*
- **Celebrate acts of kindness:** Recognize moments when your child shows compassion, includes others, or offers a helping hand.
- **Take action together:** Find a small way to make a positive difference in your family, neighbourhood, or community.

Being an IB learner goes beyond the classroom! Every conversation, thoughtful gesture, and act of kindness helps our children grow into caring individuals who can make a positive difference in the world.

Stay curious, be kind and keep learning!
Ms. Elisa and Mme Suzanne **(PYP IB Coordinators)**

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Daycare & Lunch November News & Information

November 2026 Ped days: **We have three ped days in November 2026.**

- **Monday November 2, 2026 – In school – Superhero Day (deadline to register was Oct. 27, 2026)**
- **Thursday November 26, 2026: Outing: TBD – *more info to come shortly***
- **Friday November 27, 2026: In School: Holiday Theme!**



The due date for the **November 26 & 27 Ped days** registrations will be **Thursday November 12, 2026**. Information regarding the ped days will be emailed shortly. Please make sure to respect the deadlines for Ped day registrations, we sometimes get late submissions. Ped days require a lot of planning, staffing and organisation to make them a success. For this reason, we need the number of students who will be attending by the deadline. A reminder that priority will be given to students attending daycare full time. Please verify the agenda daily to make sure the permission slip was submitted. We encourage you to send the permission slips by email as they are less likely to get lost. This will ensure we get them by the due regardless of absences as well. We also want to remind parents that you have outstanding fees owed, we cannot accept the Ped day Registrations. We appreciate you're understanding and cooperation.

Special Note: For those who have registered for the Ped days, please note that on Ped days all students need to be dropped off and picked up at the Daycare Entrance located next to the office. We kindly ask that students arrive no later than 9:00 am and picked up no earlier than 3:00 pm so they can benefit from all the planned activities. Since our staff is busy with the Ped day activities, we cannot guarantee that someone will be at the daycare door to let your child in or dismiss your child. After 9am and before 3:00pm.

Afterschool Extra- Curricular Activities

This is a reminder that daycare students participating in afterschool activities need time to finish their activity, return to their daycare group, and collect their belongings. If your child's activity ends at 5pm, **Please do not arrive for pickup before 5:00 p.m. on those days.**

Important: We have noticed that some parents or authorized adults arrive early to pick up children, forgetting that they are scheduled for an after-school activity. Please ensure that **everyone authorized to pick up your child is aware of their extracurricular schedule**.

If your child needs to be picked up early from daycare and will **not be participating in their extracurricular activity**, please write a note in your child's agenda **in advance** or **call the school before 2:00 p.m.** so we can ensure they do not go to the activity. For safety and supervision reasons, **daycare staff are not permitted to remove children from their activities early.**

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DAYCARE FEES & DAYCARE LUNCH FEES / SCHOOL LUNCH SUPERVISION FEES*

The statements of accounts for both **Daycare & School Lunch Supervision** have been sent out by email to all parents for October 2026. The due date for Daycare fees and School Lunch Supervision fees was October 30, 2026.

Invoices for November will be week of November 23rd, ,2026 and due **November 30th, 2026.**

A reminder that online payments for daycare needs to be made to the **Michelangelo Daycare** account as the **payee** using the **SGCODE** found on your statement of account.

Payments for **Lunch Supervision** Fees are to be made to **Michelangelo School account** as the **payee** using the **LHCODE** found on your statement of account.

Please look carefully at the statement you receive. They look very similar so please look on top. If the statement says Michelangelo Daycare, then please pay the daycare account. If you see Michelangelo Lunch, please pay the Michelangelo School lunch account. These are separate accounts and not transferable. If you have children in both programs, you need to pay them separately. We are still receiving online payments in the wrong accounts and since it not transferable it forces us to have to refund the payment made to the wrong account and then ask parents to then pay again to the correct account. Please check your statement carefully. For students who come to daycare on occasion or sporadically from Gr 1-6, please remember that the days you do use the daycare services fees need to be paid to the daycare including Ped days; however, your lunch supervision fees will still need to be paid to the School Lunch account.

November Daycare Programs: The daycare educators have planned some great activities this month. Parents will receive a copy of the November programs shortly.

Looking forward to fun-filled November in Daycare 😊

