



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 to ensure that your child(ren) get(s) 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 every day.

LATES

Our school day begins at 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.



A.M ENTRY/ P.M DISMISSAL

We would like to remind you to **keep the bus corridor free of pedestrians** to ensure that students can get on and off the bus safely. These measures have been put into place for the safety and security of all our students. 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 enters the yard or is picked up at the end of the day, please keep the entrance free so that other 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 11th, 2026) 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 Thursday, October 15th, 2026, on the Mozaik portal.

IMPORTANT FORMS

Please 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

To respect everyone's right to a work-life balance, we ask that parents do not send emails to any staff member (secretaries, teachers, daycare, administration) between **4:00 pm and 8:30 am and on weekends**. We understand that most emails are written in the evening. Please 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 to continue providing this wonderful program.

We are kicking off the year with our **Chocolate Fundraiser!** For more information, please see the letter that was sent out on September 22nd, 2026. The deadline for this fundraiser is October 16th, 2026.



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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 10th. 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:

Mineiro, Marisa (Principal)	Benvenuto, Mario
Urso, Domenic (Interim Vice-Principal)	Cabral, Vanessa
Di Genova, Elisa (Teacher/IB Coordinator)	Giaccari, Riccardo
Di Stefano, Mirella (Teacher)	Cerrelli, Nadia
Lucia, Amanda (Teacher)	Abbruzzese, Dino
Maglieri, Lisa Marie (Teacher)	Ciccotelli, Nick
Porco, Nada (Teacher)	Di Cesare, Kristina
Salituri, Nancy (Daycare Technician)	Biscotti, Gina
Rinaldi, Giuseppina (Daycare - Classe Principale)	

P.P.O:

Renda, Giovanna (Chairperson)	Rivizzigno, Alessandra (Vice-Chairperson)	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 students.



PICTURE DAY

Picture Day will be on **Thursday, October 1st, 2026**. Sibling photos will take place on this day too.

TOYS

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

ACTIVITIES/COMMITTEES

This month, our school is excited to launch a new **Mahjong Club**, giving students a fun opportunity to learn the game, build strategy skills, and connect with friends. Permission forms will be sent home to grade 5 & 6 students who are interested.

We're also shining a light on literacy with a special **Flashlight Reading** activity in the library! Students can grab a flashlight, get cozy with a good book, and enjoy reading in a fun, engaging atmosphere.

HALLOWEEN



We are planning various Halloween activities for our students including our annual 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, 2026**. 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 are 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.





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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.



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 lunchtime, 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

Domenic Urso
Vice-Principal



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In IB News ...

This year marks an especially important year for our school as we prepare for our **International Baccalaureate (IB) Programme evaluation!**

Did you know that **all** IB schools around the world are evaluated by the International Baccalaureate every **five years**? This evaluation helps ensure that authorized IB schools continue to provide high-quality teaching and learning while upholding the IB philosophy and standards. As part of this process, IB evaluators from different countries visit the school to learn more about our programme and school community.

An important part of the IB philosophy is encouraging students to become lifelong learners. And how does lifelong learning begin? **With curiosity!** By encouraging students to ask questions, explore new ideas, and wonder about the world around them, we help develop a love of learning that can last a lifetime.

Here's how this can be done at home:

Encourage your child to ask questions and investigate ideas. Rather than immediately providing solutions, try asking questions such as:

- *What do you notice?*
- *What do you think is happening?*
- *Why do you think that?*
- *What might happen if...?*

Everyday activities can become opportunities for inquiry:

- Cooking together and discussing how ingredients change.
- Observing plants, animals, or weather patterns.
- Reading books and making predictions, etc.

The goal is not to have the right answer right away, but to nurture curiosity, critical thinking, and a love of learning.

Stay curious and keep learning!

Ms. Elisa and Mme Suzanne **(PYP IB Coordinators)**



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MICHELANGELO INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL DAYCARE Daycare & Lunch News for October 2026



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:

✚ **Monday Oct. 5, 2026 – In School Activities - In School: Sweet Spice of Autumn (Election Day)-** *information already sent out due date to register was September 24, 2026*

✚ **Friday, Oct. 16, 2026 – Daycare Closed** *(Professional Development)*

✚ **Friday, Oct. 23, 2026– In school activities – Bricks for Kids Activity & Halloween Theme** *more info to follow. *Info for this Ped days will be sent out the week of October 6th, 2026.*

Deadline for registering will be Thursday October 15, 2026.

**Upcoming November Ped days:*

- *Monday Nov. 2nd, 2026 - In School (more info to follow)*
- *Thursday Nov. 26th – Outing (more info to come)*
- *Friday Nov. 27th -In school (more info to follow)*

Letters regarding Ped Days will always be sent out to all parents with children attending Michelangelo International School. **All parents/guardians will receive them by email only. You need to register your child for each ped day if you want them to participate.**

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 unless advised otherwise.*



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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.

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