

October 31

No PELO or ECAs

November 1

No School

**November 7 at
6:30pm**

Join us at our Family Board Game night.

November 8

Grade 6 students attend Cirque de Verdun

November 15

No School- Professional Day

**November 19 at
6:30pm**

Governing Board meeting

November 20

Parents will be able to access their child's report card through Mosaic Portal

A Special Thanks...

to the Families Kourakis, Gianou and Cassis with Le Potager Mont-Rouge for having picked pumpkins and donating them to our school. Our students certainly put them to good use! (Read about our pumpkin challenge.)



Pumpkin Challenge

While trying to inspire School Spirit, Dunrae Gardens has embarked in a challenge. Our students are really excited to have competed against each other for most creative and original pumpkin. Students were encouraged to create book characters.



Halloween activities

Thank you to our parents who helped make Halloween memorable for our students. They planned a number of activities such as a craft table pumpkin bowling, a potato sack race, Witch Hat toss, Mystery Bowls, Spider Tic Tac Toe, Draw a spider without holding the pen, as well as a scavenger hunt for grade 5s and a Halloween dance for grade 6s. Our students also enjoyed a school-wide BINGO organized by two of our teachers.

Grade 6 masks

Our grade 6 students shared their artistic talents by creating Halloween masks based on different characters. Students discovered very interesting facts about mythological as well as actual people while researching about their history and evolution.



November 22

This is the first of our many theme days to come throughout the year. For Wacky Hairstyle Day, students should come to school with their most creative and wackiest hairstyle yet!

November 27 & 28

Parent-Teacher Interviews

November 28 & 29

No School (No PELO)

Please note, the Annual Music Concert will be held in the Spring.

Report Card Distribution & Mosaik Portal for Parents:

Your child's Term 1 report card will be accessible online. We will not be providing a paper copy. Please log-in to the Mosaik Portal to avoid any issues when the marks are ready.

Homework Policy

Although students regularly receive unfinished work from class, review and study skills and more importantly literacy, it is nice to be reminded why there is no additional busy work that is sent home.

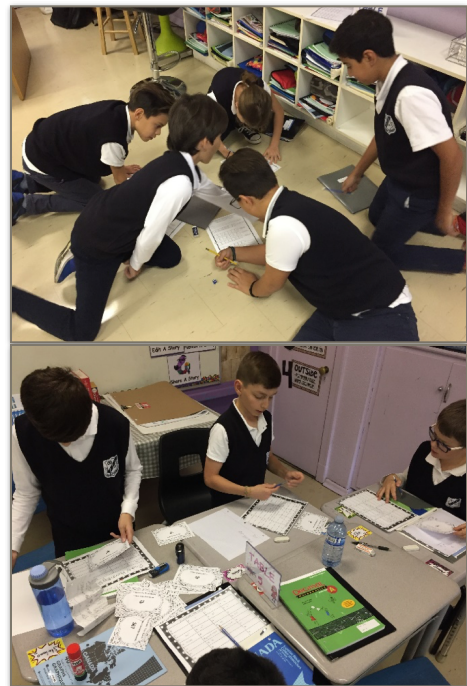
Here's an interesting article regarding homework. It is nice to be a part of a school so forward thinking!

Homework: An unnecessary evil? ... Surprising findings from new research

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/answer-sheet/wp/2012/11/26/homework-an-unnecessary-evil-surprising-findings-from-new-research/>

Helping grade 5 students apply math concepts through Centers

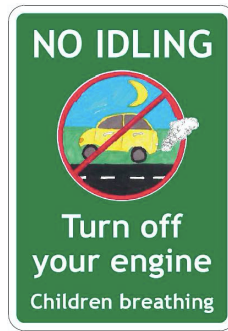
The grade 5 students at Dunrae Gardens School engage in a hands-on approach to learning place value. The students work in different centres targeting the concepts taught in class. This allows them to practice the skill and have fun all while learning. Once their unit is completed, they move around from one math activity to another to ensure students are able to transfer their learning. Students not only learn through their teacher but also their peers.



Save the date as we celebrate 90 years of learning at Dunrae Gardens! **On December 5th**, alumni will be invited back to the school where their learning began. They will have the opportunity to take a walk down memory lane.



The cold weather is fast approaching. As a school, we are already taking steps to ensure our students do their share to help the environment. We ask that you do yours by turning-off your car while waiting for your child.



Dynamix

Cycle 3 students really enjoyed the Leadership activities that took place during their overnight trip to Camp Bon Départ. They were able to demonstrate their strengths and motivate one another during their team building exercises.



On Bouge!

Thanks to the Active Schools Initiative, Cycle 3 students are leading the movement. As one of the many activities unfolding at Dunrae Gardens, once a week, grade 6 students, animate On Bouge! They select their music and organize a choreography. On Friday mornings, for around 5 minutes, music plays through the intercom while the entire school moves. Everyone, from youngest to oldest, is dancing to the beat!

