

# THE SCHOOL SCOOP

## Dunrae Gardens School



Dear Dunrae Gardens Community,

February is filled with exciting activities, school spirit, and a continued commitment to fostering a safe and inclusive learning environment. Most importantly, we have officially passed our **Anti-Bullying and Anti-Violence Plan**, reinforcing our dedication to a respectful and supportive school community. This document will be posted on our school's website. Our **Anti-Bullying Day** (all students are encouraged to wear a Pink Shirt) will feature an assembly and a special guest speaker, Samara O'Gorman, to further emphasize kindness, inclusion, and standing up against bullying.

This month, we also celebrate diversity with a **Black History Month** through classroom activities, and an assembly featuring a dance performance. We will also encourage students to express their creativity during a **Valentine's Dance** organized by the DGFA. On **Twins Day**, students will be allowed to dress-down like their friends.

As always, academic growth remains a priority, with the end of Term 2 and important assessments. **Report cards** will be available on Mozaïk, and **Parent-Teacher Interviews** will be held online by invitation. More information will be sent to the respective parents. Should you have any concerns, and have not received an invitation, please communicate with your child's teachers. The week of February 10 also marks **Hooked on Schools**, an initiative to support perseverance. We will be featuring some of our activities on their site!

Since February is also **Staff Appreciation Month**, I want to take a moment to recognize the incredible team at Dunrae Gardens. From our dedicated teachers and office staff to our support staff, caretakers, recess and lunch supervisors, and daycare staff—each of you plays a vital role in making our school a wonderful place for students. Your hard work and commitment are truly appreciated!

We look forward to a restful **Spring Break** and returning with renewed energy for the final term. Thank you for your ongoing support in making our school a safe and welcoming place for all students.

Best regards,

Despina Michakis  
Principal



### Monday February 3

Pedagogical Day

### Tuesday, February 11

Black History Assembly with dance performance

### Wednesday, February 12

Graduation Pictures

### Friday, February 14

Valentine's Day  
Valentine's Dance  
Dress down and Wear Valentine colours!

### Monday, February 17

End of Term 2

### Wednesday, February 19

Pointe-à-Cailière grade 5  
Guêpe grade 2

### Friday, February 21

Dress like your friend (s).  
Twins Day!

### Wednesday, February 26

Anti-Bullying Day  
**Pink shirt day!**  
Assembly and Speaker  
Report cards available on Mozaik at 4PM

### Thursday, February 27

Parent-Teacher Interviews online. By invitation only.

### Friday, February 28

Pedagogical Day

### Monday, March 3-

### Friday, March 7

Spring Break!

Please be reminded of End of Cycle Exams. Ensure your child is present during these periods and avoid making medical appointments, particularly grade 6 students. You child's teacher will be able to provide you with further information.

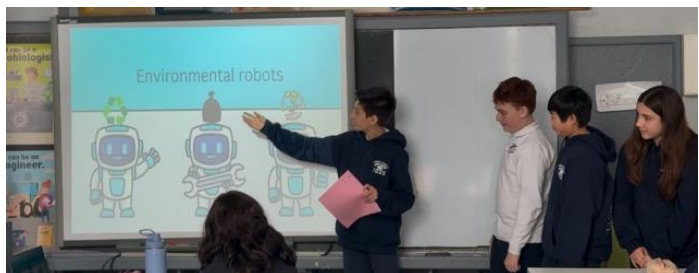
End-of-Cycle exams	Cycle 2 (grade 4)	Cycle 3 (grade 6)
ELA	March 10-March 20	May 20 to June 3
FSL	February 4-February 27	April 28 to May 8
Math		June 10 to 12

### Caribou Math Competition

I would like to congratulate all our 50 students for their excellent results in Caribou Math Competition. A special mention to the following students for having been the top mathematicians this past month:

Cycle 1	Cycle 2	Cycle 3
Seth Friedlander (grade 2) Ella Saranikos (grade 2)	Lea Schirm (grade 4) Alexander Fernandez (grade 4) Max Carreira Rafael (grade 3) Samuel Khairy (grade 4) Emily Bakalis (grade 4)	Michael Marciante (grade 5) Erik Back (grade 6) Isa Santayana (grade 6) Noah Mastroberardino (grade 6) Vivianne Godin (grade 5)

### Some initial Sustainability Pitches...



**February 24-27**

### Support for Students and Tips for Parents

Additional tutoring is free to all students through Learn Quebec. Students can use their EMSB username to log in.

<https://www.learnquebec.ca/home>

As well, allô prof is another great site that offers support. Live tutorials are available to students.

<https://www.alloprof.qc.ca/>

Finally, it is always recommended to monitor your children's online activities. Please visit this website containing tips and insiders on the dangers of many applications our children are using.

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