

# THE SCHOOL SCOOP

Dunrae Gardens School



Dear Dunrae Gardens Community,

Happy New Year! We hope you all had a joyful and restful holiday break. Thank you to all the parents who contributed to the various causes in December. A special thank you to Mme Noémie for organizing such a great show demonstrating our students' talents. As well, thank you to our parents who came together to provide our school community with a breakfast before the end of the year. As we begin 2025, we are excited about the engaging activities and cultural events planned for this month.

A fun and silly way to start the year by encouraging your children to wear their uniform upside down tomorrow! We also have many cultural activities planned this month, such as **Comedy for Kids**. Over a series of classes, students generate ideas through creative writing exercises where their very own comedy profile is built, and through various examples, they learn how to structure their bits and pieces into a presentable comedy act. This will improve analytical thinking, enhance public speaking skills, and greater empathy for others. For Grade 1 students, **Théâtre Outremont** will provide a theatrical experience to inspire creativity and imagination. Additionally, "The Velveteen Rabbit" by **Geordie Productions** will delight Cycles 2 and 3 with its heartwarming story about love and transformation. **Gnetto Ghatti** will take students on a week-long exploration of cultural art, through guymboots and tam tams. Our Grade 6 students will also visit the **Holocaust Museum**, an educational trip designed to teach respect, empathy, and the importance of history.

There are many other activities planned, such as **Cirque Verdun** for Grades 2, and **Educazoo** for our preschoolers, offering hands-on experiences with animals to inspire curiosity about the natural world. **Cepsum** Outing for Cycle 2 students promises a day of physical activity to promote fitness and teamwork.

Our **socio-community** officers will be offering workshops for Grades 5 and 6 and will educate students on the proper use of social media, cyber-intimidation, and safety.

We are most excited about our newest project. Our Grade 6 students will be involved in a **sustainability project** until the end

**Monday January 6**

Pedagogical Day

**Tuesday, January 7**

Wear your clothes upside down!

**Thursday, January**

**9, 14, 23, 28**

Comedy for Kids  
(Grades 4-5-6)

**Friday, January 10**

Verdun Circus Grade 2  
Educazoo preschool

**Mon. Jan. 13-17**

Cultural activity  
Gnetto Ghatti

**Wednesday, January 15**

Caribou Math competition

**Thursday, January 16**

SPVM workshop Grade 5

**Friday, January 17**

Cepsum Cycle 2

**Monday, January 20**

Holocaust Museum

**Tuesday, January 21**

SPVM workshop Grade 6

**Monday, January 27**

Théâtre Outremont Grade 1

**Tuesday, January 28**

Governing Board 6:30pm

**January 30**

Velveteen Rabbit  
Geordie Production  
Cycles 2 & 3

of the year. Every Thursday, students dive into the world of sustainable development through a collaboration with HEC Montréal, and Dawson College. This program focuses on social, environmental, and economic challenges and equips students with tools to address them. Key activities include workshops, presentations, and project development. Students will showcase their projects at a **Sustainability Fair** later this year. This initiative will teach students social responsibility and environmental stewardship, data analysis and business planning skills, and enhanced teamwork, public speaking, and problem-solving abilities. Special thanks to Dr. Jahan Peerally and Professor Joel Trudeau for making this project possible!

We're looking forward to a fantastic January filled with fun, learning, and growth. Thank you for your continued support in making our school a vibrant and enriching place for our students.

Despina Michakis  
Principal

### **Important information:**

Please note, students have been advised that they are unable to enter through the back door, the one by the parking lot, as there is no supervision at that door. We ask that students use any of the doors in the front of the school or by the daycare to enter the school progressively from 9am to 9:10am.

### **PELO**

**Spanish** will be cancelled this week.

**Greek** is cancelled Tuesday.

Parents received an email from their respective teachers.

### **mTransport**

Students will begin scanning their cards, and parents will be able to track their child's **school bus** as of Monday, January 13.

Information has been sent to those parents.

A final letter will follow.

