

# THE SCHOOL SCOOP

FEBRUARY 2024

*Dear Dunrae Gardens Community,*

*As we conclude the month of January, we are delighted to share the accomplishments of our hardworking students since their return from the holiday break. Throughout this month, we've engaged in various interesting activities, particularly celebrating Francophone Culture Month.*

*January is a special time for the EMSB schools to highlight the cultivation of the French language through the arts. On Tuesday, January 23rd, 2024, Dunrae Gardens students had the opportunity to showcase their talents in music as part of this celebration, under the guidance of Mme. Noémie, who dedicated her efforts to teaching French songs. Our school hosted a special event that was honored by the presence of distinguished guests, including the Minister of Finance, Mr. Girard, and all members of the EMSB school board directorate, including our esteemed Chair, Mr. Joe Ortona.*

*The music teacher's dedication highlights the value of integrating various disciplines to provide a more comprehensive educational experience. We extend our heartfelt thanks to the entire staff, teachers, and students for their collaborative efforts in making this day truly memorable. We are immensely proud of their achievements.*









*In addition to the cultural celebration, we also prioritized safety and emergency preparedness. Our school actively practiced a lockdown drill, an essential aspect of our emergency readiness protocol. I am extremely proud of the entire staff and teachers who diligently guided our students on how to best prepare for emergencies. The students exhibited remarkable responsibility and seriousness during the exercise, showcasing their understanding of the importance of safety.*

*Furthermore, our Cycle three students had the privilege of a visit from the SPVM (Service de Police de la Ville de Montréal) to discuss crucial points regarding safety and security. They took part in an informative session about Quebec laws and the criminal code, intimidation, and cyber intimidation. This interaction provided valuable insights and reinforced the significance of maintaining a safe and secure school environment.*



***All the students in our school had the chance to attend a workshop called “Musical Instruments of the World”. Lessons took place in the music class during the week of January 29. In this workshop, Daniel Prenoveau introduced new instruments to our students who come from different places in the world such as Asia, Africa, Central America and even Quebec! The students also had the opportunity to manipulate musical instruments and improvise beautiful melodies. The children had a great time; we have talented students at Dunrae Gardens!***





*Miss Ghaithana's daycare group (grades 1 and 2) made cork Christmas trees for parents and cute penguins for our January bulletin board. The Pre-Kindergarten/Kindergarten group made snowmen with crochets and wool scarves in Miss Sandra, Kayla, and Maria's daycare group.*



*Finally, we would like to inform you that our second parent-teacher interviews will be held virtually on February 29th, 2024. It is important to note that this parent-teacher interview session will be by appointment only.*

*Further details regarding the scheduling process and the virtual platform for these meetings will be provided in the coming days. We understand the significance of open communication between parents and teachers, and we believe that these virtual sessions will allow for meaningful discussions about your child's progress.*

*We appreciate your ongoing support and cooperation.*

## IMPORTANT REMINDERS

*We would like to take a moment to remind you about the importance of communicating with the school regarding your child's attendance and any early dismissals.*

*If your child will be absent or requires an early dismissal, we kindly request that you inform the school. You can do so by calling the school secretary, writing a note in their agenda, or inputting the information on Mosaik. This helps us keep accurate records and ensures the safety and well-being of all students. Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated.*

*In addition, we would like to address the safety and security measures in place during drop-off and pick-up times. For the continued safety of all students, we kindly ask that parents wait behind the school fence when dropping off or picking up their children. Our staff will always be present during arrival and dismissal to assist and ensure the safety of everyone.*

*Your understanding and adherence to these guidelines contribute significantly to the overall safety and security of our school community. We appreciate your cooperation and commitment to maintaining a safe environment for all students.*

*Respectfully, Mrs. Canale*



Monday February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Non-Working Day for teachers-NO SCHOOL

Tuesday February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Grad Picture for Grade 6 students

Wednesday February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024



Friday February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024

End of Term 2

Thursday February 29<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Report Card & Virtual Parent-teacher-Interviews (4:00-9:00 p.m.)

Friday March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024

No School

Monday March 4-March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024

MARCH BREAK- No School



