

May the school year be filled with  
creativity & enriching experiences!



Bancroft Elementary School

# September Newsletter

## Welcome Back

The monthly newsletter will be emailed to all parents on the first week of the month. It will contain important information about school organization, insights on special events, and celebration of academic successes.

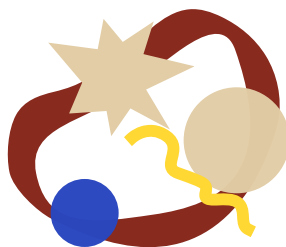
It will also include important dates and deadlines. We invite you to take careful note of all dates since you will not receive any written notices other than those indicated in the Newsletter.

For parents' convenience, each newsletter will contain "links" connecting you to various resources and additional information. The newsletter & calendar of activities will also be available on the [school's website](#)

## Quick Links

[2022-2023 Calendar](#)

[2022-2023 Important Dates](#)



## Health & Safety

### Guidelines - COVID

*Our dedicated staff will continue to take every precaution to ensure the safety & well being of our children.*

#### Safety Guidelines

##### MASKS

In accordance with the Health & Safety guidelines at this point in time, procedural masks are not required at school or on school transportation for all students & staff.

(unless prescribed by Public Health when presenting symptoms or during isolation/symptoms monitoring period).

However, masks will be available for students and staff members who wish to wear one.

##### On going measures

- Hand hygiene and cleaning of high-touch surfaces will continue
- Regular classroom ventilation will continue
- Windows will be opened regularly for ventilation.

##### Child demonstrating symptoms at school

Parents will be contacted. Under the supervision of a staff member, the child who is not feeling well will go to our care room and wait for the parents.

### COVID SYMPTOMS

As you did last year, we ask for your continued cooperation in keeping the school informed when your child is absent due to COVID symptoms.

#### Summary Guidelines

- SELF-ISOLATION GUIDELINES  
For students who receives a positive result to a rapid test done at home or at school
- Parent informs schools of an absence due to COVID-19.

#### Useful Links

- [Guidelines & SELF-ASSESSMENT TOOL- English](#)
- [Consignes et outils d'évaluation - Français.](#)



# Safety of our Children

## Communication

**School Messenger** is the mass notification system used by the school

### Mass notifications by Email to parents

**School Messenger** will be used to send the school's Newsletters and Memos to keep you informed.

It will also be used in communicating to parents important updates regarding health measures and Santé Publique guidelines. **Please verify your emails regularly.**

Note that certain email systems store these mass communication in the SPAM Box. Once you allow School Messenger as a recognized contact, it will store it in your regular inbox.

### Mass notification by phone calls to parents

**School Messenger** will be used to send automated phone messages:

- When Busses are delayed in the afternoon ( message will be sent ONLY to concerned parents (by bus#))
- When School will be closed due to wheater conditions ( message sent to ALL parents)

**\*\* Since the system will be used regularly by the school, we ask that parents keep the school secretary informed promptly of any changes to the email address or phone numbers.**

### Reporting your child absence

Please help us out! It may be hard to believe but it's often quite difficult to reach our parents... We have several numbers to try for each child and are often forced to leave a message and hope for a reply.

**Kindly report your child's absence via our school's answering machine by leaving us his/her name and the reason. You may do so at any time of the day or night. 514-845-8031**



**Reminder:** Parents are asked to contact the school when their child is showing symptoms of COVID and/or has received a positive COVID diagnostic.

## The importance of the Dismissal Routine

**FOR SAFETY REASONS, WE STRONGLY RECOMMEND KEEPING THE SAME DISMISSAL ROUTINE FOR YOUR CHILD**

If an **exception** needs to be made, please inform your child's homeroom teacher through a **note in the agenda** or **call the office**. If there are any last-minute changes please call the office before 3:00.

## Safety of children - Teacher Supervision

### Arrival

Please note that the teachers begin their supervision in the schoolyard at 8:55 a.m. and unless your child is supervised by you or another adult, he/she must not arrive prior to 8:55 a.m.

### Dismissal

Also, note that teachers are in the schoolyard at dismissal time starting at 3:45 until bus departure.

## Insurances

### IMPORTANT REMINDER:

Parents are encouraged to subscribe to personal accident insurance in case their child gets hurt while participating in physical education and sports or in any other circumstances. Fees incurred for ambulance services, medical/dental/ocular services and any other services related to an injury will not be assumed by the school. Parents are encouraged to contact their personal insurance company or any other insurer to get advice and information about accident insurance coverage for their child. Any other questions should be addressed to a member of the administration.

## Peanut Free

TO PREVENT ACCIDENTAL EXPOSURE TO PEANUTS OR NUTS, ALL PARENTS SHOULD PRIORITIZE FRUITS, VEGETABLES, AND MILK PRODUCTS AS SNACKS AND DESSERTS.

Students will not be allowed to share snacks.

We wish to remind all parents that a peanut/nut-free environment cannot be guaranteed in our school as complete avoidance of all allergens is not possible. Furthermore, please take note that: "peanut/nut free" labeling is not been government regulated since the presence of nuts or peanuts cannot be tested, and a list of ingredients free of peanuts/nuts does not equal safe, since "May contain traces of peanuts/nuts..." labeling is not mandatory or controlled. Therefore, no packaged/processed food can be guaranteed as peanut/nut-free!



***Thank you for helping us to keep our children safe.***



## House Keeping

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### **Bancroft's Staff welcomes 2 new school secretaries to our team!**

They both look forward to supporting you and getting to know you and your child this year.

**Ms. Tanya Mclean** will be with us 5 days/week you may reach her at [tmclean@emsb.qc.ca](mailto:tmclean@emsb.qc.ca)

**Ms Amanda Hakim** will be with us on Thursdays and Fridays who may be reached at [ahakim@emsb.qc.ca](mailto:ahakim@emsb.qc.ca)

### **Please do not hesitate to communicate with them by calling the office 514-845-8031**

We ask for your understanding as we might, at times, have to leave the answering machine on, however, rest assured that we will return your call as soon as possible.

## **B.A.S.E** - Daycare Services

For parents who wish to register their child in the Before & After School Education Program it is possible to do so at any time during the school year. Please contact Monique Gaudreault our daycare technician who will gladly help you register. [mgaudreault@emsb.qc.ca](mailto:mgaudreault@emsb.qc.ca) or **call her at the office at 514-788-0020**

## **Lunch Catering Service**

Bancroft's Governing Board approves the hot meal provider on an annual basis. Together, members thoroughly examined all EMSB approved providers to make their choice. As announced last June the GB selected for 22-23



**[For more information & Registration](#)**

**[Version Française](#)**

Good news! Le Doral is ready to start servicing all families. The meals will be available as of this week

# FRIENDLY REMINDERS

## Meet The Teachers Curriculum Night – General Assembly

Thursday, September 15th at night

More details to come in a separate email

 **Please make sure to return the following forms promptly to your child's teacher:**

*For your convenience, you can click on each form below and you will be re-directed to the school's website where the forms were originally made available.*

- **Student Contact Information & Medical Sheet**
- **Permission to eat home (*lunchtime*)**
- **Consent to photograph & EMSB email 22-23**
- **Around the school outings**
- **Code of behavior acknowledgment**



## **Workbook & School fees 2022-2023**

**Ordered by teachers, payment due in August**

### **CHANGE OF INFORMATION**

Reminder to parents that if you moved over the summer, please forward your new address, in writing, to our office, at your earliest convenience.

## **School Supplies List 2022-2023**

**For parents to purchase as you get ready for the new school year.**

# School Bus 2022-2023

## For eligible students

**The EMSB Transportation Department mailed the bus passes to the parents of students eligible**

The parents who did not fill out the requested survey, have received automatically the bus pass.

--> Please contact our school secretary for more information.

## For accommodation, bus passes \*new this year\*

The Accommodation bus passes were distributed **only if the parents had signed the accommodation form.** (email sent end of May) Note that the forms received by June 23 2022,

***If you did not get a chance to send it in, your accommodation request will only be processed in October. The Transportation division will not issue any new accommodation bus passes in September.***

***Please contact the office for the form we will give it to your child.***



## Daily Routine

**Please ensure to be at your bus stop 10 minutes before and after the time indicated on your bus pass.**

**New this year \*\*M TRANSPORT Program** will facilitate communication whenever there should be delays caused by traffic or construction. More information to come during the Orientation Night

**Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.**

# Parent Participation Organization - PPO

The committee is given the mandate to work in collaboration with the school team and Governing Board to offer various school activities for all students to enjoy, as well as organize school fundraisers. Parents who would like to volunteer their time are always welcome to join their meetings and/or give their names to volunteer their time for the special events. Simply email the PPO at [bancroftppoemail@gmail.com](mailto:bancroftppoemail@gmail.com)

## SCHOOL SPIRIT ACTIVITY

### BACK TO SCHOOL FUN DAY!

**This Thursday, September 8** each classroom will take part in a Team Building Activity with *Dynamix Animation*.

In addition to the fun times with classmates and teachers, there will be a special treat offered lunch time each student will be treated to a corn on the cob

## FUNDRAISING

PPO IS HAPPY TO ANNOUNCE THE RETURN OF OUR CLASSIC FUNDRAISERS!  
THANK YOU KINDLY IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION!



**Pizza fundraiser will be starting on September 22nd!**

**Please follow this link TO ORDER!** 

Upon submitting your form, please note that you will be receiving an automatic reply with a summary of your order. Please use it to calculate your total. Once again, our pizza will be \$2.75 per slice and the fall order form includes 14 weeks. **DEADLINE: All payments are due by September 19th.**

Please label your envelopes with pizza, your child's name, grade level & homeroom#.

If you have any further questions, please contact us at [bancroftppoemail@gmail.com](mailto:bancroftppoemail@gmail.com)

**Sorbet Wednesdays are back! Starting Wednesday, September 14th!**



This year we will be offering 2 flavors, orange and raspberry sorbet. **The cost will be \$2 per portion** and the profits will go toward grade 6 graduation. In order to reduce waste, we ask that students bring in their reusable spoons.



**It's easy to participate! Simply send 2,00\$ with your child that day!**



During lunchtime, a special table will be set up for your child to go purchase the frozen treat.

#### ORANGE SORBET:

Ingredients: Water sugars (sucrose, glucose), Concentrated Orange Juice, natural flavour, Guar gum, hydroxypropyl methylcellulose, locust bean gum, Amaranth, Sunset Yellow FCF, citric acid.  
May contain: milk  
PEANUT FREE

#### RASPBERRY SORBET:

Ingredients: Water sugars (sucrose, glucose), Raspberry base (glucose, fructose, sugar, Raspberry purée, water, citric acid, natural and artificial flavour, sodium benzoate, amaranth, brilliant blue FCF) Guar gum, hydroxypropyl methylcellulose, locust bean gum, citric acid. May contain: milk  
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