

BANCROFT BUZZ

February 2025 Newsletter

Dear Bancroft Community,

It is with great pleasure that I welcome you to a “re-branded” monthly newsletter. Each month, you will find information about upcoming events, highlights from the previous month, and other news and notes to help keep up with the amazing things happening in our school community.

As you know, I am new to the school community and I am truly humbled by the warm welcome that I have already received. I heard nothing but incredible things about this school and I so thrilled to start making my own positive contributions to the Bancroft family. I am a strong believer in the partnership between home and school and I am confident that by working together, we can renew and reinforce the sense of belonging that Bancroft offers so well as a cornerstone of this community.

As always, I remain available for any questions or clarifications that you might have. Wishing you a happy, healthy, **FANTASTIC** February!




Sincerely,

Gaetano Sifoni
Principal / Directeur

UPCOMING EVENTS


- Feb 5** Pre-School Eye Exam
Gr 6 Parent Workshop

- Feb 6** Pizza Day 

- Feb 7** PED Day (Daycare Open)

- Feb 10** Teacher Appreciation Wk
B-Ball Tournament (Gr 5/6)

- Feb 12** Grad Picture Retakes


- Feb 13** Field Trip (Gr 1) 

- Feb 14** Valentines / Pizza Day
WEAR **RED & PINK**

- Feb 17** PED Day (Daycare Open)

- Feb 18** Governing Board (6:30)

- Feb 20** Special Workshop (Gr 4)

- Feb 21** Pizza Day 
Field Trip (Gr 5)
Winter Dance (Gr 4-6)

- Feb 26** **PINK** Shirt Day
Report Cards (Mozaik)

- Feb 27** PT Interviews (3:45-8:45)

- Feb 28** PED Day (Daycare Open)



January Highlights

Since our return, our students enjoyed a variety of different special activities. We gathered in the gym to watch [Geordie's Production of The Velveteen Rabbit](#). Our sixth graders spent a day at the **Cosmodome**, Grade 1 welcomed [Les Ateliers cinq épices](#) for a very informative and *delicious* workshop. Meanwhile, grade 4 complemented their learning of Canadian History with a memorable visit from [Archéophone](#) where they had the opportunity to interact first-hand with tools and artefacts from *La Nouvelle France*. We enjoyed a fun-filled **crazy hair day**, **cozy sock day** and very successful **Movie and Popcorn Trio Fundraiser**! Thank you to our amazing PPO for popping the kernels, putting together the trios and offering such a special afternoon treat for our students !

You can always see highlights of these special events and other amazing classroom activities on our [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) (links also at the bottom of each page).

Term 2 Report Cards & Parent-Teacher Interviews

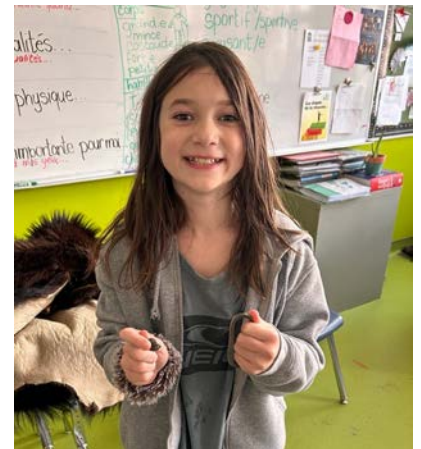
The **Term 2 Report Card** will be published on the [mozaikportail](#) on **Wednesday, February 26th**. As a reminder, the second term is also worth 20% of the school year (Term 3 is worth 60%). We encourage you to sit with your child to look over the report together and take the opportunity to praise all their hard work and effort, as well as acknowledge the potential areas of improvement and embrace new challenges.

Parent-Teacher Interviews will take place the following evening on Thursday, **February 27th from 3:45-8:45 pm**. Unlike the first round of interviews, during the second term, meetings are upon teachers' request only. They will communicate with you directly.

🏠 OPEN HOUSE 2025 🏠

On **Friday, January 24** we opened our doors to welcome families interested in joining our wonderful school community. Thanks to our phenomenal **Grade 6 tour guides**, they were able to see our amazing school team in action and experience the **BUZZ** (pun fully intended) around Bancroft. Thank you to Ms. Josie, Ms. Shanna, and Ms. Carla for helping us highlight what gives our little school such a big heart!

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mTransport



For families who have children who take the school bus, you should have received a memo on January 17 about the upcoming [mTransport](#) initiative, which will begin in the coming days. The busses have all now been equipped with the [mTransport](#) app so that when your child scans their pass, parents can receive notifications as they board the bus, get off the bus, the bus leaves the stop right before yours, and/or the bus arrives at or leaves the school. Parents will finally be able to avoid waiting out in the cold wondering about possible delays!

We received a new batch of passes for students who may not have received theirs at the beginning of the year and will be cross-referencing our lists with those who may still need one so that we can officially launch soon! More news will follow in a separate memo.

BASE Buzz (Daycare News)

Our January 27 Beach Day Activity was a huge success! As a reminder, Daycare Services are available for Bancroft students during PED days (with registration). Priority is given to students who regularly use daycare services. Spaces are limited.



Upcoming PED Days

Friday, February 7 (FULL)

Monday, February 17

Friday, February 28

For more information pertaining to our BASE Daycare, please contact

Ms Vanessa Giancioppi at 514-788-0020 or visit our website:

<https://bancroft.emsb.qc.ca/base-daycare-program/>

2024 Tax Receipts

The taxation slips for lunch supervision and daycare service will be sent to parents in February. Please note that receipts are provided, not for the amount that was forwarded to the school in September, but rather for the fees paid covering the service received during regular school days from January 1st to December 31st, 2024. The difference will be in the tax receipt for the fiscal year of 2025.

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Parent Participation Committee (PPO)

Pizza

Our current pizza session is coming to an end at the end of February. Please note that our last scheduled pizza day is on February 21st. Upon our return from spring break we will start a new session. This session will start on March 14th and ends on June 6th. To register for the new session, please click on the link below and send in your payments by February 26th via your child's agenda. Please note that cash or cheques are accepted. [2024-2025 March Break to June Pizza Form](#)

Sorbet

Grade 6 with the help of PPO will be selling sorbet on Valentine's day to all students during lunch. The cost is \$2.00 and your children can choose between mango, raspberry or orange sorbet. Please ensure to send in your reusable spoons to reduce waste. All money raised will support our grade 6 trip.

Winter Carnival

Carnival week will be held on February 24-27. Please save the date! PPO has fun games and activities planned for the whole school as well as a special treat. If you would like to volunteer, please contact us at bancroftppoemail@gmail.com.

Senior Winter Dance

PPO is preparing to host a Senior Winter Dance Fundraiser on the evening of February 21st for students in grades 4-6. Please look out for the flyer that will be sent home next week. There will be music, dancing, games, supper, drinks, and dessert will be served. This event is for students only, if you would like to volunteer, please email us at bancroftppoemail@gmail.com.

Teacher appreciation

Teacher appreciation will be held on February 10th to 14th. PPO is asking for monetary donations to help us show our teachers how much they are appreciated by treating them to a lunch and a week filled with treats and prizes. Please let us know what gifts you can send in by contacting us at bancroftppoemail@gmail.com.

After School Activities

Please note that the last day for after school activities session 2 is February 21st. We appreciate your participation and interest in our activities. More news on Session 3 in our next newsletter.

THANK YOU
PPO

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