

# BANCROFT BUZZ

March 2025 Newsletter

**Dear Bancroft Community,**

**Welcome back!** I hope you were able to enjoy a restful March Break, ready to take on the rest of the school year. This past month served as a reminder that the second term of a school year is often the most challenging. Combined with the shorter days and cold weather, I think everyone can agree that this March break was certainly welcome.

Although February is the shortest month of the year, there was a lot going on! We had different cultural activities and excursions, we celebrated black history, 100 days of school, enjoyed a very successful Graduation Dance Fundraiser, highlighted the importance of kindness and our commitment to stand up against bullying and finally capped off the fun with Carnival Week activities. Thank you to our amazing PPO and parent volunteers who went above and beyond to provide our students with these opportunities.

There is also plenty to look forward to in March, including various enrichment opportunities, guest speakers, workshops and the launch of Manie Musicale!- a special school-wide activity to celebrate la francophonie à Bancroft. Remember that Term 3 is the most important time of the school year, worth 60% of the total grade. We spent the last two terms building a strong foundation for learning and now it's time to finish the year on the right foot!

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



Sincerely,


**Gaetano Sifoni**  
Principal / Directeur

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**March 10**  
ELA exam begins (Gr 4)

**March 11**  
Comedy for Kids Wkshop (Gr 6)  
Art Project Peter Gibson (Gr 2)

**March 12**  
Puberty Workshop (Gr 6)

**March 14**  
**Pizza Day**   
Favourite Jersey Day!

**March 17**  
Semaine de la francophonie  
Wear **GREEN** (St. Patrick's Day)

**March 18**  
Caroline Thibeault (Gr 4-6)


**March 19**  
Caroline Thibeault (K4/K5)

**March 20**  
**Pizza Day**  
First day of SPRING!

**March 21**  
PED Day (Daycare Open)

**March 25**  
Governing Board Meeting

**March 26-28**  
Graduation Trip (Gr 6)

**March 28**   
**Pizza Day**  
Activité littéraire (Gr 1-3)





## February Highlights



This month at Bancroft, the school community highlighted the importance of spreading kindness. Our PPO showered our teachers with appreciation throughout **Teacher Appreciation Week** and then during Anti-Bullying Week, our students in Grades 3-6 enjoyed an uplifting presentation by invited guest **Samara O’Gorman** who spoke about “Leading with your Heart”. The next day was **Pink Shirt Day**, where we were able to do our part in raising awareness and strengthen our commitment to create and maintain a safe school environment for all!

In class, our students also spent the month learning about the purpose, importance, and history behind **Black History Month**, as well as learning about the challenges and accomplishments of significant historical figures and contemporary Black Canadians.

Finally, our senior students had the opportunity to participate in a special evening event, complete with dinner and dancing, our Grade 5’s spent a day at Mont-Royal, and the whole school ended the month enjoying a very special carnival week, organized again by our PPO.

*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).*

## Thank you PPO!

Another sincere and heartfelt **THANK YOU** to our amazing parent volunteers for treating our entire school team to a week filled with amazing gestures of appreciation. On behalf of everyone at Bancroft,



## February at Bancroft



## BASE Buzz (Daycare News)

Our PED days in February were once again an amazing success! Unfortunately, we were forced to reschedule the activity planned for February 17 due to the snow day called by the EMSB. To the families who had registered for that Ped day activity, the amount paid was either applied to outstanding balances or will remain as a credit on the account. The activity will be rescheduled to the PED day on May 16.

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, March 21

Friday, May 16



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/>



## Manie Musicale

We are very pleased to announce an interactive school initiative that will kick off throughout the Month of March - Manie Musicale! Similar to March Madness basketball in the United States, participants try to predict which of 16 francophone songs will be the most popular.



Once the tournament starts, voters decide which song will advance to the next round until we have a champion. The best part? Students complement their learning of French and culture, while having fun with others from all over the world.

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## Parent Participation Committee (PPO)

### *Senior Winter Dance*

Our first winter dance was held on February 21st in the school gym and was a great success. We thank all the parent volunteers for helping us make it a special night for all our students. We want to especially thank Mrs. Carla, Mr. Ian, and Ms. Kat for all their help that night with entertainment, organizing dismissal, taking all the wonderful pictures, and joining in on the fun. PPO raised over \$600 for future school events and activities.

### *Winter Carnival*

Our winter carnival this year was held on February 24th-27th. All our students enjoyed 2 inflatable obstacle courses that were installed in our gym and mini gym. They also played games organized by the PPO outside which included relay races, obstacle courses and more. We also had arcade carnival games in our stage area. Mid-week all students and staff were treated to Mr. Puffs cinnamon sugar treats. Thank you to all our PPO parents who came in to help. I would like to recognize the efforts of our PPO parent Evita who helped supervise all our games every day and also organized our Carnival treat this year.

### *Pizza*

This week we start our second session for pizza. If you haven't already registered, please do so by clicking on the link below:

<https://forms.gle/HywVk2AQBvgFyAPh6>

It is too late to register for our first pizza day to be held on March 14th but you can still register for the following weeks. Once registered, please send in your payment in cash or check via your child's agenda. Please ensure to label it with their names, grades and pizza fundraiser. Thank you kindly for your participation.

### *After School Activities*

Our last session for after school activities will start on March 31st and will run until the end of May. Please look out for the flyer that will be sent to you by email early next week. Please mark your calendars that **registration will take place on Thursday March 20th.**

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### *Teacher appreciation*

We would like to thank our Bancroft community for helping to make our teacher appreciation week a success. ❤️

We ordered their lunch buffet from Aldeia Restaurante, Má Poule Mouillée, and Patisserie Baguette Doré. A special thanks to Yannick Riopel for picking up the food and Larisa Baintan and Melanie Dintino for helping to cook the rest of our spread.

We were able to treat them daily with little gifts and sweet messages along with the lunch. Thank you, we couldn't have pulled it off without you. A special thanks goes out to Sweet Isabelle for donating cookies and for the PPO for helping me pass out all the goodies each day.

We want to thank all the parents who donated gifts for our draw. We received gift cards from Mandy's, SAQ, Winners, Bags of coffee from Dispatch Coffee, Teacher Mugs, a juicer, a spa basket, a car spa basket, a manicure certificate, a pedicure certificate, spa certificate, bottles of wine, and a purse. All the teachers had loads of fun and all the gifts were greatly appreciated.

Lastly, thank you to all of our teachers and staff for all you do and all the extras you put in daily that goes unnoticed. Words cannot express how much you are appreciated!! ❤️

**THANK YOU**  
PPO

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