

BANCROFT BUZZ

December 2025 Newsletter

Dear Bancroft Community,

*There are only 14 school days left until Winter Break! As we wind down towards the holidays, I wanted to take a moment to reflect on all that we have to be grateful for as a school community. This month, we will celebrate the spirit of giving, kindness, and togetherness that makes our school such a special place. The holiday season offers us the opportunity to pause, appreciate our loved ones, and recognize the hard work and dedication of our students, staff, and families. I am so grateful to be a part of this community. It's hard to believe it will be a full year in a few weeks. It is really the little school with a **BIG HEART**.*

Term 2 is well underway, and the school year is in full swing. I encourage everyone to reflect on the successes of Term 1, set goals for ourselves for the next term, and begin taking the steps to progress toward those goals. Over the next two weeks, we have plenty to be excited about at school, even though the annual Holiday Concert will not be happening, we will still enjoy our annual Holiday Breakfast, cooking workshops, and a full week of fun spirit wear (see calendar for more info)

On behalf of the entire school team, I wish you all a warm, safe, and joyful Holiday Season

Sincerely,

Gaetano Sifoni
Principal / Directeur



UPCOMING EVENTS

December 2

MILD END FOOD DRIVE BEGINS

Wear something festive

December 3

Cooking Workshop (Gr 2)

December 4

PPO Meeting (6:30 pm)

December 8-12

Cooking Workshops (Gr 1-6)

December 12

Preschool Holiday Concert

December 15

Wear Holiday Accessories

December 16

Wear Holiday Socks

December 17

Holiday Breakfast

Pyjama Day

December 18

Wear something

RED or **GREEN**

December 19

Wear Holiday Sweaters



\$ Sorbet every Wednesday! \$



Kindergarten Sibling Registration (2026-2027)

Parents whose children are currently attending the school will have priority to register siblings in K4 and K5 between **January 12** and **January 30, 2025**. An email will be sent at the beginning of January with a link to book an appointment to register at the main office with the following documents:

- *Child's birth certificate (original)*
- *Birth certificate (or valid passport) of the parent that has English eligibility (original)*
- *Proof of residence (driver's license, Hydro bill, tax bill, etc.)*
- *Child's Vaccination booklet (copy)*
- *Child's Medicare Card (copy)*

The official elementary school registration day for new students who do not have siblings at our school is February 2ND (with the online booking system opening January 26th at 7:00 am). If you have any friends hoping to join our wonderful school community, please spread the word! emsb.qc.ca/reserve

★ **Special shout out to our amazing Bancroft Student Leaders who showed visiting parents exactly why Bancroft is the Little School with the Big Heart during our Open House last week. If anyone missed it, you can let them know to contact the office and I am happy to arrange a tour.**

Colder weather reminder

This is your friendly monthly reminder that our students go outdoors for recess three times every day and with the weather having dropped to a regular subzero, please ensure that your child is dressed accordingly. Winter is here whether we like it or not... A **proper snowsuit, hat, gloves, and waterproof boots** should be worn. Students are also strongly encouraged to keep a change of clothes/socks handy in case of emergency. Everything should be LABELED. Please sure to label everything. We usually donate the winter lost & found items in Spring.

BASE BUZZ (Daycare updates)

Thank you to everyone who helped make our last three PED days an amazing success! Our next PED Day is **Monday, January 19th**.

Stay tuned to your email for more information. Remember, info will ONLY be sent via email.



November at Bancroft



Parent Participation Committee (PPO)

Grade 6 Bazar

Our annual grade 6 holiday Bazar will take place on December 12th. Gently used toys, books, and household items will be sold during school hours to children who would like to shop. All items sold to students will be between \$1.00 - \$5.00.

We will be open late to parents, please come and swing by to see us and support our students. All money raised will go to support the grade 6 graduation activities

Mile End Mission

Starting this day week Bancroft will be collecting nonperishable food items to help the [Mile End Mission](#). Throughout the year and especially during the holidays they provide food baskets to help families in need in our community.

Please send in what you can. Any and all donations are greatly appreciated. Thank you kindly for your generosity.

Holiday Breakfast

PPO with the help of our school will be hosting our annual holiday breakfast for all students and staff on Wednesday December 17th. Bancroft parents will help prepare and serve everyone eggs, toast, sausages, waffles, bagels, juice and fruit. We thank PA, St-Viateur Bagel and Fairmount bagel for their donations. PPO would like to thank Mrs. Carla and Mr. Sifoni for their help in making this event possible.

PPO is looking for volunteers. If you are will to help prep, cook, serve, and or clean up please send us a message at bancroftppoemail@gmail.com

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Félicitations à l'équipe Bancroft pour votre superbe participation au festival de MINI-FUTSAL organisé par RSEQ Montréal le samedi 15 novembre 2025!

Votre détermination et votre esprit d'équipe ont été remarquables!

Bravo à chacun d'entre vous ! Continuez vos entraînements avec la même énergie pour le prochain championnat en janvier. Vous êtes des champions ! 🏆

Merci beaucoup aux parents pour leur habituelle collaboration



Congratulation to the Bancroft team for your outstanding participation in the MUNI-FUTSAL festival organized by RSEQ Montreal on Saturday, November 15, 2025.

Your determination and team spirit were truly remarkable !



Congratulation to each and every one of you! Continue your training with the same energy as you prepare for the upcoming championship in January. You are Champions 🏆

Thanks to the parents for their usual cooperation



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Book Fair

Our fall book fair was a huge success. Thank you to all families that participated in this fundraiser. We were able to raise funds for our teachers' libraries.

Sorbet

On Wednesday during lunch the grade 6 will be selling sorbet/ice cream. All the money raised will go to support their grad trip. Please ensure that your child brings their own utensils to reduce waste.

After School Activities

Our afterschool activities session 1 is coming to an end this week. Please ensure to organize any changes to your child's dismissal by notifying their teacher or the office.

For those students who have Tuesday classes, their last class will be on December 9th due to their missed class on November 11th.

Pizza

The pizza fundraiser is in full swing. If you would like to place an order it is not too late. Please note that slices must be purchased in advance. Same day requests will not be accepted.

To register for pizza please follow the link below and send in your payment via your child's agenda in cash or by cheque made out to Bancroft School.

<https://forms.gle/MEMR4KAoUCHjZ4p6A>

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