

# BANCROFT BUZZ

## November 2025 Newsletter

**Dear Bancroft Community,**

Welcome to November! I can't believe we are already two months into the school year. I guess time flies when we are having fun! And we definitely had fun this month. We came together for our annual Walk-a-Thon and raised over \$6,000! We enjoyed an incredible Halloween Party put together by our amazing PPO, and we celebrated the last day of October in full Halloween Spirit.

Looking ahead, we have a busy month to come. Most notably, the First Term Report Cards are published (November 17) and are followed by Parent-Teacher Interviews on November 20 (which includes the Scholastic Book Fair and Grade 6 Bake Sale Fundraisers. More info can be found below in the newsletter.

In November, we also begin our first session of After School Activities. We have a few field trips planned, Remembrance Day activities, a series of Transition to High School workshops planned for Grade 6, and a school-wide play put by Geordi Theatre in our school gym.

In class, our students continue to engage with the curriculum in exciting and meaningful ways. Finally, I am looking forward to bragging more about our amazing school community during our Open House in a couple of weeks. Help me spread the word! Wishing you a happy, healthy, and exciting November ahead



*Sincerely,*

**Gaetano Sifoni**  
Principal / Directeur

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

**November 3**

Dental Screening (Gr 2)  
Geordi Theatre Play

**November 4**

Transition to HS (Gr 6)

**November 7**

**PED Day (DAYCARE CLOSED)**

**November 10**

Maison Théâtre (Gr 3-4-5)

**November 11**

Remembrance Day  
Governing Board Meeting



**November 17**

BOOK FAIR BEGINS (all week)  
Term 1 Report Card Available

**November 20**

Parent-Teacher Interviews  
**PED Day (daycare open)**

**November 21**

**PED Day (NO SCHOOL)**  
Registration ONLINE ONLY

**November 26**

Governing Board Meeting

**November 27**

**OPEN HOUSE**

\$ Sorbet every Wednesday! \$



## Report Card & Parent-Teacher Interviews

With the month of November comes the end of TERM 1 on November 10. The following week, **on November 17<sup>th</sup>, the Term 1 report card will be published on the [MOZAIK PARENT-PORTAL](#).**

As a reminder, The first term is worth 20% of the school year (Term 2 is 20% and Term 3 is worth 60%). You can consult the [Evaluation Standards & Procedures documents](#) for your child's grade to confirm which competencies and subjects will be reported on during Term 1. 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 areas of improvement and embrace new challenges.

**Parent-Teacher Interviews will take place during the PED day on November 20<sup>th</sup> (between 9:00 am and 8:00 pm).** For the Term 1 interviews, all parents are invited to meet their child's teacher(s) at a pre-scheduled appointment. This year, we will organize the scheduling of appointments using Microsoft Bookings. All the pertinent information you need will be sent home in a separate email in the coming weeks.

## Individual Education Plans (IEPs)

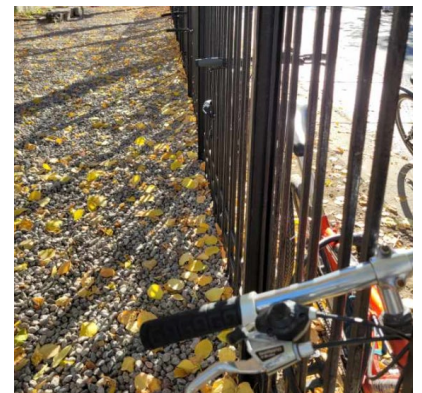
If your child has an IEP - The revised document will be sent home on November 17<sup>th</sup> to be signed and returned to the school. There will be two (2) copies – one for you to keep and the other to return to your child's teacher. During the Parent-Teacher Interviews, you will have the opportunity to offer and receive feedback about the current plan as we begin Term 2.

## Parking Lot Safety & Bicycle Parking

We kindly ask for your cooperation in helping us maintain a safe environment in the yard and during school dismissal. Please be mindful to **TURN the handlebars** so they do not cause a hazard to our playing students (see photo)

As well, **Please do not wait for your child(ren) or circulate in the staff parking area when picking up your child.** Let's use our collective common sense to ensure a smooth and safe dismissal.

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## Colder weather reminder

This is your friendly monthly reminder that our students go outdoors for recess three times every day (and sometimes more depending on the class activity) and with the weather quickly becoming cooler, please ensure that your child is dressed accordingly. I hate to acknowledge it but we will likely see our first snowfall this month so a **proper snowsuit, hat, gloves, and waterproof boots** should be worn once that happens. Students are also strongly encouraged to keep a change of clothes/socks handy in case of emergency. Everything should be LABELED. Having more layers inevitably means more lost items so please sure to label everything. We usually donate the winter lost & found items in Spring.

## 2025-2026 Governing Board

**Bancroft's Governing Board Meetings are scheduled for the following dates:**

- November 26
- January 21
- February 18
- April 8
- May 6
- June 3

As a reminder, members of the public are welcome to attend and have an opportunity to address the Governing Board during the question period. In this case, parents are encouraged to send their questions in writing in advance of each meeting to [bancroft@emsb.qc.ca](mailto:bancroft@emsb.qc.ca). The approved minutes from the previous meeting, as well as each upcoming Agenda (which includes the link to join our virtual meetings) will be posted to the website at least 48 hours prior to each meeting. **[YOU CAN KEEP TRACK OF ALL INFORMATION PERTAINING TO GB HERE](#)**

## Open House (November 27)

Our Open House is scheduled to take place on **Thursday, November 27<sup>th</sup> from 1:00-3:00 pm**. If you have any friends or neighbours who are hoping to join the Bancroft community, please spread the word and encourage them to follow us on Facebook or visit our school website to keep up to date with all information involving our Open House and Registration in February. Sibling registration will take place at the end of January



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## BASE BUZZ (Daycare updates)

Our October PED day was an amazing success! Please be reminded that from now on, **NO LETTER WILL GO HOME** for PED Day activities – the information is sent by email and registration will be done **ONLINE ONLY**. As usual, priority is given to students who regularly use daycare services. Spaces are limited.



**Upcoming PED Days**  
Thursday, November 20  
Friday, November 21

**November 7**  
**NO DAYCARE**  
**AVAILABLE**

For more information pertaining to our BASE Daycare, please contact The main office by email [bancroft@emsb.qc.ca](mailto:bancroft@emsb.qc.ca) while Ms Vanessa is away or visit our website: <https://bancroft.emsb.qc.ca/base-daycare-program/>

## Photo Retakes (Green Apple)

Photo retakes (individual) will be available at school on Thursday, November 13 or at one of the Green Apple Locations on November 22nd or 23rd. Limited spots available online. Click below to reserve your spot at their studio:

<https://calendly.com/studio-pommeverte/reprise-photo-scolaire-montreal-est-1?month=2025-11>

## Cyber Security for Kids

Our IT Security team at the EMSB has been working diligently to protect our school network and, by extension, your children's personal online profile. They have shared with schools the resources below as part of that effort to educate children and parents about online phishing scams. We encourage you to visit all these approved resources and review internet security with your child.

Security Awareness Resources for Parents:

1. [Keep the kids in your life cyber safe: a checklist - Get Cyber Safe](#)
2. [Real examples of fake emails - Get Cyber Safe](#)
3. [The 7 red flags of phishing - Get Cyber Safe](#)
4. [Cyber Security Ontario: K-12 Zone | Cyber Security Ontario](#)
5. (<https://cybersecurityontario.gov.on.ca/repo/K-12/Game/Spot-the-Scam/story.html>)

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## Parent Participation Committee (PPO)

### *Walkathon*

All Bancroft students participated in our annual walkathon on October 17th. Older grades walked up Mont-Royal mountain and the younger grades walked around Jeanne Mance Park. The walk raised money for school activities and new school initiatives as well as donations to Sun Youth and the Terry Fox foundation. We are please to announce that we raised over six thousand dollars with your help. We thank you kindly for your participation.

### *Halloween Party!*

Our annual Halloween Party was held on October 24th and it was a night to remember. We want to thank all of you who came and dressed up for this event. We also want to thank all of our parents and staff volunteers who helped make this event a success. With your help we were able to raise \$2500 for school activities such as the Winter Carnival, treats, and field trips.

### *Sorbet*

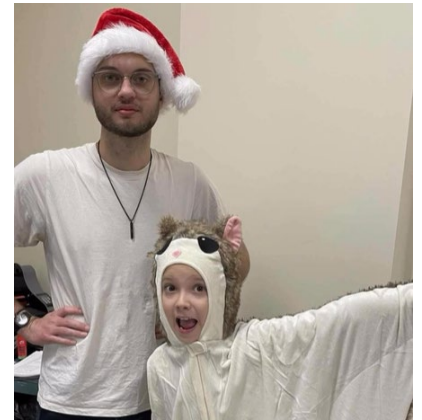
The grade 6 Frozen Treat Wednesday Fundraiser will continue again this month. The cost is \$2 and it should be sent in only on Wednesday. The flavors are Orange Sorbet, Vanilla, and Double Chocolate ice cream. We ask that you send in reusable spoons to avoid waste. All profits will be going to support the grade 6 graduation. Thank you kindly for your participation.

### *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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## *Book Fair*

Our Fall Scholastic book fair will take place on the week of November 17th. We offer French and English books for all ages. Book prices range from \$5.50 to \$30.00. If you would like to volunteer, please email us at [bancroftppoemail@gmail.com](mailto:bancroftppoemail@gmail.com).

## After School Activities

Our after school activities program starts on Monday, November 3rd. Please ensure that your children are properly dressed for their activities and that they have a water bottle with them. All teachers will have a list for each day of the week with the names of students that have activities so they can remind their students.

If you have a change in dismissal, please inform us by writing in their agenda or calling the office. Reminder that pick up after the activities are in the north yard. If you advised us on the form that they will be at Daycare, you must pick them up in the front entrance. If you have any questions, please email us at [bancroftppoemail@gmail.com](mailto:bancroftppoemail@gmail.com)

## Bancroft Clothing Sale

Coming soon! PPO is organizing a sale of Bancroft gear. Each student will receive a T-shirt that was already paid for in their school fees. All parents will have to select a size for their child's paid t-shirt and then they can order extra merchandise as well if they wish to do so and pay it separately. Child and adult sizes will be available.

Please look out for the memo from Mr. Sifoni explaining all of the choices and their prices. Please be sure to send in your school fees if they are not yet paid. Thanks

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