



# SEPTEMBER



**The 2018-2019 school year is off to a great start!  
The staff will continue to work hard to ensure that every student can achieve academic, social and emotional success. We thank you for your involvement and support and we look forward to working with you to create a rewarding school experience for your children.**

## Arrival:

School begins at 7:55 a.m. Kindergarten students line up in the K-yard for entry. Grades 1 to 6 line up in the big yard, by class. Students arriving by regular bus get dropped off and go directly into the school yard via the Desautels street entrance. Students arriving by mini-bus are dropped off at the front entrance. Students who are dropped off by parents or guardians, must enter through one of the yard entrances.

## Dismissal:

Students taking the school bus will be dismissed via the Desautels entrance where they will board their school bus. Students who are picked up or walk home, will be dismissed through the exit on Arcand Street.

## School Agenda:

Each student has received a school agenda. Please review the section regarding policies, guidelines and school rules. We ask that parents check the agenda every day to verify homework and teacher-parent communications.

## School Uniform:

The EMS dress code consists of a plain white top and navy blue bottom. Students should wear comfortable, proper-fitting shoes that are appropriate for running. For physical education class, students must wear running shoes, navy shorts, and a plain white t-shirt or the blue gym t-shirt with school logo.

## School T-shirts:

All children will be receiving an EMS t-shirt. If you have not returned your t-shirt slip, your child will receive a phys. ed. t-shirt in an available size.

**Please remember to label all clothing to ensure that any lost items can be recovered.**

## School & Workbook Fees:

Thank you to families who were able to bring in their fees during the first week of school. Families who have yet to pay are asked to send in their payments to the homeroom teacher this week.

## Lunch Program Fees:

Lunch program fees are due at the end of the month for students who eat lunch at school and are not part of the daycare program. You have the option to pay in full, or in installments. These fees cover the cost of lunch supervision.



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## Fire Drills and lockdowns:

Our first fire drill will be held sometime this week and throughout the year, students will continue to review safety procedures and take part in more live simulations. Ask your child what the emergency procedures are at school for fires and lockdowns. If your child experiences fear regarding lockdowns, please remind them that both fire and lockdown drills prepare us to stay safe during emergencies. Lockdowns are especially useful if a child is missing or emergency workers need to come in to help someone who isn't feeling well. We also take the opportunity to teach children never to open the exterior doors at school, even for someone they know. This is also a great chance to practice your own emergency drills at home.

## Administering Medication:

Should your child be required to take medication, the school must receive the original prescription attached to the bottle. You will be asked to complete an authorization form which permits the school personnel to administer the prescribed medication to your child as per the doctor's directives. All medication must be in a sealed bag and clearly labelled with your child's name and homeroom. School staff cannot administer any medication that does not have a prescription. Ex. Over the counter cough syrup, ear or eye drops, etc.

## PPO- Parent Volunteers:

Edward Murphy School has the best PPO in the EMSB! If you are interested in helping the school organize events and fundraise for different projects, please let us know. You can participate regularly or occasionally. If you have any services that can benefit the school and are willing to give your time, services and/or expertise, please contact the school. Being a part of your child's school is a great way to bond with other parents and with your own children! Please submit your name by emailing our PPO at [emsppo@hotmail.com](mailto:emsppo@hotmail.com). Our first PPO meeting will be on Tuesday, September 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.

## EMS Facebook Page:

We try to keep our Facebook page up-to-date with what's going on in our school. This includes pictures of activities taking place in and out of the classroom and it also includes important information about our school such as school closures, special events, etc. If you are also on Facebook, please "like" our page (École Edward Murphy School)!

## **Important Notice:**

All future communications will be sent out only by email. We ask all parents & guardians to submit their email address in order to stay connected.



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## EMS Birthdays


Wishing a very happy birthday to all August and September babies!  
 (We try our very best to make sure no birthday is overlooked. If there is an oversight,  
 please let us know and we will be sure to include it in the next newsletter).

Obryan, Bouchard  
 Rhita Bouslim  
 Sophia Rose Coelho  
 Nicola Corbo  
 Thomas Duarte-Gentile  
 Sara Grenier Lambert  
 Dongyoung Kim  
 Parker Lew  
 Cylia Marks  
 Matteo Mayassi



Imelda McKeon  
 Amy Medley  
 Alvaro Elias Perez Hernandez  
 Quintyn Petersen  
 Chaz Primeau  
 Luca Proietti  
 Trina Sarker  
 William Syring  
 Domenic Turturro  
 Micahel Van Ryswyk-Vezoniarakis  
 Matthew Ward

## September 2018

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3 Labor Day No School No Daycare	4	5	6	7
10	11	12	13 Curriculum Night 6:30 pm-8:30 am (GYM)	14 PED DAY No School Daycare available
17	18	19	20 WELCOME	21
24 	25 Student Picture day PPO Meeting	26 Terry Fox walk	27	28 Student attestation day House Assembly