

THE SCHOOL SCOOP

MARCH 2025

Dear Parents/Guardians,

I hope you all had a wonderful and restful spring break with your loved ones.

As we reflect on February, one standout event was a captivating presentation on **February 4th, 2025**, organized by our Personal Development and Community Animator, Mrs. Mary Poullas, for our Grade 5 & 6 students.

We had the pleasure of welcoming Flavie Dupont, an Atikamekw speaker, who shared insights about the Indigenous nations of Quebec, her territory, and the animals and plants of the Boreal Forest. The students also had the opportunity to learn Atikamekw greetings and participate in traditional dances, which they truly enjoyed.

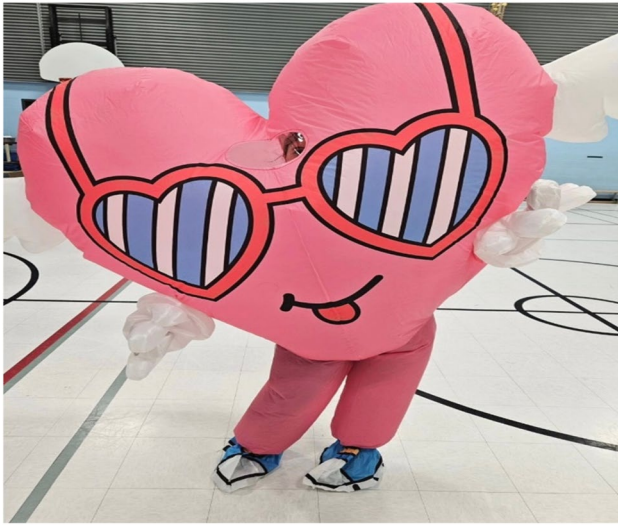
This experience not only sparked creativity and imagination but also instilled in our students a deeper appreciation for the natural world around them. We believe that such opportunities are invaluable in nurturing empathy, understanding, and respect for both Indigenous cultures and our environment.



On Friday, **February 14th, 2025**, we celebrated Valentine's Day with so much joy and excitement!

I would like to take a moment to thank our incredible **Home & School Association** for making the day extra special for our students. The delicious Valentine's cupcakes and the fun inflatable heart mascot brought smiles and laughter to the children, making the celebration truly memorable.

Seeing their happiness was a beautiful reminder of the power of community and kindness. Your dedication and generosity continue to make a positive impact on our school, and we are truly grateful for all that you do. Thank you once again for spreading so much love and happiness!



♥ happy ♥
valentine's day

We are excited to share that our school recently hosted an inspiring event as part of our Black History Month celebrations. Thanks to our wonderful Personal Development and Community Animator, Mrs. Mary Poullas, who invited Mrs. Jane Nyoike, we had the privilege of experiencing a truly engaging presentation.

On **Friday, February 21st, 2025**, Mrs. Nyoike delivered a vibrant and interactive session that captivated both our students and staff. Her presentation highlighted the significance of Black History Month and offered valuable insights into Black communities' rich cultural heritage and historical contributions.

We are grateful for the opportunity to learn from her experience and wisdom. Our goal is to continue fostering an inclusive environment where every student's background is celebrated and where learning about our shared history remains a priority.



• Celebrating •
BLACK HISTORY MONTH



On Tuesday, February 25th, 2025, we had the honor of welcoming Steven Atme, a Montreal-based autism advocate, musician, and creative arts teacher, to speak to our students as part of our Pink Day initiative. Steven's talk focused on the power of perseverance, even when facing significant challenges.

Diagnosed with autism at a young age, Steven discovered the transformative power of music when he was gifted an electric piano at the age of 11. This early passion not only helped him overcome a challenging childhood but also paved the way for his evolution into an inspirational public speaker, musician, and artist.

His journey—from overcoming early obstacles to achieving success—serves as a powerful reminder that our challenges can become the stepping stones to our greatest accomplishments. Steven's message encourages us all to recognize and nurture the unique talents within every individual, inspiring both children and adults to pursue their dreams with determination and creativity.



At Honoré Mercier School, our dedicated staff plays a pivotal role in shaping the educational journeys of our students. Every day, they bring a remarkable blend of expertise, creativity, and commitment, transforming our classrooms into nurturing spaces where every child can thrive. We are truly fortunate to have such an outstanding team.

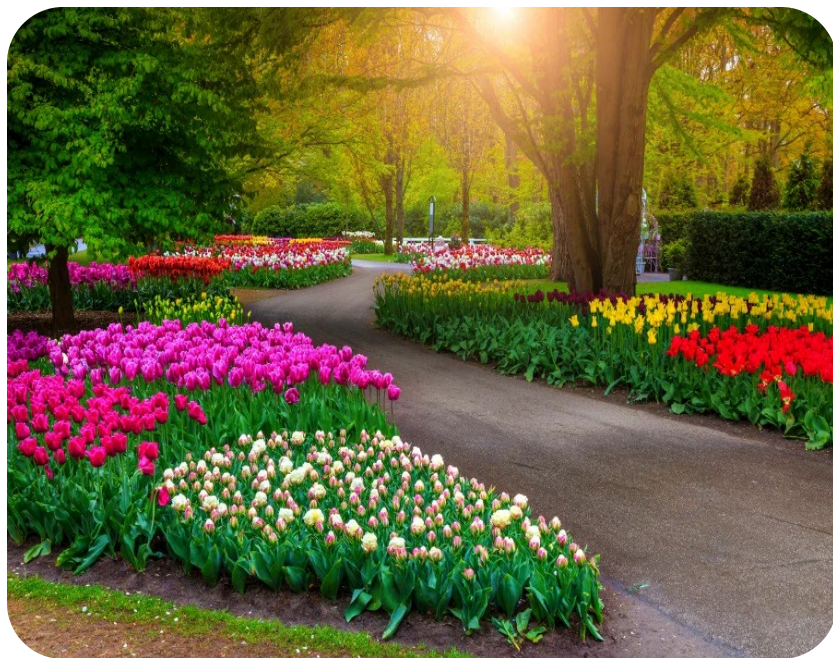
Teamwork and collaboration are at the heart of our mission. Each staff member contributes a unique set of skills and perspectives, enriching the learning experience and ensuring that our educational environment remains vibrant and inclusive.

We also wish to express our profound gratitude to the *Home and School Association* for orchestrating Staff Appreciation Week, as well as to *all parents for your generous contributions* and heartfelt gestures. Your support reinforces the strong sense of community that is the foundation of our school.

Thank you for your generosity, kindness, and unwavering commitment. Together, we will continue to cultivate a culture of appreciation and positivity within our school community.

Respectfully,

Mrs. Canale



MONDAY MARCH 3rd-MARCH 7th, 2025

Spring Break (No School)

Monday March 10th, 2025

Governing Board Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Friday March 14th, 2025

Schoolwide Dress down Day 2\$

Monday March 17th, 2025

St. Patrick's Day- Wear a Green Top

Thursday March 20th, 2025

Grade 6 Grad Meeting at 6:00 p.m.

Home and School Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Friday March 21st, 2025

Pedagogical Day

Monday March 31st, 2025

H.M. Storytelling Festival

