



Dear Parents

I hope this finds all of you well.

As we get ready to close the 2021-2022 school year, it is my pleasure to provide you with updates on some important accomplishments since our BSO pre-inspection last October, as well as the BSO inspection status and our plans to continue to elevate the educational quality we provide at EMC.

This year has had its set of challenges, yet challenge brings introspection, learning, and progress. In conjunction with the accreditation requirements, we are proud to have made quite a few advancements since the beginning of this school year, which can be summarized as follows:

- EMC staff has trained in Child Protection, Preventing Bullying, Promoting SEND Inclusion, First Aid, Fire Safety, Evacuation, and many more. Some of these trainings were onsite, others are ongoing with unlimited access through an internationally accredited online certifications platform.*
- EMC received an external audit for fire safety and has implemented measures to meet all international standards. Fire evacuation drills were held across all campuses.*
- EMC has established a series of clearly outlined policies to ensure that all stakeholders understand the measures in place to safeguard EMC students and staff. EMC continues to engage staff members at all levels and all job descriptions in all three languages about the policies to ensure that they are clearly understood.*
- EMC administration has engaged in observation and collaboration with the guides to implement strategies for ongoing assessment at all levels.*

- EMC has increased English language immersion at all levels.*
- EMC has developed a Curriculum Support Plan to clearly outline the steps that will be taken for children that need academic support.*

During the last week of May, the BSO inspectors have inspected EMC to ensure that the school has in place all measures required to offer the highest quality education to our students within a safe school environment. The inspectors have rigorously gone through our updated EMC Policies, as well as the following:

- Hiring process involving qualification and aptitude of the staff*
- Academic Standards with work scrutiny of the students*
- Social and Emotional Development of the students*
- Safety and security within school grounds*
- Safeguarding measures and implementations*
- Records of accidents / incidents / meetings / complaints / maintenance*
- Interviews of Elementary and HoY students*
- Interviews of EMC Staff*
- Parent / Staff / Pupil Feedback from Questionnaires*

Both BSO Inspectors were extremely impressed by our program, our staff, and most importantly, our students. The Lead Inspector mentioned that in his many years of school inspections across the world he has never encountered such a dedicated and professional team. He did not hesitate to qualify our school as exceptional, innovative, and one of a kind. He was so inspired by the Montessori methodology that he admitted wishing that he himself was a Montessori guide as opposed to a traditional teacher. After long discussions with our HoY students and staff, as well as observing the dynamics within the community, the Lead Inspector stepped out with one word he kept repeating again and again: "Fascinating!"

EMC will be receiving an answer from the ISI inspectorate about whether our school meets BSO standards in approximately 4 weeks.



EMC 2022-23

We are looking forward to new developments in our school's story, and have high ambitions for the upcoming decade.

I would like to thank all of our staff, parents, and students who have taken the time to answer the inspection questionnaires. The inspectors and ourselves were extremely pleased with the results, for which EMC got an average of 94% of satisfaction.

We have taken particular care in looking at areas of improvement, which I would like to highlight for you, along with actions we will be taking next school year:

The school provides a good choice of extra-curricular activities

- EMC will continue its Going-out momentum resumed this year, as well as increase its sports outings.

I am pleased with my child's progress in English

- We have increased the level of English immersion across all levels. We are in the process of revising the structure of our program as to further enhance English language immersion.

I receive helpful information about my child's performance and progress

- We have carried out more formal assessments of children's academic progress. The annual primary progress reports have been restructured and annual progress reports across all other levels are in the process of being restructured.

- Clear and detailed feedback will be shared with parents about the academic progress of their child to allow parents to better understand their child's academic strengths and challenges.

EMC will have to let go of some of our dear staff members who have completed the 3-year cycle in the environments. We thank them profoundly for their hard work and cherished support, particularly during the past years' unprecedented challenges. We wholeheartedly wish them the best in their new endeavors.

- Ms. Semina, Mr. Arun, Mr. Rens, and Ms. Fairouz will be leaving Morocco in search of new adventures.

- Ms. Valerie will be stepping out of Petunia and is considering remaining in Morocco. She may support EMC programs in various capacities.

- Ms. Tanka will be stepping out of Rose, yet into our administrative team for specific missions.

EMC has carefully selected ambitious, passionate, and competent guides to join our community in the upcoming school year. We are looking forward to having them onboard and introducing them to our students and parents.

I take this opportunity to thank all of you for your continued partnership in the educational development of your children. We shall continue facing any challenges together with unity and solidarity. This summer we will keep you updated on any information we receive from the inspection, and hope we will all celebrate our successful accreditation.

In the meantime, we will be celebrating the EMC community in the afternoon of Saturday June 25th, at the House of Youth. I truly hope everyone can make it for some family fun, and look forward to seeing you all there. More info will be shared very soon.

*Kind regards,
Aicha
Head of School*

Evacuation Drills

A series of evacuation drills have been held across the campuses during the month of May. These have been prepared by safety professionals, who have trained our staff towards best-practices and ensured all measures were taken to support a seamless evacuation of all in case of emergency. The students were extremely cooperative, calm, and enjoyed the exciting experience.





As everyone was waiting outside and the staff was counting the students to make sure everyone was out, one child in Mimosa became worried about leaving behind “Lucky Sun”, Mimosa Sun’s dearly loved turtle. He insisted that we added her to the attendance list so she can be accounted for in case of emergency. We all very much agreed with the student, and took note of his very thoughtful suggestion.



Reading in the Primary Environments

Numerous parents have been stepping into our primary environments to read a story and share a delightful moment with our young communities. The children are always looking forward to the engaging stories, and are full of energy and questions throughout the sessions. Thank you to all the parent volunteers for your precious time and attention, it is such a joy for everyone!



Class Pictures

We will be taking class pictures on Tuesday, June 21st. Please take note of this date, we hope all children will be present!

EMC CommuniTeams Event

Join us for a day filled with fun, games, and togetherness in celebration of the EMC community! We will get into teams for some friendly competition and excitement, and pause for enjoyment before the summer vacation. More info soon!

Calendar 2022-23

Next year’s school calendar can be found here, as well as on the EMC web site.



Special Guests @ HoY

On the week of June 13th, the HoY community is greeting four students from a French Montessori Adolescent Program called Terre d’Envol. The guests will be immersed in the HoY life at school, attending their lessons and working alongside them in the kitchen and the garden. The HoY students will be spending the evenings and nights with them at the HoY campus. They have organized a series of activities and outings the entire week to take good care of their guests. This marks an exciting beginning to numerous student exchanges that will be organized across Montessori programs in various parts of the world!



Mark your Calendars !

CLASS PICTURES
June 21st 2022

EMC CommuniTeams Event
Saturday June 25th 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm
House of Youth (Bouskoura)
All Children, Parents, Staff

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL
1st July - Half Day Dismissal

SUMMER CAMPS
July 4th - 8th
July 12th - 15th





CommuniTeams

Our end-of-year community event, CommuniTeams, will be held on Saturday, June 25 2022, from 1 pm - 4 pm, at the House of Youth.

Here is some information about the event to get you all prepared to engage in an afternoon filled with games, food, and community fun.

Teams

To spice up the event we will all get into community teams for some very friendly competition. The entire community (families and staff) will be organized into two teams representing the colours of EMC, a Red Team and a Blue Team. Teams are established randomly, and each family is on the same team.

The teams will be communicated shortly.

Games

Games will be organized for the students at all levels, as well as parents/staff. Everyone should sign up in advance for exciting activities at different levels to play for their team.

Elementary and HoY students will sign up in class. Parents may sign up for themselves and/or their toddler/primary child/ren to participate in any game of their choice. We will do our best to accommodate each one's interests yet cannot guarantee the children will participate in each game of their choice - as time for each game will be limited. We will make sure each child can participate in at least one game.

A sign-up sheet will be sent by email.

Dress Code

To enhance the community spirit, we ask that you and your children wear your team colour for the afternoon.

Potluck

Everyone is requested to bring food to share as to exchange cultures and/or family specialties in a school-wide community potluck.

We hope you are all able to join us ready for a fun-filled afternoon under the summer sun!



CommuniTeams

JUNE 25TH 2022

1:00 pm - 5:00 pm @ HOY



A day filled with fun and games under the sun!