CPE McGill Mission Statement:

At CPE McGill, we are dedicated to the development of the whole child in a nurturing child-centered environment. Through the expertise of childcare professionals in partnership with parents and the larger community, a multitude of rich learning opportunities is provided to help each child to reach his or her fullest potential.

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

CPE McGill provides an educational setting with a rich history and a firmly established set of multicultural values within the Canadian culture. Throughout the years and changing times, the roots of a home away from home have been nurtured and strengthened.

1) **The child**: The child is the heart of the centre. The “whole child” refers to the development of the social – emotional, cognitive, language, physical (health, nutrition and motor skills) and creative domains.

2) **The CPE McGill Team**: The CPE McGill team relies on and encourages the valuable contribution of parents, volunteers and students.
   i. CPE McGill Team: Our team consists of devoted, qualified and caring professionals with many years of experience. The team focuses on continued professional growth & development.
   ii. Parents: We support families in balancing their work and family obligations. There is a vital connection between home and centre to ensure the healthy growth, development and education of the children.
   iii. Students: Primarily from Vanier College ECE department, Concordia University Child Studies and Elementary Education programs. Also, a variety of McGill students: Education, Psychology, Nursing, Music among others.
   iv. Volunteers: We are fortunate to have a rich base of volunteers from the McGill student population and from the surrounding community through the Montreal Volunteer Bureau. Parents are among the most important volunteers in our community, whether it be through their contribution of time on committees, in classrooms, on fieldtrips or at social events.

3) **Field of ECED (Early Childhood Education and Development)**: CPE McGill acts as a training center that promotes and maintains childcare services by mentoring students in the field. By doing so and through its involvement in professional associations, it is ensuring continuity and a high level of quality in the field of ECED.

4) **McGill University**: CPE McGill is an affiliate service for McGill’s community. We participate in relevant and pertinent research that is mutually beneficial. We welcome students for stage placement and volunteer experience.

5) **Community at large**: CPE McGill is fortunate to be in a central, urban location with an abundance of green spaces to enjoy. It allows us to have access to multicultural resources which provide the opportunity to expose the children to the community and services around them.