

École Christine Morrison Elementary Newsletter



April 27, 2017

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Ey Swayel, bonjour, hello École Christine Morrison Families,

Spring has sprung, and the weather has also become warmer! This is a great time for students to get outside to explore and play. Students will go outside for recess and lunch as often as possible, even during light rain. It is important for students to come dressed for the weather.

April has been a busy month here at Christine Morrison Elementary with lots of activities, trips, and events. Families have continued to demonstrate their generosity with donations to Jump Rope for Heart and the Me to We bake sale. Also, many parents have continued to be supportive volunteers, whether it is in the classroom, on field trips, with special events or with the concession on a daily basis. All of the help, support and kindness of the families of Christine Morrison make our school community a better place for all. Kwas'hooy, merci, thank you!

Ghislain Michaud
Principal

Upcoming Dates

- Thursday April 27th – Jersey and Jeans Day
- Tuesday May 2nd – Kiwanis Fraser Valley International Music Festival for the choir
- Thursday May 4th – District Track Meet for Grade 5/6
- Friday May 5th – District Track Meet for Grade 4
- May 8th – 18th – West Coast Wheels
- Thursday May 11th – PAC Meeting
- Friday May 19th – Pro-D Day (No school for students)
- Monday May 22nd – Victoria Day (No school)
- Thursday May 25th – Throw Back Thursday
- Friday May 26th – School Run
- Friday May 26th – Spring Show
- Tuesday May 30th – Kindergarten Orientation (time will be confirmed on website)
- Wednesday May 31st – Aboriginal Family of Schools Dinner @ HPMS
- Friday June 2nd – Movie Night
- Thursday June 15th – Intermediate Sports Day
- Friday June 16th – Primary Sports Day

PAC

The next PAC meeting will be Thursday, May 11th at 7:00 pm in the conference room. All parents are welcome to attend.

Spring Music Show

Students will have the opportunity to present a song they have been learning in music during a Spring Music Show on Friday May 26th. Songs performed are Canadian songs in French and English, with some Aboriginal content, to celebrate Canada's 150th birthday. Parents are welcome to attend this performance in the gym. Divisions 1-7 (English classes) will perform from 10:30am to 11:30am; Divisions 8-18 (French Immersion classes) will perform from 12:45 to 2:00pm. Donations will be collected for the food bank.

Dogs on School Property

As we are now into spring, it is a good time to remind everyone that School District policy prohibits dogs from being on school grounds. This policy is in place for the safety of all students, staff and families at our school. Thank you for your cooperation in this regard.



Track and Field

Intermediate students in Grade 4-6 are working hard training for track and field. All the information for track and field can be found on the school website, including practice times, event time and standards. School finals will be held on Monday May 1st at 1pm. Good luck to those athletes participating in the District Track Meet on either May 4th or 5th.



Archery

Our Aboriginal Department was able to host an archery workshop for our First Nation students in grade 5 and 6. This opportunity was made available through a grant from the Indigenous Sport Education program.

Xwó:mxelem Run

On Friday May 26th, students will celebrate the end of the Xwó:mxelem Running Club with a school wide run. This is a chance for all participants to show off the progress and achievement they have made with their physical strength and endurance over the course of several weeks. Parents are welcome to run alongside the students to promote health and wellbeing, or to cheer on the students from the field as they run by.

Bake Sale

Me to We students held a bake sale to raise funds to buy goats for small villages in Africa. They raised just under \$500. Thank you to all the students, parents and staff who donated baked goods for this event and to those who purchased items. Me to We students also raised \$200 for recycling bottles, cans and juice boxes. The support from the Christine Morrison community was outstanding!



Jump Rope for Heart

Students worked hard and had a lot of fun participating in Jump Rope for Heart. École Christine Morrison has a reputation of generous donations for this cause and this year was no exception. Students raised \$5122.25



Class Placements

Class building for the next school year (2017-2018) has already begun. If you have any information or requests, for educational reasons, you would like to share with school please do so by Tuesday May 30th, 2017. Any requests must be received in a hard copy of a letter (no emails). Requests will be taken into consideration; however they are not guaranteed. There are many things to consider when building classes including staffing, size, genders, composition and learning styles. The staff at Christine Morrison work hard to ensure students classes are created in the best interests of the students.

Red Cross Babysitting Course

Ecole Christine Morrison, September 22, 2017, 8:30-3:30

Grade 6+

\$60 + GST online registration

<http://www.firstaidhero.com/babysitting-vancouver.html>

Registration opening late summer.



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School: ECOLE CHRISTINE MORRISON | Sessions: MONDAY, 2:35 – 3:35 P.M. (GRADES 2 – 6)
Dates: MAY 8 – JUNE 5, 2017 (NO SESSION: MAY 22 – VICTORIA DAY)

Space is limited so register early - \$65 (includes tax) for 4 weeks

*** WATCH FOR OUR EMAIL ONCE YOU REGISTER *** DEADLINE: TUESDAY, MAY 2, 2017 ***

MACHINES

Engineering is creative! Learn how gears, lever and pulleys are useful tools, for mechanical engineers then combine them with art and design to create and test a motorized drawing machine.

AEROSPACE

Launch your imagination to new heights as you explore aerospace engineering! Discover the secrets of working in space - efficiency and compact design. Create a trussed space station module, then connect it with others to create a massive modular spacecraft.

TOWERS

Reach for the sky! Find out how structural engineers use ideas from physics to solve problems. Work together to build a structurally sound tower with a working elevator, then test and improve your design for strength and stability.

CARNIVALS

Feel the thrill as you build a spinning swing ride! Learn about the forces and mechanical engineering concepts behind some of your favorite, amusement park rides. Then improve and test the design to create an even wilder ride.

BRIDGES

How can you build the strongest bridge? Work together with your fellow civil engineers to build and test different bridge designs. Then use what you've learned to create the strongest bridge possible.

CREATURES

Discover nature's engineering secrets as we investigate biomimicry! We can learn a lot about efficient design from observing plants and animals. Build a walking insect machine then test different ways to help it climb up the steepest branch.

BOATS

Create a sea-worthy vessel as you set sail with nautical engineering! Build and test a boat powered by potential and kinetic energy. Then try changing specific variables to improve speed, buoyancy, and stability.

VEHICLES

Get in gear as an automotive engineer! Build a motorized vehicle and learn how to optimize it. Use wheels, axles and gears to reduce friction and make it work better. Then shift things into a higher gear to get a hands-on understanding of transmissions and gear ratios.

*** PLEASE NOTE – ONLY FOUR OF THE ABOVE TOPICS WILL BE TAUGHT ***

MAD SCIENCE ASSEMBLY: FRIDAY, APRIL 28, 2017 @ 9:00A.M. IN THE SCHOOL GYMNASIUM

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