

École Christine Morrison Elementary Newsletter



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Ey Swayel École Christine Morrison Families,

January has been a busy month here at École Christine Morrison. Students have been settling back into routine after the holidays and have been working hard in their classrooms. In addition to the class work, students have also had the opportunity to participate in Neon Day and Aboriginal Cultural Day. Some students also had the opportunity to participate in winter sports activities such as: skating, snowshoeing and skiing. It was great to see everyone enjoying the winter weather.

There was also an administration change in January, while Mme. Day is on a medical leave. M. Michaud will be the acting Principal and Mme. Shannon Greig will be the acting Vice-Principal. We really appreciate everyone's patience and cooperation during this time of transition.



Ghislain Michaud
Principal

Shannon Greig
Vice-Principal

Upcoming Dates

- Tues. Feb. 7 – Art Start: Take a Closer Look (8:45am in the Gym)
- Thur. Feb. 9 – Volleyball Play day
- Thur. Feb. 9 – PAC meeting 7:00 pm
- Mon. Feb. 13 – Family Day – no school
- Thur. Feb. 16 – Volleyball Play day
- Fri. Feb. 17 – Pro-D Day – no school for students
- Mon. Feb. 20 – Volleyball Playoff
- Wed. Feb. 22 – Pink Shirt Day
- Thurs. Feb. 23 – Volleyball Playoffs
- Fri. Feb. 24 – Assessment & Evaluation – Students dismissed at 11:00
- Mon. Feb. 27 – March 3 – Excel Martial Arts at lunch (more information to follow from the PAC)
- Thurs. March 2 – Volleyball Tournament
- Mon. March 6 – Report Cards go home
- Fri. March 10 – Spring Break Begins
- Tue. March 27 – School reopens

Aboriginal Cultural Day

All students in the school experienced three different workshops to learn about Aboriginal Culture. Students were also served bannock as a special recess snack. Thank you to the District Aboriginal Department for putting on such a fantastic day.



Volleyball

Practices and games have begun and senior students are rapidly learning about the game. It is wonderful to see so many students come out to participate. We have 3 teams! Thank you to our coaches for offering this fantastic opportunity to our students.



Skiing/Snowboarding

32 of our senior students have completed all five of their outings to Hemlock. They learned a lot and really improved their skiing and snowboarding abilities. Bravo!

Foundation Skills Assessment (FSA)



The Foundation Skills Assessment is an annual province-wide assessment of British Columbia students' academic skills, and provides a snapshot of how well BC students are learning foundation skills in Reading Comprehension, Writing, and Numeracy. The assessment is administered each year to Grade 4 and 7 students. The entire assessment requires four and a half hours of class time to administer,

however the assessment period is spread out over several weeks. Part of the assessment will be done on computers and part on paper.

The main purpose of the assessment is to help the province, school districts, schools and school planning councils evaluate how well students are achieving basic skills, and make plans to improve student achievement. The FSA is designed and developed by British Columbia educators. The skills tested are linked to the provincial curriculum and provincial performance standards. Additional information can be found on the Ministry webpage:

<http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/assessment/fsa>



Bullying Awareness Day - Wednesday, February 22th

Students and families are encouraged to wear a pink shirt to show their support for Anti-bullying on this day. This is a day to spread kindness and compassion to those around us and to celebrate our differences.

Flu Season



As we are currently in the flu season, parents and students are reminded that one of the best ways to prevent getting the flu is frequent hand-washing with soap. Singing Happy Birthday twice or reciting the ABC song is the length of time that one should spend washing their hands according to Health Canada. If your child experiences flu-like symptoms, arrangements need to be made for him/her to remain home for the length of the flu symptoms and at least 24 hours after all symptoms have disappeared. Staying home for another day after being symptom free

will indeed ensure that your child returns healthy and flu free.

PAC

The next PAC meeting will be Thursday, February 9th at 7:00 pm in the library. All parents are welcome to attend.

