

École Christine Morrison Elementary Newsletter

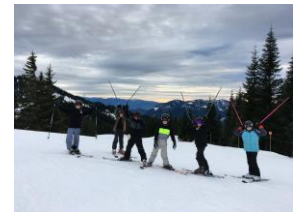


February 15th, 2019

Principal: Shirley Gibson Tel: 604-826-6528 | <http://morrison.mpsd.ca>

Bonjour, Hello and Ey Swayel École Christine Morrison Families,

It is hard to believe we are already in February with the middle of the month around the corner. This has certainly been one of the coldest late winters we have had in a while. Our Floor Hockey team had a successful season and we would like to thank Ms. Schaufert and Mme. Shannon for coaching our teams. While it was a short season in comparison to other sports, the students really enjoyed playing and demonstrated strong sportsmanship. The ski program has also wrapped up for this year and the students had a great time at Sasquatch Mountain. Regardless of the level of experience, our students strengthened their skills and thoroughly enjoyed their time in this program.



Our West Coast Recess program has changed a bit with the change in the weather. While the sunshine is lovely, it is very chilly and looks as though this weather is going to continue for a bit. It is important to ensure the students are dressed for the minus temperatures by wearing hats, mittens/gloves and boots. A change of clothing may be a good idea to have at school especially an extra pair of socks and pants.

Please continue to read with your child(ren) at home for a minimum of 20 minutes a day and chat with them about what they read. Daily reading has a very powerful impact upon your child's learning from strengthening their creativity to increasing their vocabulary and it is a wonderful chance to have chat and engage in a discussion about their day at home.

As always, if you have any questions, comments or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Shirley Gibson
Principal

Shannon Greig
Vice-Principal

Parent Information Night K/Grade 1 Enrollment 2019/2020 "Why Choose French Immersion for Your Child?"

This is a very informative session being held on Tuesday, February 19th from 6:30 to 7:30 in our Library. Mme. Nero is the District's French Program Coordinator and Vice-Principal at Ecole Mission Central. If you have any questions about enrolling your child in the French Immersion program, you will find this evening very informative and learn of the benefits of having your child in a French Immersion program.



Kindergarten Registration

Kindergarten registration for children born in the year 2014 is continuing. Please let us know if you have any questions and we will be happy to assist! Our Welcome To Kindergarten event will be held on Wednesday, June 5th 9:00 to 10:30. More information to follow closer to the date.



Learning Commons: [CME Learning Commons Website](#)

Scholastic Bookfair: (English) March 11, 12 and 13th. Notice requesting parent volunteers will be sent home soon.

Reading Link Challenge Update:

The Reading Link participants have had a busy and fun month! Three teams were created, students worked cooperatively to name their teams and all are now in the process of designing team posters. In addition to our Monday meetings, the Learning Commons has been open at lunch hour for optional visits.

We are very grateful for the wonderful opportunity that the Mission library offered us by arranging for Casey Lyall, author of Howard Wallace, PI to visit the Mission School District. She was a most engaging speaker! Her presentation was enjoyed by all and inspired many students to read the second and third books in her mystery trilogy as well as to write their own stories.

Students are practicing for the in-school challenge which will be held in the CME gym on Monday, February 25th, in the afternoon. Parents and siblings are invited to attend.

Feb 25th: In-school challenge. CME's three teams compete to determine which team will represent CME at the district challenge.

Little Readers: Welcome 3 and 4 year olds with their parent or caregiver to the Learning Commons from 8:30-9:30am Fridays Feb 1, 8, 22 (the 15th is a professional day)

Sharing is Caring Bake Sale – Me to We Team

On Wednesday, February 27th the Me to We Team are hosting a bake sale! Please bring baked goods to the small conference room by the front foyer.

Homestay Families Wanted

Mission Public Schools International Program is accepting applications for nurturing homestay families who want to provide a caring home for our elementary age students. Please click the link below to apply online or you can email kim.hunter@mpsdc.ca if you have any questions.

<http://www.studyinmission.ca/become-a-host-family>.

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.

Athletics



Volleyball

Volleyball season has begun and we have three teams this season. Ecole Christine Morrison has a strong history of student participation in Volleyball and this season is continuing this tradition. We would like to thank our parents for ensuring that the students arrive on time in the morning for practices.

Skating:

We are very fortunate at ECME to be able to walk to the Leisure Center and many of our classes have started to walk to the ice rink for skating. This is a great opportunity for the students to enjoy being active outside of the school.

Jump Rope for Heart: This years Jump Rope for Heart was very successful and we are continuing to receive the fundraising envelopes as well as contributions on line. Please return the envelopes as soon as possible and if you would like to contribute through the link, please click on the link below.

https://secure-support.heartandstroke.ca/site/SPageServer/?pagename=jump_homeb The students had a wonderful time skipping with their friends and other classes. Many students learned a classic skipping game of Chinese Jump Rope and demonstrated terrific vertical with their jumping! As soon as the fundraising opportunities have closed, we will share how well ECME did and hopefully we reach the goal of \$2500.00!

Music Department



On Tuesday, January 22nd, at 6:30, ECME host the School Board Meeting in our library. Our choir, under the direction of Mme. Chris Schaufert, performed for the School Trustees, Senior Board and family members. It was a wonderful opportunity to highlight our choir and music program!

On March 14th we are very fortunate to have the Abbotsford Youth Orchestra present to our school. This will begin at 10:30 and will be an amazing experience for our students. Thank you Mme. Schaufert for organizing this event.

Parent Advisory Committee

We have changed the date of the February PAC meeting to Wednesday, February 20th at 8:35 in the morning.



We will have coffee and baked treats for everyone. This is a great way to meet new people, see what is happening at the school and learn about the wide variety our PAC supports the ECME community.

Upcoming dates:

February


- Wednesday, February 13th: Empower Series 5:00 – 7:00
- Thursday, February 14th: School Spirit Day – Red and White Day
- Friday, February 15th: District Professional Day – students not in session
- Monday February 18th: B.C. Family Day – school is not in session
- Tuesday, February 19th: Parent Information Evening re: French Immersion K and Grade 1 6:30
Ecole Christine Morrison Library, please see the attached flyer
: Parent Information Session re: Intensive Core French 5:30 at Windebank
- Wednesday, February 20th: P.A.C.Meeting 8:35 in Large Conference Room
: Empower Series 5:00 – 7:00
- Friday, February 22nd: February S.T.A.R. assembly at 8:45
- Wednesday, February 27th: Pink Shirt Day
: Sharing is Caring Bake Sale – Me to We Team
- Wednesday, February 27th: Empower Series 5:00 – 7:00

March

- Friday, March 1st: dismissal at 11:00 – assessment afternoon
- Tuesday, March 6th: School Spirit Day: Moustache Day!
Meeting for Grade 6 parents re: End of the Year Celebration for Gr. 6 students 6:30
- Monday, March 11th: 2nd term report cards will be sent home
: Scholastic Book Fair begins: hours 8:00 AM to 3:30 PM – Mon/Tues
- Wednesday, March 13th: parent, teacher and student second term conferences *Teacher will send home information regarding conferences in their classrooms*
: Scholastic Book Fair in the library until 6:00 PM
- Thursday, March 14th: Abbotsford Youth Orchestra coming to ECME at 10:30
: Pi Day – science events for the students in the afternoon
- Friday, March 15th: classes are not in session
- March 18th to 29th: Spring Break

April

- Monday, April 1st: return to school and begin 3rd term





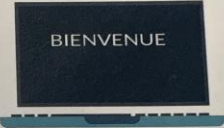



Why Choose French Immersion for Your Child?

Parent Information Night
K/Grade 1 Enrolment
2019/2020

Tuesday, February 19th 6:30-7:30pm
École Christine Morrison Library

For more information contact the District's French Program Coordinator
Shauna Néro shauna.nero@mpsdc.ca (604) 826-1414

	<p>Learn both of Canada's official languages at school</p>
	<p>Be immersed in culture; participate in cultural activities</p> <p>Become a part of a local community of French learners</p>
	<p>Receive DELF certification</p> <p>Graduate with a double dogwood bilingual diploma</p>
	<p>Become global citizens; be a part of the Francophone world</p> <p>Learn about the world from different perspectives</p>
	<p>Have an advantage on the job market; bilingual professional opportunities</p>
	<p>Be a part of an inclusive program that provides elementary LST support in French</p>

? Common Questions ?

DO I HAVE TO SPEAK FRENCH?

FRENCH IMMERSION IS DESIGNED FOR STUDENTS WHO DO NOT SPEAK FRENCH AT HOME

WHAT SUBJECTS WILL MY CHILD LEARN IN FRENCH?

100% INSTRUCTION IN FRENCH UNTIL GRADE 3*. THE PROGRAM RUNS FROM GRADES K-12

WHEN CAN MY CHILD ENTER FRENCH IMMERSION?

STUDENTS CAN ENROL IN KINDERGARTEN OR GRADE 1 IN MISSION

*SOME SPECIALTY COURSES MAY BE TAUGHT IN ENGLISH