

# École Christine Morrison Elementary Newsletter



January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019

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## Bonjour, Hello and Ey Swayel École Christine Morrison Families,

The first school week of 2019 has passed, and it is wonderful to hear about all of the exciting and happy events that happened during our winter break. The students are enthusiastic to be back and are ready to learn. Beginning this month, there will be a monthly newsletter issued in the middle of each month highlighting and sharing events at Ecole Christine Morrison Elementary. Updates will be sent via email will continue as necessary.



Our West Coast Recess program continues to be successful. The students are usually dressed for the rain and thoroughly enjoy splashing through the puddles and playing with their friends outside. 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 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

## Kindergarten Registration

Kindergarten registration for children born in the year 2014 will take place Monday, January 14<sup>th</sup>, to Friday, January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2019 from 8am – 3pm. Please bring your child's Birth Certificate and proof of address along when you register so copies of these documents can be made. Every new registration must provide legal documentation before we can accept them into our school (ie. birth certificate, passport, baptismal certificate or certification of citizenship).

Kindergarten students must register at their catchment area school. We require proof of address when registering (ie. driver's or proof of purchase of residence or a notarized rental agreement). If you would like your child to attend a school other than their catchment area school, you must register at their catchment area school first and request a cross boundary form to fill out. This form will then be sent to the school you want your child to attend and that school will let you know if they have room to take your child. Decisions regarding cross boundary Kindergarten students may not be made until September 2019.

Our Welcome To Kindergarten event will be held on Wednesday, June 5<sup>th</sup> 9:00 to 10:30. More information to follow closer to the date.



Please note: NO registration form will be active UNTIL the registration form and information required is presented to the school secretary (in person, at the school), and the “Office Use Only” portion of the form is filled out by the school secretary.

### Grade 6 Cross-Boundary Request for Middle School

Before the winter break, letters were mailed to parents/guardians of students in Grade 6 indicating their catchment area middle school. Grade 6 students will automatically be registered at these schools. However, if parents would like to request attendance at a different middle school, a cross-boundary request will need to be made. If you would like to make a cross-boundary request, please visit our school office to pick up a form. Once complete, please give it to our office and it will be faxed over to the requested school. If the application is approved, parents will be contacted by the requested middle school.

### Aboriginal Cultural Day

This year, on Wednesday, January 16<sup>th</sup>, Ecole Christine Morrison is will be participating in Aboriginal Cultural Day. This event will begin at 8:45 with an opening ceremony in the gym followed by an all morning event with classroom divisions participating in 2 group sessions with activities including beading, archeological digging, drumming and much more. We would like to thank the District Aboriginal Department for arranging such a terrific morning.

### Inclusion Subcommittee



At ECME we have an Inclusion Subcommittee that is doing tremendous work. The committee is made up of a group of parents who came together to collaborate with the school community regarding initiatives that promotes tolerance, respect and acceptance for all students.

The committee has created a Wall of Wonder adjacent to the medical room. This wall helps promote curiosity and discovery of inclusion by sharing knowledge of our diverse population and their abilities. We also feel strongly in the importance of mental health and wellness for the betterment of our school community. To this purpose the committee changes it each month to highlight a different theme and to keep it interesting. We meet once a month and go over what we would like to add to the Wall for the next month. We can always use a hand with graphic design, content and ideas!

All are welcome! We meet this Tuesday, Jan. 13<sup>th</sup>, 2019 @8:45(our first of the year!) in one of the meeting rooms (not sure which one yet)

## 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

The Ski/Snowboard Program, at Sasquatch Mountain Resort, has started and the students enjoyed the first session on the 9<sup>th</sup>. This program runs for four sessions and is for students in Grades 5 or 6 and we have 50 students enrolled this year. This program is a tradition at ECME and offers lessons for students from beginning to experienced skill levels and runs for the month of January.



### Floor Hockey:

The floor hockey season has started! For students in Grades 4 through 6 there are lunch hours set aside for games and the students are enjoying playing. The Grade 6 students who have signed up will play on the ECME school team and will be playing other elementary schools during January.

### 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.

### Volleyball:

Volleyball season is almost upon us. Ecole Christine Morrison has a strong history of student participation in Volleyball and students will need to listen to announcements for upcoming sign-up opportunities and permission slips.



Jump Rope for Heart This will be our 26<sup>th</sup> year participating in the Jump Rope for Heart and ECME has raised over \$123,000.00 dollars in 25 years! At Friday's assembly, we had a presentation from Heart and Stroke/ Jump Rope for Heart Association and the students learned about the importance of regular exercise, enjoyed a skipping competition with staff and learned about the signs of someone having a stroke and what to do if this happened.

We will be sending home a permission form for the fundraising envelopes for Jump Rope for Heart soon. This year our goal is \$2500.00 and ECME will certainly work hard to meet this goal!

**F**ace is it drooping?  
**A**rms can you raise both?  
**S**peech is it slurred or jumbled?  
**T**ime to call 9-1-1 right away.

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## Music Department



On Tuesday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>, at 6:30, ECME is hosting the School Board Meeting in our library. Our choir, under the direction of Mme. Chris Schaufert, will be performing for the School Trustees and Senior Board office members. This is a wonderful opportunity to highlight our choir and music program!

At the recent PAC meeting, on January 10<sup>th</sup>, the PAC voted to support the application for a class set of guitars! Mme. Schaufert had applied for and received a grant from the Mission Community Foundation and PAC completed the necessary funding for this purchase. A **HUGE** “Thank you” to the Mission Community Foundation and our ECME P.A.C.! This is very exciting as we will have enough guitars for an entire class and we will keep you posted on this new musical endeavor!

## Parent Advisory Committee

We will notify everyone as to the date for the February PAC meeting as it will be rescheduled from the posted February 14<sup>th</sup> date.

## Upcoming dates:

### January

- Wednesday, January 16<sup>th</sup>: Aboriginal Cultural Day – beginning at 8:30 for the morning  
: Ski/Snowboard Program 10:00 – 5:00
- Friday, January 18<sup>th</sup>: School Spirit Day: Wacky Hair Day!  
: Community Challenge Hour
- Tuesday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>: Hosting the January School Board Meeting: 6:30 Choir presenting
- Wednesday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>: Ski/Snowboard Program 10:00 – 5:00
- Friday, January 25<sup>th</sup>: January S.T.A.R. assembly at 8:45
- Wednesday, January 30<sup>th</sup>: Ski/Snowboard Program 10:00 – 5:00
- Thursday, January 31<sup>st</sup>: Jump Rope for Heart

### February

- Tuesday, February 5<sup>th</sup>: Aboriginal Lacrosse Camp 2:30
- Wednesday, February 6<sup>th</sup>: Empower Series 5:00 – 7:00 (please see outline on page 5 – this is an amazing program)
- Wednesday, February 13<sup>th</sup>: Empower Series 5:00 – 7:00
- Thursday, February 14<sup>th</sup>: School Spirit Day – Red and White Day
- Friday, February 15<sup>th</sup>: District Professional Day – students not in session
- Monday February 18<sup>th</sup>: B.C. Family Day – school is not in session
- Wednesday, February 20<sup>th</sup>: Empower Series 5:00 – 7:00
- Friday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>: February S.T.A.R. assembly at:45
- Wednesday, February 27<sup>th</sup>: Pink Shirt Day
- Wednesday, February 27<sup>th</sup>: Empower Series 5:00 – 7:00

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**March**

- Friday, March 1<sup>st</sup>: dismissal at 11:00 – assessment afternoon
- Tuesday, March 6<sup>th</sup>: School Spirit Day: Moustache Day!  
Meeting for Grade 6 parents re: End of the Year Celebration for Gr. 6 students 6:30
- Monday, March 11<sup>th</sup>: 2<sup>nd</sup> term report cards will be sent home  
: Scholastic Book Fair begins: hours 8:00 AM to 3:30 PM – Mon/Tues
- Wednesday, March 13<sup>th</sup>: parent, teacher and student second term conferences  
: Scholastic Book Fair in the library until 6:00 PM
- Friday, March 15<sup>th</sup>: classes are not in session
- March 18<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup>: Spring Break

**April**

- Monday, April 1<sup>st</sup>: return to school and begin 3<sup>rd</sup> term

**Community Updates and Events:****Mission Library****LEGO Club**

Tues, Jan 8 to Apr 30, 3-4:15 pm

Love LEGO? We provide the LEGO, you bring your imagination! Come play, create, and experiment.

**BeTween the Pages Book Club**

Wednesdays, Jan 9, Feb 13, Mar 13, Apr 10, 3:30-4:30 pm

Join a book club to discover new books, enjoy fun activities and make new friends! Please contact the library to register. For ages 9-12.

**Harry Potter Book Night**

Thursday, Feb 7, 6-7:30 pm

Any school aged muggles or wizards are welcome to attend this celebration of J.K. Rowling's wonderful Harry Potter book series. Find out which house you belong in and have fun with various other games and activities. Ages 8 and older.

**Hugs & Kisses Puppet Show**

Tues, Feb 12 6:45-7:30 pm

Grab someone you love and hurry down to the library for some heart-warming stories, songs, and a puppet show celebrating Valentines Day.

**Family Fort Night**

Tuesday, Feb 19, 5:30-7 pm

Come to the library for fort building, games, and reading by flashlight! Snacks and fort materials provided. Bring your own flashlight.



# EMPOWER

**Education**  
**Engagement**



**Mentor**  
**Resources**

## PARENTING ON WHEELS 2018/2019

We are bringing the information and resources to Mission Elementary Schools

### 4 Nights 4 Topics

February 6th	The Big Chill "Take 2"	5 pm—7 pm	<i>Light</i>
February 13th	A Receptive State of Mind	5 pm—7 pm	<i>Dinner</i>
February 20th	Cultivating Connections	5 pm—7 pm	<i>Provided</i>
February 27th	"Bend & Stretch Reach for the Sky"	5 pm—7 pm	

**The Big Chill "Take 2"** — Helping your child build self-regulation skills.

**A Receptive State of Mind**— Responding to your child with receptivity instead of reactivity.

**Cultivating Connections**— Building a warm, positive, responsive & attentive Relationship with your child develops a strong foundation in a child's brain for future learning, interactions and development.

**"Bend & Stretch Reach for the Sky"** — Spend some time with your child bending, stretching, breathing, laughing and just having fun.

### Where?

Ecole Christine Morrison Elementary  
32611 McRae  
Mission

### Free Child Minding



**REGISTER 604 826 3634**

Email : [eyy@missioncommunityservices.com](mailto:eyy@missioncommunityservices.com)

Mission ECD Committee



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# FRENCH CLASSES FOR IMMERSION PARENTS

Participate in an engaging French-learning  
community, that has an emphasis on oral language  
skills! This class is for French learners, including  
beginners.

COST \$175 for  
16 SESSIONS ON WEDNESDAYS

6:30-8:00pm

February 6, 13, 20, 27

March 6, 13

April 3, 10, 17, 24

May 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

June 5

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# MISSION

## Community Services Society

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FREE

Group

Program

### Connect Parent Group

Are you a parent or caregiver of an 11-16 year old?

Is everything a battle?

Feel like what you say doesn't matter?



Come out and learn about CONNECT©  
An Attachment-Based Perspective on Parenting

**Where?** Mission Community Services 33179 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave.

**When?** Tuesdays from 6:30pm-8:00pm (dinner at 6pm),  
April 2 – June 4, 2019

- **Dinner Provided**
- **Childcare Provided**

#### Goals:

- To understand your teen's development and behaviour from an attachment perspective
- To develop awareness of relationship issues and patterns
- To learn new skills that strengthen your relationship with your teen and consider new options in parenting

**Limited  
Seating**

To pre-register for Connect Parenting, please contact


Mission Community Services, 604 826-3634



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<p><b>FREE</b> <b>Group Program</b></p>	<h2>Balanced Parenting Group</h2>			
<p>For parents /caregivers of children in the middle years (6-12 years) who:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Feel powerless, frustrated, or worried about their <b>child's behavior</b>.</li> <li>• Want to address problems with their child without starting a <b>big argument</b>.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Learn to</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Get along better with your child</li> <li>• Solve problems with your child</li> <li>• Help your child become independent</li> <li>• Increase your own confidence as a parent</li> </ul> <div data-bbox="1193 1333 1461 1585"> <p><b>Childcare Provided</b></p> </div>			
 <p><b>Where:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MCSS, 33179 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave, Mission, B.C.</li> </ul> <p><b>When:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thursdays, from 10am - 12 noon</li> <li>• April 4 - June 6, 2019</li> </ul>				
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