



### Admin Message

It has been a very busy yet exciting term, with classes at the beginning of the year and a whole new reporting method. We want to thank everyone for all your support and patience as we navigate the school year post Covid. We want to wish you happy and safe holiday.

See you in the new year.

ECME Team





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### **Star Fish program**

Christine Morrison is proudly part of the Starfish Pack Program. Any food or cash donations towards to program would be greatly appreciated and could be dropped off at the school.

Many students across the province rely on school breakfast and lunch programs to fill their tummy's on school days. When it comes to the weekend, they don't have the food they need. Starfish Pack was designed to help change that. Starfish provides packs of 2 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 2 dinners, and snacks to hungry students each weekend of the school year.

Teachers have reported improvements in children's reading skills, math skills, ability to focus and to do partner work. Starfish has now expanded to over 24 cities and is helping make sure children across BC and Whatcom County don't have to worry about weekend hunger.

### **Remembrance Day**

Thank you all for your Poppy donations, we collected \$204.40!!

### **Upcoming Dates:**

December 12 Red and Green Day  
December 13 Dress rehearsal @ 10:45am  
December 14 Concert #1 @ 9am  
December 14 Concert #2 @ 11am  
December 15 Grinch Day  
                    Movie in the gym at 10:45am  
December 16 PJ Day  
                    Pancake breakfast!  
                    Last Day before Winter break  
January 3 School reopens  
                    Warriors assembly

### **Volunteers**

All volunteers with Mission Public Schools are required to complete a Vulnerable Criminal Record Check through the Criminal Records Review Program (CRRP). These CRCs are effective for 5 years and there is no cost associated with the check.

Online Link: <https://justice.gov.bc.ca/criminalrecordcheck>

Access Code: HBQJCL7GSA

## New Reporting

We are very excited to move to a new reporting system. A system that allows for more student voices as well as more meaningful engagement on your child's learning. Both Numeracy and Literacy assessments will be accessible on Spaces. Please contact your classroom teacher for more information on how to access your child's account.

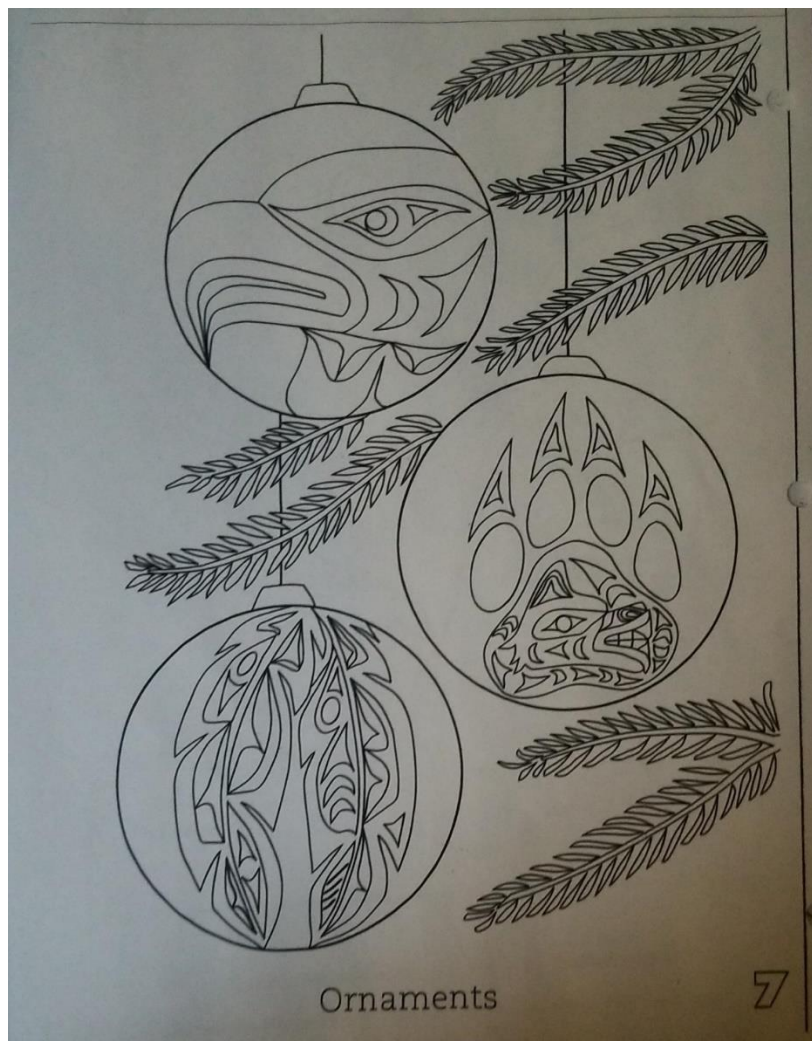
## Indigenous Department

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Li chap we ey o. How are you? The classes have been learning about seasons, Sto:lo calendar (Meqo:s, Fallen snow month) Harvest and salmon. Through out the months we review the colors, weather, animals and this month it's Klesmes and the season of temxeyt!' (the cold time)

Mali Klesmes was te Xaws Syilolem.

Here is the coloring sheet for this week.





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**GIRLS WINTER CAMP**

**DEC 19TH-29TH**  
**AGES 8-14**  
**@HERTIAGE MIDDLE**  
**MON, WED, THUR**  
**11:30AM - 1:00PM**  
**NO COST**



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## THE WILD MOCCASIN DANCERS



November 15 is Rock Your Mocs Day, a day when all are invited to wear their moccasins. Moccasins are traditional footwear of many Indigenous people in North America. As part of this celebration, the Wild Moccasin Dancers were invited to perform in an assembly. The dancers entered the assembly with the Grass Dance, followed by the Women's Fancy Shawl Dance, and the Men's Traditional Dance. Students and staff had fun participating in several dances.

### **"Fatty Legs" Author Visit**

Divisions 1 and 3 were able to meet with Christy Jordan-Fenton, a co-author of "Fatty Legs." This is a book about a young Inuit girl name Olemaun, who goes to a residential school with a great desire to read. Before she leaves, her dad warns her: "as water wears rock smooth, her spirit will be worn down and made small." At the end of the book Olemaun says, "We Inuvialuit are headstrong. Thankfully, we are also resilient.... Wrens can be just as clever as ravens and owls."



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## [Parent Letter - Vaccination Status Reporting Regulation.pdf](#)



November 18, 2022

Dear Parents, Guardians and Students,

### **Regarding the need to report student vaccination status**

The B.C. government requires that all students in B.C. have their vaccination status reported. This regulation allows public health to collect all student immunization records. All records are stored in the provincial immunization registry. See [B.C.'s Vaccination Status Reporting Regulation for students](#) for more information.

Collecting immunization records helps public health control outbreaks and keep students healthy and safe. If there is a disease outbreak at a school from a disease that can be prevented by vaccines, public health can quickly find out which child is protected and which child is not. This allows us to act quickly and limit exposure. This is important to keep your child safe and to stop an outbreak from spreading.

Read below to learn more about what is happening in each grade this year for vaccination reporting and immunization clinics.

#### **A. For children in Kindergarten**

- Our Public Health staff checks the immunization records we have on file. We might contact families of children who have missing or incomplete records.

#### **B. For students in Grades 6 and Grade 9**

- Our Public Health nurses will offer immunizations at your school.
- Before the immunization clinics at your school, we send home a consent form for each student.
- Check the immunization record on the consent form. If you have more immunization records that are not listed on the consent form, please submit them to public health at [fraserhealth.ca/immunizationform](http://fraserhealth.ca/immunizationform).

#### **C. For students in all other grades (includes Grades 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 10, 11 and 12)**

- **Please check immunization records:**  
Immunization records can be viewed at [healthgateway.gov.bc.ca](http://healthgateway.gov.bc.ca).

Records for students 11 years of age and younger can be viewed on the parent/guardian account.

Students 12 years of age and older need to create their own account.

If you cannot access Health Gateway and you do not have the records on file, you might need to contact the health care provider who immunized your child to request the record. If your child was immunized by Fraser Health public health, then we have the records on file.

Review the "Immunization Forecast" in Health Gateway to see which immunizations are overdue or missing from the record.

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- **If an immunization shows as “overdue”, but you know it was already given:**

Submit the record to public health. You can submit it online at [fraserhealth.ca/immunizationform](http://fraserhealth.ca/immunizationform) or drop the record off at your local public health unit.

Be sure the record you are submitting has the student's

- full name
- date of birth
- sex at birth
- Personal health number (PHN) if available.

You can also give immunization records to a community health nurse in a First Nations community.

- **If an immunization is due or missing:**

Book an appointment with your local public health unit, family practitioner, or pharmacist. Not all family practitioners and pharmacies give vaccines, so please call ahead.

Visit [fraserhealth.ca/GetImmunized](http://fraserhealth.ca/GetImmunized) for a list of community vaccine providers.

- **To book an appointment at a public health unit, call the number for your community:**

If you live in Mission, Abbotsford, Chilliwack, Agassiz, Hope	604-702-4906
If you live in Burnaby, Coquitlam, Maple Ridge, Pitt Meadows, New Westminster, Port Coquitlam, Port Moody, Delta, Surrey, White Rock, Langley	604-476-7087

For more immunization information, visit [Fraserhealth.ca/immunizations](http://Fraserhealth.ca/immunizations).

Thank you for helping to keep our schools and communities healthy.

Sincerely,

Dr. Lindsay Bowthorpe, MD, CCFP, MPH, FRCPC  
Medical Health Officer, Medical Director



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### Community News



#### **PRC Survey**

The results of our fall survey are in and we're happy to report that 93% of respondents were pleased overall with the Leisure Centre and staff. However, there's always room for improvement and we're working hard to address those concerns. Feedback and suggestions will be used when we plan and coordinate the Winter/Spring Leisure Guide that will be available online and in print in early December. Despite the completion of our fall survey, feedback and suggestions are always welcome at: [leisureservices@mission.ca](mailto:leisureservices@mission.ca)

#### **New – Swim for Life Program**

The Canadian Red Cross has recently announced that it will be stepping away from supporting Water Safety Programs nationwide as of the end of 2022. Mission Parks, Recreation and Culture will be offering the Life Saving Society - Swim for Life Program. The Lifesaving Society Swim for Life® program is a comprehensive swim lesson program that focuses on the development of fundamental swim strokes and skills for learners of all ages and abilities. Instructors ensure swimmers get lots of in-water practice in every lesson. Swim for Life includes fun, hands on activities that focus on teaching Water Smart education for the whole family. Lessons that will last a lifetime! Group, private and adult lessons are available.

#### **Childminding**

The Mission Leisure Centre provides a safe supervised place for your child to play while you participate in any activity in the facility. Adults must remain on site. Reserve your child's spot in Childminding up to 5 days in advance. Monday through Friday 8:30am-10:15am or 10:15am-12pm, \$4/child. Where else can you find qualified, safe childcare for less than \$3/hour?





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### Christmas Concert

After 3 years, Morrison has finally been able to have our Christmas Concert in person. Huge thank you to our students, staff and our music teacher for being our concert director for putting on an amazing show. We also want to say how grateful we are for everyone that showed up today for our concert, both shows were fully packed. Thank you again.



### Club K.I.D.S- Winter Registration

Club K.I.D.S. (Kids Ideas Developing Skills) is a recreation program that operates at various elementary schools in Mission. The program is a joint Mission Parks, Recreation & Culture & School District #75 cooperative project licensed by the Ministry of Health. It is open to children in kindergarten to Grade 6. Club Kids (CK) is tax deductible and accepts Affordable Child Care benefit plans. Club K.I.D.S. Winter (Jan-Mar) registration:

**Wednesday, Dec 7** 9am-12pm - CK Windebank, CK Hatzic, CK Morrison & 1-4pm- CK Central, CK McMahon, CK Deroche

**Thursday, Dec 8** 9am-12pm- CK Hillside, CK Cherry Hill & 1-4pm- CK ESR, CK West Heights

Important date: CK Registration Form is Due Nov 30.



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### **Mission Library**

For more details, go to [www.fvrl.bc.ca](http://www.fvrl.bc.ca) > Events.

### **Mission Ukulele Circle**

Thursdays, 3 pm – 4 pm

### **Chess Club**

Sundays, December 4-18, January 9-30, 2 pm – 4 pm

### **LEGO Club**

Tuesdays, December 6-13, January 4-25, 3 pm – 4:15 pm

### **Fun with Ozobots** (Registration required.)

Wednesday, December 7, 3:30 pm – 4:30 pm

### **Between the Pages Tween Book Club** (Registration required)

Wednesdays, December 14 & January 11, 3:30 pm – 4:30 pm

For ages 9-12.

### **Holiday Crafternoon**

Tuesday, December 20, 1:30 pm – 3 pm

### **Festive Cheer Puppet Show**

Wednesday, December 21, 6:45 pm – 7:30 pm

### **Holiday Craftermorn**

Thursday, December 22, 10 am – 11:30 am

### **Paws 4 Stories** (Registration required.)

Thursday, January 20, 3 pm – 4 pm