



Ecole Christine Morrison Elementary

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Bonjour ECME Families,

As the holidays start to come to mind in our seasonal activities, let's continue to nurture connection and care, from start of each day, at home and at school. Some ways you can build connection is through generosity of spirit and you might consider sharing in **the PAC CME Food Drive**.

Before we head into winter break, we want to remind parents to check the website for all upcoming activities. Next month, we will be busy with holiday events.

Reporting Updates

Term 1 reports will be going home on **Friday, December 12**. Please return the report envelopes to your child's teacher. **Spaces online portfolios** will also be updated by December 12. This year, some teachers are also piloting reporting through **MyEd BC**. Please connect with your child's teacher so you know which platform they will be using to share your child's assessment and progress.



We would really appreciate your donations to the Christmas store, which will be open from **December 8th to 12th**. **On the evening of December 12th we will be having the Winter Wonderland Dance.**

Finally, we're thrilled to share that this year's winter concert is on December 17th, and we can't wait to see you there! **Due to fire regulations, we will have one performance with two separate showtimes, one at 9:00 for parents of Intermediate students and one at 11:00 am for parents of primary.** Doors open 15 minutes before the show, so we encourage you to come

in early. The show will last anywhere between 45 minutes and 1 hour. The students and staff work incredibly hard to create a fantastic performance, so we encourage you to stay for the whole show.

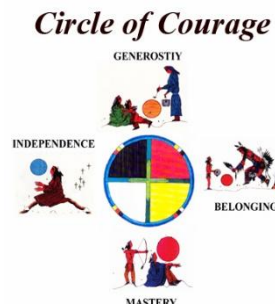
Thank you!

ECME Admin

(Flip for important information.)

Please continue to check our school website for updates—we add new information regularly.

Warmly,
ECME Admin Team



Upcoming dates:

Dec 5th

Top it off day

Dec 6th

Clarke Theatre
presents Christmas
with the Singhs

Dec 9th

Field Trip French
Film Fest @ **HPMS**

Week of Dec 8 – 12

Term 1 Learning
Updates published

Dec 12th

Winter Theme Day
Fri Dec 12 Winter
Wonderland Dance

Dec 15th

Xmas Sweater

Dec 16th

Festive Accessory

Wed Dec 17 Winter
Concert Day!

- **9 am**
Intermediate
Families
- **11 am Primary**
Families

Dec 18th

Grinch Day

Fri Dec 19th

Pancake & PJ day

Fri Dec 19 – Last day
before Winter Break

Mon Jan 5 – School
Reopens



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Scent Aware

Christine Morrison is a scent-aware school, as there are sensitivities to strong scents such as perfumes and body lotions. Please be aware and refrain from sending your child with scented hand sanitizers or lotions.

Dogs

Families are reminded that School District Policy prohibits dogs from being on school grounds at any time, apart from **service dogs**. This policy is made for health and safety reasons.

West Coast Recess and Lunch Breaks

It rains frequently in Mission, and our breaks are usually outdoors as fresh air and being outside is beneficial for students' regulation and learning. Students are encouraged to wear rain boots and jackets. Please make sure your child is dressed appropriately for the weather.

Pick-up and Drop-offs

These are from the outside doors of the classrooms. Stop and go pick up and drop off at the front parking lot only. Bus parking and accessible is now only at the upper lot off Edge Street.

The school parking lots are reserved for district and school staff and vehicles with a disability pass only. Do NOT Park in the school parking lots for an extended stay. It is unsafe for your children to weave between the stop and go vehicles. Park on McRae Avenue, being respectful of neighboring driveways. If you have extenuating needs, please speak to administration.

If you need to pick up your student early, please call the office ahead of time so we can have your student ready at the office. If you need to pick up during the lunch break (12:15 to 1pm) please pick them up before 12:15.

YEAR AT A GLANCE

Communication

If you have any questions, comments, or concerns about your child's experience here, please reach out to the classroom teachers. If you would like to discuss your concerns, please see Principal Vetter - I am always glad to hear your concerns and problem solve together. Communication processes are attached to help outline ways we can build a positive school environment together.

Circle of Courage

We continue to focus on the Circle of Courage model to help our students feel like they belong, encourage them to be generous, support their independence, and help them master various aspects of their lives. This approach recognizes the uniqueness of each child, allowing us to support each child based on their individual needs and help them thrive.

Family Smart

Learn more about how you can connect with your kiddos and support them in tough times. Online and in-person events are happening around the valley to help you learn more about what might help. ADHD doesn't just affect the person living with ADHD — it also affects those around them. As parents of kids living with ADHD, we can benefit from learning what ADHD is and how to support our kids. Learn from Dr. Duncan, Child and Adolescent Psychiatrist, as he dispels some myths and explains how and why the ADHD brain works the way it does.

Doors will open at 6:15 PM and the video presentation will begin at 6:30 PM. Register [here](#).