



École Christine Morrison Elementary

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February 23rd 2022 – Newsletter



Morrison Message

February is flying by, and March is around the corner. Term 2 is rapidly coming to a close and report cards will be sent home on March 7th. Classes who are part of the Communicating Student Learning Portfolios are already accessible online. Classroom teachers will be sending out information to schedule a virtual or in person conference with you within the next week or so. With in-person conferences we will be adhering to mask policies due to the safety protocols in place for the COVID pandemic.

March will be a short month for classes with the last day of school before Spring Break being Thursday, March 10th and students returning to classes on Monday, March 28th. February was a month of many celebrations as students and staff took part in learning about Black History Month, Quebec Carnival, Pink Shirt Day, and Lunar New Year. Our grade 6 hockey team had a great season and finished 1st place while our volleyball teams are battling hard for playoff positions.

We are noticing the front parking lot on McRae is filling up every day afterschool including the spaces that are highlighted with yellow paint marking the 'no parking zones'. While we realize parking can be challenging, we ask that you do not park in these zones as an emergency vehicle would not be able to access the building if needed. We also ask that you do not park behind parked cars in the car park. The side parking lot accessed from Edge Street, is for staff and parents with a parking pass only.

Upcoming Events

- 25 Feb – ½ day. Students attend AM only.
- 11 Mar – Non instructional day.
- 14 – 25 Mar – Spring Break!
- 28 Mar – School reopens.
- 15 Apr – Good Friday, no school.
- 18 Apr – Easter Monday, no school.
- 20 May – Non instructional day.
- 23 May – Victoria Day, no school.
- 29 Jun – Last day for students.
- 30 Jun – Non instructional day.

Inclement Weather

Parents, please remember that your child should have an extra set of clothes at school. We play outside every day and sometimes we need to change into something dry when we come in.

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PAC News!

Parents and Guardians of Christine Morrison Elementary,

Can you believe it's nearly March Break...

Just a few notes...

First, we'd like to welcome Aryssa Barnetson to our PAC executive as a member at large. Aryssa is already an essential member of the school, so we're excited to have her join the team in an official capacity 😊

Fundraising:

- Tea fundraisers went home yesterday and are due on Friday.
- Our Purdy's Easter fundraiser is starting soon.
- We will also be starting a Little Mountain Greenhouse Mother's Day hanging basket fundraiser soon.

Our next PAC meeting will be this Thursday via zoom. All are welcome to attend. Here is the link: <https://ufv-ca.zoom.us/j/66037766442?pwd=cExaV1BrV3c2ZVVXcktRUmtEbkkxZz09>

I think that that is all for now. Check in on our Parents of Christine Morrison FB page or feel free to email us if you have any questions cmepac.info@gmail.com.

Thank you from your executive team!



In March classes will begin their sessions with Sam Strange. Sam is a health expert and tailors her sessions to align with the BC Curriculum for each grade level. Sam has worked with our school for a number of years now and we are excited to be able to welcome her back into the building for in person sessions. We would also like to thank the PAC for funding the sessions for the whole school.

You can check out Sam's website for more information: <https://www.samanthastrange.com/>



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Daily Reading

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 a chat and engage in a discussion about their day. Please remember that if your child is struggling with concepts, continue to encourage them and emphasize that everyone has areas that they need to work hard in and perseverance will make all the difference.

Special Requests!

Parking

We would like to remind everyone to please abide by the rules in our parking lot and please be kind to one another. Remember, when we break the rules, we are making it unsafe for everyone.

- Please do not park in yellow emergency zones.
- Please do not park behind other parked cars.

Masks & Water Bottle

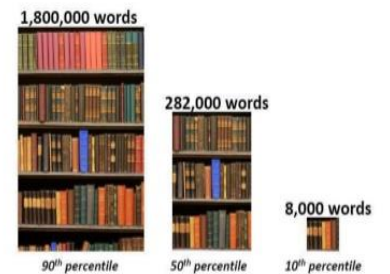
Please send your child with an extra mask in a baggy in their backpack. Also don't forget your water bottle!

Sweatpants

Mrs Leibel, our Kindergarten teacher is looking for donations of sweatpants for her classroom. If you have any that you would like to donate, she would really appreciate it (size 4 – 7)! Also, she's ISO about 20 large CEREAL BOXES.

Why Can't I Skip My 20 Minutes of Reading Tonight?

| Student "A" | Student "B" | Student "C" |
|-------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| reads 20 minutes each day | reads 5 minutes each day | reads 1 minute each day |
| 3600 minutes in a school year | 900 minutes in a school year | 180 minutes in a school year |



By the end of 6th grade Student "A" will have read the equivalent of 60 whole school days. Student "B" will have read only 12 school days. Which student would you expect to have a better vocabulary? Which student would you expect to be more successful in school...and in life?

(Nagy & Herman, 1987)

Student Pick Up

In the event that you need to send someone new to pick your child up, it is necessary that you inform the teacher and also have that pick up person added to your emergency contact list by the office. We cannot release your child to a person who is not on that list.



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Kindergarten Registration



Kindergarten Registration is ongoing. Go to www.mpsd.ca click on Kindergarten Registration Week, Register for School, scroll down, choose Ecole Christine Morrison Elementary, fill out the pre-registration form. You will then receive a phone call from the school to book an appointment for registration. Please print the registration forms from the website and have them filled out before you come. If you don't have access to a printer, please phone the school and arrange a time to come by to pick up your registration forms.



Why Choose French Immersion for Your Child?

**K/Grade 1
Enrolment
2022/2023**

Information Sessions
In person - Ecole Mission Central
Wednesday, Dec. 1 6:00-7:00pm
Virtual: Thursday, Dec. 9 6:00-7:00pm

Contact the District's French Programs Coordinator Shauna Néro for more information
shauna.nero@mpsd.ca

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| | <p>Learn Canada's official languages at school</p> <p>Become global citizens; be a part of the Francophone world</p> |
| | <p>Be immersed in culture; participate in cultural activities</p> <p>Become a part of a local community of French learners</p> |
| | <p>Bilingualism/plurilingualism helps the brain process information more efficiently</p> <p>Associated with better memory, visual-spatial skills and creativity</p> <p>Staves off cognitive decline later in life</p> |
| | <p>Be a part of an inclusive program that provides elementary LST support in French</p> |
| | <p>Have an advantage on the job market and bilingual professional opportunities</p> |
| | <p>Receive DELF certification</p> <p>Graduate with a double dogwood bilingual diploma</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

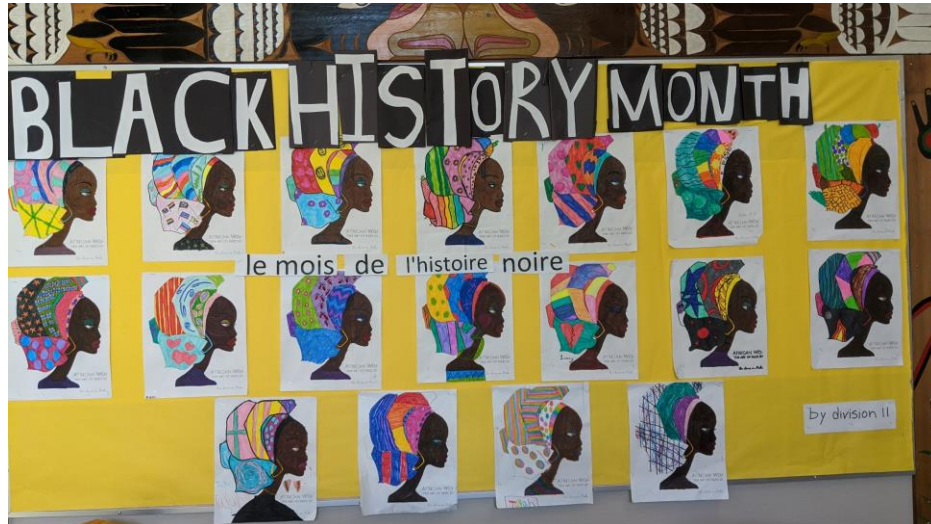
*SOME SPECIALTY COURSES MAY BE TAUGHT IN ENGLISH



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Christine Morrison Art



News from our Aboriginal Department

Halq'emeylem Language at Christine Morrison.

Ey swayel



For Valentine's Day the classes learned the songs, Luwe el Siyaye, You're a Special Friend of Mine and Tsel Tlils Tel Sqeqotel, I love my Family. They also learned words for family members and colors for Hearts. For Pink Shirt Day the word for Kindness is Xwe'eywelh.



Science World

Spring Break

Enjoy virtual Science World programs during spring break on Zoom. Check out our website to register and to find more details: www.fvrl.bc.ca > events.

Y.E.S.
International
Academy



BECOME A HOMESTAY FAMILY

Share your love of Mission!

Y.E.S. INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY IS A PRIVATE EDUCATION GROUP PARTNERED WITH THE MISSION SCHOOL DISTRICT 75 SINCE 2002.

IN PREPARATION FOR FEBRUARY 2022, AND IN ANTICIPATION THAT POLICIES AND PROTOCOLS FOR SAFE TRAVEL WILL ALLOW STUDENTS TO STUDY HERE, WE ARE SEEKING MISSION SCHOOL DISTRICT 75 HOMESTAY FAMILIES TO HOST OUR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS.

Y.E.S. INTERNATIONAL PROGRAM PROVIDES:

- \$900 MONTHLY COMPENSATION PER STUDENT; (FROM NEXT JULY WILL BE \$950)
- AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAM
- WEEKEND ACTIVITIES FOR STUDENTS
- TRAINING AND ONGOING SUPPORT FROM Y.E.S. PROGRAM STAFF
- EXTENSIVE EXPERIENCE AND KNOWLEDGE

HOMESTAY FAMILIES PROVIDE:

- A WELCOMING HOME;
- A FAMILY CONNECTION;
- PARENTAL SUPERVISION;
- A PRIVATE BEDROOM;
- GOOD WI-FI CONNECTION; AND
- THREE HEALTHY MEALS

CONTACT US

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Information and Support

For families and caring adults who are parenting a child or youth with mental health and/or substance use challenges.

EVERY MONTH, WE HOST EVENTS FOR FAMILIES CALLED 'IN THE KNOW'. WE WATCH A VIDEO AND SHARE EXPERIENCES AND STRATEGIES THAT HELP IN THE HARD MOMENTS. WE HELP FOCUS ON STRENGTHENING OUR UNDERSTANDING AND CONNECTION WITH OUR KIDS.

ADHD – The Real Deal

Join us in watching a video presentation by Dr. Duncan, who will dispel the many myths surrounding ADHD by presenting up to date scientific facts about cause, prevalence, diagnosis and treatment. He will explain how and why the ADHD brain works the way it does.

Come together with other families for a facilitated discussion by Parent Peer Support Workers.

Dates (BC Time):

March 10, 2022 at 6:30pm
March 16, 2022 at 5:00pm
March 24, 2022 at 12:00pm
March 28, 2022 at 6:30pm
March 29, 2022 at 5:00pm

Cost: Free of Charge

Registration Required: www.familysmart.ca/events



familysmart.ca



Adapted Swim Lessons

NEW!

Red Cross Swim Adapted is for swimmers with disabilities, and uses the progressions provided by the Red Cross Swim Preschool and Kids programs. The performance criteria for each level has been broken down into more manageable steps, and class sizes are smaller than traditional swim lessons in order to make the success of each swimmer more achievable and create a positive learning environment.

For more information view mission.ca/aquatics



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It's really tough to be going through hard stuff with a child or youth who is struggling with their mental health and they end up in crisis – and we want to help you. We know what it's like because we've been there.

TOPICS

Session 1 & 2:

How to support a safety plan at home

Session 3:

How to take care of yourself and family after a crisis

Session 4:

How to find the resources you need

Region: Fraser

Dates: Jan. 31 & Feb. 2, 7, 9 Dates: Mar. 1, 2, 7, 9
Times: 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm Times: 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm

Dates: Feb. 1, 3, 8, 10 Dates: Mar. 1, 3, 8, 10
Times: 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm Times: 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

There is no cost to families. Registration is required:
www.familysmart.ca/workshops

Help for the Hard Times workshops are facilitated by parents with lived experience. The workshops are hosted online and include a one-on-one video conference or phone call with a Facilitator.

