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February 22, 2023



Bonjour ECME families!

This month has gone by extremely fast!

With spring break just around the corner, students have been working extremely hard on their academic growth. To help with genuine and authentic assessment, staff have been working tirelessly on the new reporting. It's fantastic to see so many students engaged in their learning and achieving goals they set themselves. There is overall excitement around Spaces, especially among students, as they get to plan and record each other.

Including student voice is a big part of the new reporting order. Please ask your students, "What are you learning?" "How are you doing with your learning?" Part of the work staff are doing is helping students learn to be able to answer these questions themselves. Teachers will report on all subjects on Spaces by spring break. Please reach out to your classroom teacher if you have any questions. Parent/teacher conferences are also approaching, and it is a great time to check in with classroom teachers regarding their learning. Communication between students, teachers and parents/guardians is vital to support learning. Teachers will connect with families regarding sign-ups for conferences.

We have also finished our Grade 6 hockey season, congratulations to the team for the short but fun season! Volleyball season is now in full swing. We have two teams of Grade 6 students this year. We wish them the best of luck as they prepare with for the playoffs next week.

Our staff members are the ones who volunteer their time coaching the sports. Thank you, Mr. Tessier, Ms. Sward, Mr. Huffman, and Mr. Chill for your coaching!

Hope everyone enjoys the last few days of the shortest month of the year!

Shannon Greig

Principal

Bobby Chilaka

Vice Principal



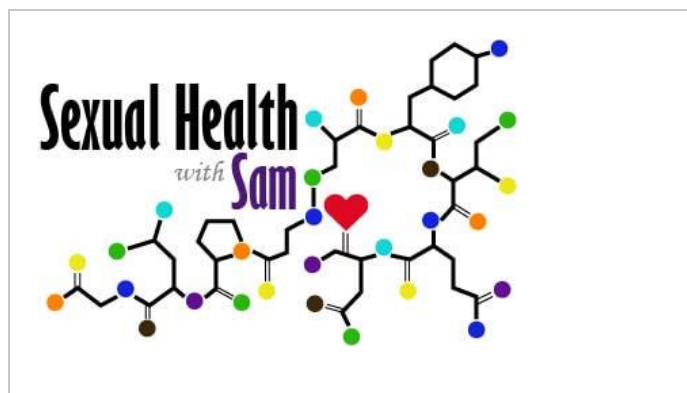
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Upcoming Dates:

February 24th – Half day (students dismissed at 11:00 am)
March 6th – Student engagement papers home and check spaces for reporting
March 6th – 9th – Parent teacher conferences
March 9th – Art Starts Performance
March 10th – Non-Instructional Day
March 13th – Spring break begins
March 27th – School reopens
April (various dates) – Health Educator, Sam Strange
April 6th – Easter Scavenger Hunt
April 7th – Good Friday
April 10th – Easter Monday
May – Pride Month
May 1st – May 12th – Rollerblading (classes will share their schedules)
May 9th – Class photos starting at 8:30am
May 12th – Rainbow Day
June – Jump Rope for Heart



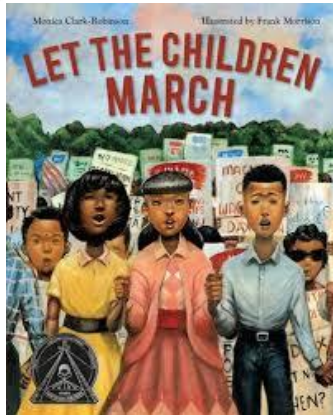
We are happy to welcome back Sam Strange to work with our classes again this year. She tailors each lesson to the grade level and requirements of the BC Curriculum. Thank you to our PAC for funding her teaching. If you would like more information, please check out her website: <https://www.samanthastrange.com/about.html>



Black History Month

Students have had the opportunity to honor Black History month through various classroom lessons, books, as well as a special presentation. Tonton Bah is from West Africa and is a Francophone speaker who shared about his culture with students.





Indigenous Department

Ey swayel mekw wat Good day everyone

All Halq'eméylem classes have been using the Sto:lo calendar to review the months and what the Sto:lo people would have been doing during that month or season. For example, during December, Meqos, (Fallen snow season) they would have moved to the Pithouse. But they learn about salmon, seasons, animals, weather, colors and counting. They are also learning songs and drumming,

This month we are reviewing the colors for Thatsele Swayel, Valentine's Day, and Sqeqotel Swayel, Family Day. We were saying the words for members of the family. We have also been playing Slahal, the kids love playing it. Soon it will be Temqwiles, Spring, (time for things to come up). Fun times ahead! Eyeschap.

All students were able to learn more about Metis culture through Jigging lessons with Madelaine McCallum. It was great to have her in our school sharing her teachings with our community.

Some of our classes also have had the opportunity to learn loom beading with Judy Cathers. Their creations are beautiful!







Georgina Mitchell

Substance Use Prevention and Health Promotion Specialist from Fraser House Society in Mission.

Georgina delivers messages to increase our student's resiliency and consider options before making choices. Her lessons are age appropriate and connected to the BC Curriculum around Health Education.

Grades 3,4, 5, and 6 do get appropriate and truthful information relating to nicotine, cannabis and alcohol use; but her main intent is to encourage students to choose and behave in a way that promotes health, happiness and safety.

Georgina and teachers hope the art-based homework the students to do will create conversations in the home.

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 in our school and 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.



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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.

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



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PARENT FORUM

Topics: Youth Substance Use and Safety Concerns

Date: Tuesday, March 7th, 2023

Location: Clark Theatre

FREE CHILDMINDING

FREE DINNER: 6:00 PM

Parent Forum: 6:30 - 7:45 PM

Optional Naloxone Training: 8:00 - 8:30 PM

RSVP: <https://forms.office.com/r/naE5nyvSD3>

Drop-ins are welcome!

Tables/information booths from:

- FamilySmart
- St. John's Ambulance
- CYMH
- MCFD
- Fraserhouse
- MYHouse
- Mission Parks, Recreation, & Culture
- Safer Schools Together (SST)

PRESENTED IN PARTNERSHIP WITH:



Community News



Fitness fun for all!

Explore a variety of fitness classes for kids. Programs feature games, sports, physical literacy, mindfulness and more!
Pre-register for the following program options:

- Parent & Tot Workout
- Kids Fit
- Kids Yoga
- Guided Meditation

Visit mission.ca/register

Physical Activity Tips for Children

Help kids enjoy their way to a healthier lifestyle!
One hour of physical activity every day; at home, at school, at play. Every step counts!



[Mission.ca/Leisure](https://mission.ca/Leisure)

604.820.5350

CALL TO REGISTER

604-826-0029

**\$15/
session**

March 13 Paper Chain Critter
March 15 Handprint Butterflies
March 16 Rain stick
March 17 Flower Pot Beehive

10AM-11:30AM
AGES 5 -9
7560 Hurd St. V2V
3H9

SPRING
BREAK



March 20 Pocket Monster Ball & Scavenger Hunt
March 21 Paper Plate Scenery
March 22 Tree/Cherry Blossom Windsock
March 23 Woven basket with painted cardboard eggs



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Mission Public Library

Pyjama Storytimes

Mondays, 6:45-7:30 pm

LEGO Club

Tuesdays, 3-4:15 pm

Between the Pages Tween Book Club (Ages 9-12, registration required.)

Wednesdays, March 8 & April 12, 3:30-4:30 pm

Fun with Ozobots (Ages 9-12, registration required.)

Monday, March 13, 3:30-4:30 pm

Puzzle Cube Drop-in

Wednesdays, March 15 & April 19, 3-4 pm

Paws 4 Stories (Registration required)

Thursdays, March 16 & April 20, 3:30-4:30 pm

Candy Sushi (Registration required)

Friday, March 17, 2:30-3:30 pm

LEGO Crafternoon

Tuesday, March 21, 3-4:15 pm

Nintendo Switch Freeplay

Wednesday, March 22, 1-3 pm

Family Storytime

Saturdays, March 25 & April 29, 11-11:30 am

For more details, go to www.fvrl.bc.ca > Events.

