



École Christine Morrison Elementary

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Principal: Shirley Gibson Vice-Principal: Shannon Greig

February 25th, 2021 – Newsletter

Dear Parents/Guardians,

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 Monday, March 8th. Classroom teachers will be sending out information to schedule a virtual conference with you within the next week or so. As with Term 1, we will not be having in-person conferences 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 11th and students returning to classes on Monday, March 29th.

This year we are celebrating Jump Rope for Heart on Thursday March 10th! This is always a terrific way to be active, have fun and raise money for such an important event. This year we are organizing this event differently due to COVID restrictions and we are certainly hoping for a sunny day to enjoy jumping outside! We will be collecting cash donations on March 10th.

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. There are far more space in the parking lot around 2:30-2:35 and students are welcome to wait at the front of the building. The side parking lot accessed from Edge Street, is for staff and parents with a parking pass only.



As per district policy, please note dogs are not permitted on the school grounds. If you have any questions about this policy, I would be pleased to discuss this with you.

As always, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the me. Thank you and take care,

Shirley Gibson, Principal



Upcoming Events

- 04 Mar – Metis Dance Workshop
- 08 Mar – Term 2 report Cards sent home
- 08 – 11 Mar – Term 2 Virtual Conferences
- 10 Mar – Jump Rope for Heart
- 11 Mar – Green Day
- 12 Mar – Students not in Session
- 15 Mar – Spring Break Begins
- 26 Mar – Spring Break Ends
- 29 Mar – School Reopens
- 01 Apr – Backwards Day
- 01 Apr – PAC Meeting 7:00pm
- 02 Apr – Good Friday
- 05 Apr – Easter Monday
- 23 Apr – Lockdown
- Loungewear Day
- 04 May – Star Wars Day
- 20 May – Wacky Socks Day
- 21 May – Pro D Day
- 24 May – Victoria Day
- 18 Jun – Animal Day
- 29 Jun – Last Day for Students
- 30 Jun – Admin Day for Staff
- 01 Jul – Canada Day

Early Dismissal (11am) –
February 26th
Spring Break – March 14th to
March 28th



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Ecole Christine Morrison Aboriginal Department

Metis Dancers!



To celebrate all Indigenous cultures, we will be having **Métis Dancers** on Thursday, March 4, 2021. The students will be learning the most famous Métis dance, the Red River Jig or as it is known in Michif, "*oayache mannin*". The accompanying fiddle tune is considered an



unofficial Métis anthem. The tune was very popular in the mid 1800s and was known from Alaska to James Bay. The dance is a combination of Plains First Nations footwork with Scottish, Irish and French-Canadian dance forms.

The basic jig step is danced in most Métis communities. However, dancers often add their own "fancy" dance steps during certain segments of the tune.

Some dancers use fancy steps to identify their home community.

Salish Art!



Students continue to learn Coast Salish art from Ovila Mailhot. Ovila is a graphic artist, and originally comes from both Sto:lo and Nlaka'pamux Nation. He grew up on Seabird Island, located near Agassiz. Ovila's parents both share a creative streak and love for art. His father spent time with the mediums of painting and illustrating, while his mother focused on writing. His sister is a New York Times best selling author of "Heart Berries." Students have been very fortunate to learn from Ovi, and have been very appreciative of their virtual sessions with him. <https://www.salishsondesign.com/>



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Eagles' Nest Library Newsletter February 2021



It's been a busy month in the library. In February elementary students learned about Chinese New Year, Valentines Day, and Kindness Month. Intermediate students have been learning about Canada and the world through practicing their atlas skills. Also, intermediate students were introduced to the online responsibility program *Be Internet Awesome* created by Google.



Check it out!

There is a section for families on the *Be Internet Awesome* program. You can find information and resources to help you discuss online responsibility [here](#). Also, students can reinforce what they learn by playing the engaging and fun game [Interland](#).



Help!

The library is still missing many books that were taken out before spring break last year and were not returned. Having overdue books from this time does not affect students taking out book snow, and I have stopped listing them on overdue notices. However, please be on the lookout for any ECME books at home to return. Thank you!



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ECME PAC News:

Hi parents and guardians of Christine Morrison,

Just a few updates from your PAC:

- First, just wanted to remind parents that your PAC has a [FB page](#) [Parents of Christine Morrison] – it's a great way to stay up to date on everything Christine Morrison.
 - o Be sure to answer the [membership questions](#) ahead of submitting your request to join to ensure your request to join is accepted.
 - o We can also always be reached at the [PAC email](#): cmepac.info@gmail.com
- [Hot Lunch](#) is BACK! And despite a few hiccups, the first week went incredibly well. Again, a huge thank you to Kim for her tireless efforts to get HL back on track and saving many of us parents/guardians from packing at least a few lunches this month. Also, a huge thank you to Shirley and Shannon for helping us navigate the new COVID guidelines. And of



course, we couldn't do it without volunteers – thank you all!

- o [Reminder](#): Be sure to submit orders and payments on or before the 15th of each month and all HL payments must be made via e-transfer ☺
- The [Make It Sow fundraiser](#) was a grand success – many thanks to all parents and students who participated. We raised over \$2000 for the students of CME!
- Other [upcoming fundraisers](#) include Purdy's (Feb/March), Emergency Kits and Music Bingo (March/April), Growing Smiles (April/May) and Meridian Meats (June); as a PAC we always welcome any fundraising ideas so feel free to share if you've got any ideas. (cmepac.info@gmail.com)
- [March Spirit Days](#): Thursday, March 11th: Green Day/ Portez du vert
- There is no March [PAC meeting](#) on account of March break so our next meeting will be in April; the date has been adjusted to [April 1st @ 7pm](#) (not an April Fool's joke lol) – a reminder re: the meeting and a zoom link will be shared closer to the date.

Happy (soon to be) March!



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From the Music Room - Kindness in our Community:

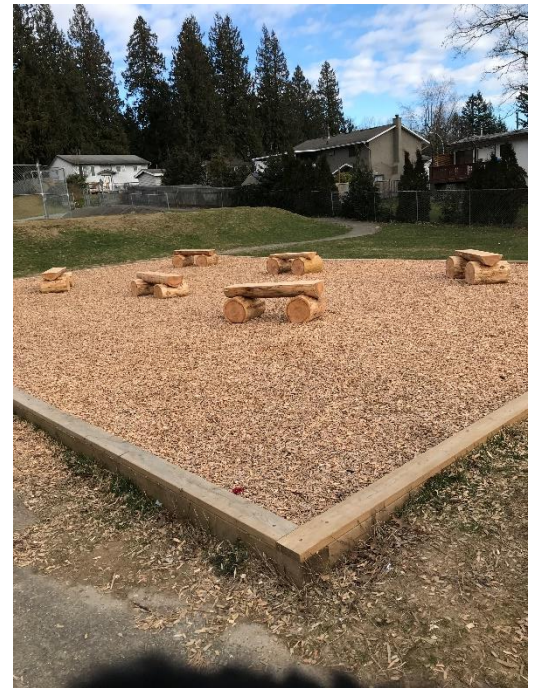
A big thank you goes out to Canadian Tire, on behalf of Lisa Crawford, for donating to our school a class set of buckets for bucket drumming. (I will send a picture.)

Another big thank you goes out to our school PAC for supporting the purchase 2 more left-handed guitars for the upper Intermediate music students, and a class set of drum sticks to go with the bucket drumming unit for upper primary students.

ECME Greening Project



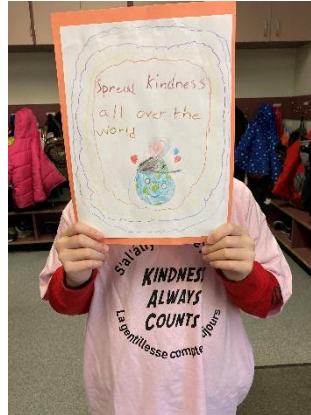
Work is continuing on our beautiful outdoor classroom. Trees will be coming soon! 🌳 Christine Morrison children are very excited about it and are already using it for fun and learning. We are all looking forward to warm spring days so we can maximize its use. ☀️ We are so grateful to our amazing PAC for making this happen for our school!





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Scratch Arcade with Steamworks Canada – virtual event via Zoom, register though www.fvrl.bc.ca

- March 17 & 24 from 11am-12pm. Scratch coding for grades 1-5

Family Forts in the Afternoon – virtual event via Zoom, register though www.fvrl.bc.ca

- March 25 from 2-2:45. Live Family Storytime

Also, the library has extended our hours until 6 pm Monday –Thursday. Hope to see lots of families dropping by to pick up spring reading, crafts, and movies!



For updates on our leisure center programming, click the link below!

<https://www.mission.ca/leisure-guide/>