



# École Christine Morrison Elementary

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## January 28th 2022 – Newsletter



### **Morrison Message**

Welcome back and Happy New Year to all of our families. We are happy to have our students back in our building. A reminder to everyone the weather can get very chilly at times and please encourage the students to wear jackets, gloves, and toques if needed. Christine Morrison promotes outside days for recess and lunch as much as possible.

Christine Morrison acknowledged Black Shirt Day and many classes recognized the day with educational activities. The Equity for Humanity leadership team is getting ready for Lunar New Year starting February 1st. Christine Morrison is excited to celebrate the two week long event with activities, learning, and cultural awareness.

Christine Morrison has both their ball hockey team and volleyball teams back in action. Both teams are practicing hard and displaying excellent sportsmanship. Due to the current restrictions, no spectators are allowed but, the players appreciate the support and the opportunity to play together.

Thank you to everyone for doing your part and helping to slow the spread of illness. If your child is not feeling well, please stay home and continue to call the office and report their absence.



### **Upcoming Events**

- 18 Feb – Pro D Day, no school for students.
- 21 Feb – Family Day, no school.
- 25 Feb – ½ day. 11 AM dismissal
- 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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## 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.

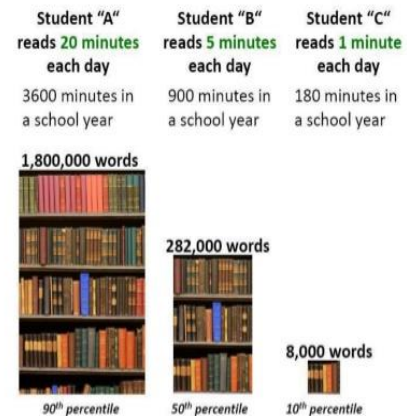
### Masks & Water Bottle

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

### Sweatpants

Ms. 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 in search of about 20 large CEREAL BOXES.

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



By the end of 6<sup>th</sup> 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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## Music Department News



Grade 4, 5, & 6 Choir practices on Wednesdays at lunch after the eating period. Last practice to join as a new member for Term 2 (until Spring Break), is Wednesday Feb. 2nd



### **Updated Hours**

We're open early Monday-Thursday! The updated hours for Mission Library are Monday-Thursday 9 am to 8 pm; Friday-Saturday 10 am to 5pm; Sunday 1 pm to 5 pm.

### **Storywalk**

Mission Library invites you and your family to enjoy a story walk inside the library. Follow along for a fun children's story!

### **No more late-fines**

As of January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022 Fraser Valley Regional Library has ended late-fines. We still encourage customers to return items.

### **February Take and Make**

DIY Activity Kits are available to pick up at Mission library and take home. Drop by the library to pick up yours today!



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## Aboriginal News!



### STO:LO LONGHOUSE

Grade 2/3 students were able to attend the Sto:lo Longouse Extension Program in Chilliwack for a fieldtrip. Teachings in this program include Sto:lo:

- History and
- The interconnectedness the Sto:lo people have to the land through:
  - Artifacts
  - Ethnobotany
  - Traditional Stories
  - Drumming
  - Dancing

### METIS PRESENTATION WITH LEAH DORION

Five classes from Christine Morrison (grade 3 / 4) were able to have virtual sessions with Leah Dorion, Metis author and artist from Saskatchewan.

Her artwork celebrates the strength and resilience of Indigenous women and families.

The presentation included included two books she has written and illustrated:

- 1) *The Metis New Year*
- 2) *Metis Camp Circle*

Students learned about Metis:

- Art
- History
- Culture

Leah taught the students the basics of drawing and then led them in a directed drawing session of bison. She was very creative with her teaching techniques which kept the students engaged and excited to participate in this incredible learning opportunity.







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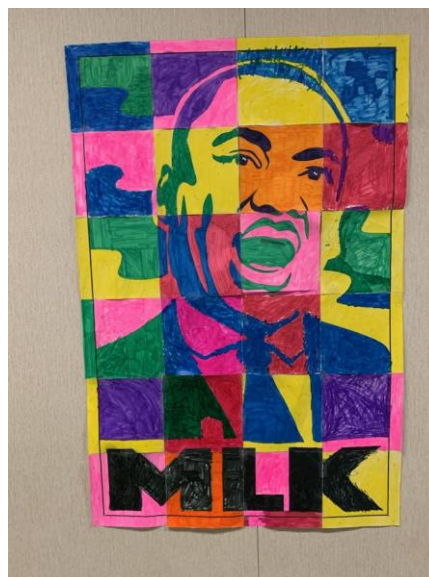
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## Breakfast/Lunch Program

Our community partners (Pavi & Gurdeep Toor) helped to kick start a breakfast/snack program. Each class has their own tote in their classroom for students who may need it.

# Christine Morrison Art





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## 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@mpsdc.ca](mailto:shauna.nero@mpsdc.ca)



Learn Canada's official languages at school

Become global citizens; be a part of the Francophone world



Be a part of an inclusive program that provides elementary LST support in French



Be immersed in culture; participate in cultural activities

Become a part of a local community of French learners



Have an advantage on the job market and bilingual professional opportunities



Bilingualism/plurilingualism helps the brain process information more efficiently

Associated with better memory, visual-spatial skills and creativity

Staves off cognitive decline later in life



Receive DELF certification

Graduate with a double dogwood bilingual diploma



## 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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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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