



École Christine Morrison Elementary

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Principal: Shirley Gibson
Vice-Principal: Shannon Greig

January 28th, 2021 Newsletter

Dear Parents and Guardians,



Yesterday we celebrated our Indigenous Cultural Day with amazing presenters sharing their teachings with our students and staff. This was our first virtual Cultural Day and it was very successful! We would like to thank Siwel Si'wes for all their work and teachings.

We are noticing that there is an increase in messages being left on our answering machine regarding students' absences and we really appreciate this! Our answering machine is available from 3:30 pm – 8:00 am, and we listen to the message each morning. Calling the absence in saves us quite a bit of time in the morning as we are working through the attendance lists.

Regarding picking up your child for an appointment during the school day, please call the office at 604-826-3651 when you arrive in the front parking lot and we will bring the student to the front doors and escort them to the top of the stairs. At this time, there is very limited access to the school, and we appreciate your support with this protocol.

On February 11th, we are celebrating 'Red and White' day and it will be terrific to see the creativity our students always show for our Spirit Days!

Take care everyone and thank you so much for your continued support of ECME!

Shirley Gibson
Principal

Shannon Greig
Vice-Principal



Upcoming Events

- 11 Feb – Red and White Day!
- 12 Feb – District Pro D Day
- 15 Feb – Family Day
- 24 Feb – Pink Shirt Day
- 26 Feb – Early Dismissal (11am)
- 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
- 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
Friday, February 26th
(11am)



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Aboriginal News!

Coast Salish Weaving

Division 9 was fortunate to participate in a workshop on Coast Salish weaving traditions that included a hands-on component! The workshop was led by Indigenous Mentor Teacher Peggy Janicki who shared her knowledge and led students in creating drawstring bags using traditional weaving techniques.

Kw'asho:y Peggy!



DIRECTED DRAWING WITH OVILA MAILHOT

Division 9 and Division 1 students were able to participate in a virtual directed drawing session with graphic artist Ovila Mailhot.

- Ovila is from Seabird Island band.
- His designs reflect Coast Salish art, and his art work encompasses traditional and current popculture.
- Ovi shared his story of how he became an artist as a young adult.
- He learned from YouTube tutorials.
- Students were engaged and connected with Ovi in a very positive way.

<https://www.salishsondesign.com/projects>





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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.



January PAC Update!

Hi parents and guardians of Christine Morrison,

Just a few updates from your PAC:

- Pink shirt day will happen on Wednesday February 24th this year; pink shirts purchased through PAC will be sent home with your child/children on February 22nd at the latest.
- We're hoping to start a seed fundraiser very soon; Make it Sow. We'll be in touch re: this fundraiser when we know more.
- Other upcoming fundraisers include Purdy's, Emergency Kits, Music Bingo, Meridian Meats; as a PAC we always welcome any fundraising ideas so feel free to share if you've got any ideas. (cmepac.info@gmail.com)
- Hot Lunch is BACK! And we're quickly approaching our 5days/week offers; starting in March we will be adding sushi on Tuesdays and are hoping to add OPP chicken nuggets on Thursday and Eleni's on Friday (stay tuned for additional updates)
- We'd like to note a correction to our PAC executive: Jody Howitt was mistakenly omitted; she has since been re-added as an active member at large (thank you Jody!)
- Our February PAC meeting will take place on Thursday February 11th at 7pm. We will email out and post the Zoom link on Facebook ahead of the meeting and of course, all are welcome to attend.

Happy (soon to be) February!



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Spirit Days!

Thursday February 11th – Red and White Day (wear red and white!)



Wednesday February 24th – Pink Shirt Day!

Thursday March 11th – Green Day



Thursday April 1st – Backwards Day

Friday April 23rd – Lockdown Loungewear Day



Tuesday May 4th – Star Wars Day

Thursday May 20th – Wacky Socks 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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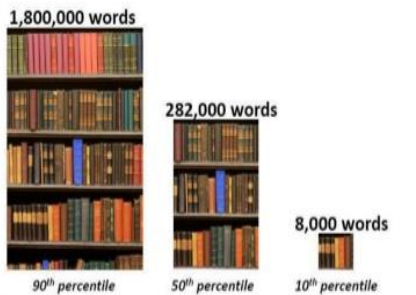
WILD AND WACKY DAY



Daily Reading

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)

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.



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

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



Fraser Valley Regional Library News!

The Mission Library is open Monday to Saturday from 10-5. Please visit us in person to browse the shelves and pick up some books and activities to go. We are creating craft kits, Grab & Go bags of books, and Storytime bags to take home. If you can't visit us in person, our website (www.fvrl.ca) offers e-library cards and 1000's of books, audiobooks, movies, tv shows, and magazines you can download for free with your card. There is also of homework help available on our website . Stop by or call us for more information!

We are located at 33247 2nd Avenue, phone #-604-826-6610.