

École Christine Morrison Elementary Newsletter



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Bonjour, Hello and Ey Swayel École Christine Morrison Families,



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Happy Spring everyone and welcome back for the final term of the school year! We hope everyone has enjoyed the terrific weather we had over the break. On the final day of classes before the break, we were very fortunate to enjoy the extremely talented, Abbotsford Youth Orchestra. The students thoroughly enjoyed the wide variety of music presented and it was wonderful to learn that there were many musicians from Mission in the orchestra. In the afternoon we had our 'Mad Scientist', Mrs. Ng, present the amazing aspects of frozen nitrogen. From seeing a banana become a hammer, freezing marshmallows and inflated balloons that appeared to collapse and freeze only to expand once back at room temperature. The students enjoyed sharing their knowledge about the states of matter and we were amazed at the changes.



Our Scholastic Book Fair was a tremendous success and we would like to say a huge, "Thank you" to our team of volunteers and the community support for the book fair. The proceeds the school earns through a book fair, are placed directly back into the library supporting school wide literacy.

The Sharing and Caring Bake Sale was very successful, we raised \$644.00, and we had so much baking we were able to hold the sale over two days. Thank you everyone for donating to the bake sale, everything was delicious!

While we are just beginning our third term of the school year, we are beginning to plan for next year. If you are aware of families who are going to be moving into our catchment, please have them contact the office as we try very hard to have classes settled as much as possible before the school year begins.

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 chat and engage in a discussion about their day at home.

As always, if you have any questions, comments or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Shirley Gibson
Principal

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Vice-Principal

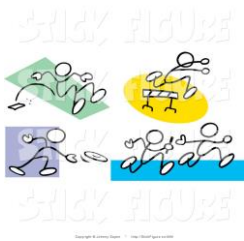
Homestay Families Wanted

Mission Public Schools International Program is accepting applications for nurturing homestay families who want to provide a caring home for our elementary age students. Please click the link below to apply online or you can email kim.hunter@mpsdc.ca if you have any questions.

<http://www.studyinmission.ca/become-a-host-family>.

Athletics

Track and Field



Track and Field Season will be starting Tuesday, April 2nd and will happen every Tuesday/Thursday until the end of the April rain or shine. The practices will be happening during the P.E. class time for students in Grades 4 – 6. The students will have the opportunity to experience a variety of track and field events and at the end of the season, students will have the opportunity. The final track meet is on Thursday, May 9th for students in Grade 5/6 and on Friday, May 10th for Grade 4 students.

ECME Greening Project

Over the past two years or so the PAC has been fundraising to support a school wide initiative altering the school grounds to allow our students and staff to have outdoor learning areas, ‘outdoor classrooms’ as well as natural play structures. Over the break, we have successfully completed almost half of the work needed for the section in the forest by the primary soccer field to be used as an outdoor classroom. Facilities have been amazing and have created a site-line for safety, the fence has been moved back and is fully secured to the ground which was an endeavor given the unevenness of the ground. There is a gate that leads to the lower level of the ravine and this will be locked from 7:30 to 4:30 each school day to ensure the area is secure. At this time, the space is out of bounds as we need to review the expectations for this space as it is a classroom versus an addition to the playground.

From journaling and reading to art projects to simply being in the space, this new outdoor classroom will allow the students and staff to have a completely different environment in which to learn. We will be having indigenous plants and teachings from which we can learn.

This is the first part of the Greening Project in which the school and PAC have been working on for over two years, and it is very exciting to see the first steps of this very large project started.

Music Department



On March 14th we received our brand new class set of guitars! We have many people to thank for bringing these to our school: Mrs. Schaufert for applying for and receiving the grant from The Mission Community Foundation, the ECME PAC and Kings Music. This is a remarkable resource for our students!

Parent Advisory Committee

PAC: The next PAC meeting is Thursday, April 11th at 7:00 in the large conference room

Upcoming dates:

April

- Monday, April 1st: return to school and begin 3rd term
- Wednesday, April 3rd: parent information meeting at 6:30 with Samantha Strange regarding.....
- Thursday, April 4th: meeting for parents of Grade 6 students to discuss ideas for the year end celebration
- Friday, April 5th: Student of the Month Assembly
- Monday, April 8th: Arts Start Presentation: Scrap Arts Metal
- Tuesday, April 9th: Concours to be held in the evening (more information to follow)
- Thursday, April 11th: PAC meeting at 7:30 p.m.in the large conference room
- Wednesday, April 17th: Schoolwide ‘Silly Hat’ Day
- Friday, April 19th: Good Friday – school is not in session
- Monday, April 22nd: Easter Monday – school is not in session
- Tuesday, April 23rd: Grade 6 Immunizations beginning at 8:30
- Thursday, May 9th: District Track Meet for Grade 5/6
- Friday, May 3rd: Student of the Month Assembly
- Thursday, May 9th: District Track Meet for Grade 5/6
- Friday, May 10th: District Track Meet for Grade 4
- Friday, May 17th: Professional Development Day – classes are not in session
- Monday, May 20th: Victoria Day – classes not in session
- Monday, May 27th to June 7th : Rollerblading lessons in gym classes – Thank you PAC for your support!
- Friday, May 31st: Final Student of the Month Assembly
- Wednesday, June 5th: Welcome to Kindergarten 9:00 – 10:30
- June 10th/11th/12th: Festival du Livre 8:00 – 4:00
- Tuesday, June 25th: Primary Sports Day
- Wednesday, June 26th: Intermediate Sports Day – going to the pool from 12:30 – 1:30

- Thursday, June 27th: Dance Extravaganza and final day of classes



Good day,

Here are a few events at Mission Library in April and May. Please note that certain sessions require registration to attend. The contact numbers are at the end of the list of terrific events!

April:

LEGO Club

Tuesdays, April 2 – May 28, 3-4:15pm

Love LEGO? We provide the LEGO, you bring your imagination! Come play, create, and experiment.

Maze Mayhem: Sphero Challenge

Wednesday, April 17, 3:30-4:30pm

Come play with our collection of Sphero robots and learn to program a Sphero to get through our obstacle course. No previous coding experience required. Participants will have a chance to win a Sphero Mini! Registration Required.

Paws 4 stories

Thursday, April 18, 3:30-4:30pm

Read to a St. John Ambulance dog! Registration required.

Dance Fever Puppet Show

Tuesday, April 23, 6:45-7:30 pm

Put on your dancing shoes and shuffle over for a boogie-woogie storytime and puppet show.

Kitten Library

Saturday, May 4, 10:30-3:30 pm

For a purr-fectly wonderful time, come chill with some kittens in the kitten room! All animals will be up for adoption. Presented in partnership with the Fraser Valley Humane Society. Registration required.

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