



# École Christine Morrison Elementary

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Principal: Shirley Gibson  
Vice-Principal: Shannon Greig



Dear Parents and Guardians,

Happy Spring everyone and we hope you have all enjoyed a relaxing Spring Break.

April is a busy month with our rollerblading program, West Coast Wheels, returning this April 12th to 23rd. This program has been supported and funded by our PAC for several years and we are very pleased to have the program return this year. Of course, with the current pandemic, the structure of the program looks different as classes are scheduled individually and equipment sanitizing is built into the schedule to ensure that all COVID protocols are followed. We will be keeping the gym external doors open for extra air circulation as well. Permission slips will be sent home this week, please let us know if you have any questions.



Jump Rope for Heart was an incredible event this year as we were all outside, in our cohorts, with music playing, students and staff having fun and laughter heard across the fields. It was such an enjoyable sunny event! We raised just under \$1300.00 in donations!

With the nice weather arriving, often students and families remain after school to use the playground and fields. Please remember that there is no school supervision after 2:38 p.m. and students are expected to go home afterschool. Also, for people with dogs, please remember dogs are not permitted on school grounds. We are finding an increase of dog excrement on our grounds which makes playing on the fields very unpleasant for our students.

As always, please let me know if you have any questions.

Wishing everyone a wonderful long weekend and Happy Easter!

Thank you and take care,

Shirley Gibson



Principal

## Upcoming Events

- 01 Apr – Backwards Day
- 01 Apr – PAC Meeting  
7:00pm
- 02 Apr – Good Friday
- 05 Apr – Easter Monday
- 23 Apr – 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

**No School** - 02 Apr (Good Friday) and 05 Apr (Easter Monday)



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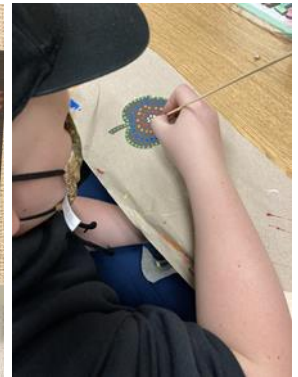
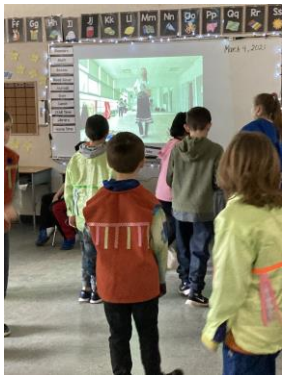
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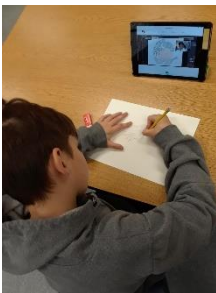
## Aboriginal News!

### V'ni Dansi

Students were able to participate in a virtual session of Metis Jigging with V'ni Dansi. V'ni Dansi is a Vancouver-based traditional Métis and contemporary dance company dedicated to sharing the dances, stories and culture of the Métis. <https://www.vnidansi.ca/> Some classes enhanced the learning by incorporating Metis Dot Art. Metis artist Christi Belcourt has inspired many of our Metis projects. <http://christibelcourt.com/>



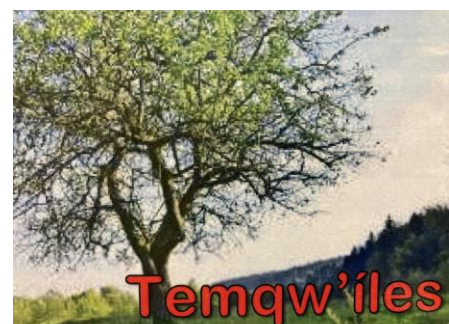
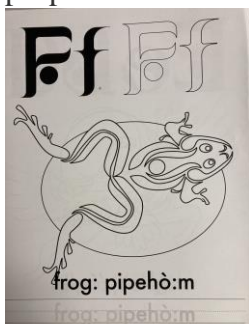
### Directed Drawing with Ovila Mailhot



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/>

### HALQ'EMEYLEM

Malila has been busy teaching Halq'emeylem to classes that have signed up. The focus of teaching has been on Spring. Spring is called temqw'iles = time for things to come up. Temqwi'les sounds like tem-kwee-less. We are now in little frog season. Frogs begin to croak about this time. Pipeho:m sounds like peep-a-hom.





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## Kindergarten Registration



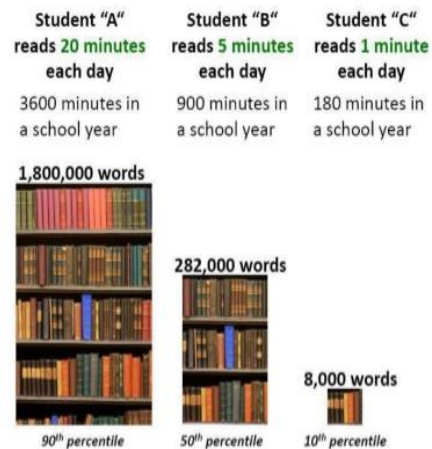
Kindergarten Registration is ongoing. Go to [www.mpsd.ca](http://www.mpsd.ca) click on Kindergarten Registration Week, Register for School, scroll down, choose Ecole Christine Morrison Elementary, fill out the pre-registration form. You will then receive a phone call from the school to book an appointment 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.



## 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.

### 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)



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## March PAC Update!

Hi parents and guardians of Christine Morrison,

### Just a few updates from your PAC:

We'll be back to 5 days/week for **hot lunch** starting in April with the addition of Eleni's Restaurant. Thank you to all of our volunteers who made this possible!

- **Reminder:** ALL orders must be paid for via e-transfer and are due on or before the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month.

**Growing Smiles fundraiser** forms will be going home in agendas/clipboards this week and will be due Wednesday April 14<sup>th</sup> (includes hanging baskets, patio planters, herb, succulent and vegetable packs (and much more)) Pickup will be on Saturday May 8<sup>th</sup> - just in time for Mother's Day (Time and exact location TBD)  
**Emergency Kit fundraiser forms** [Canadian Safety Supplies] will go home mid-April and be due back in early May (exact date TBD)

We will be hosting a child oriented/family friendly **Music Bingo Night** Friday April 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm. You can order your music bingo cards at [online.musicbingo.com/](https://online.musicbingo.com/) (\$10 for 3 chances to win). If you would like to donate a prize or know someone who might be interested, please contact the PAC @ [cmeinfo.info@gmail.com](mailto:cmeinfo.info@gmail.com) or reach out to Karlee Gagnon directly via Facebook or (778)549-1384.

Other **upcoming fundraisers** include Spirit Bear Coffee (May) and Meridian Meats Gift Cards (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](mailto:cmepac.info@gmail.com))

### April Spirit Days:

- Thursday April 1<sup>st</sup>: Backwards Day/Journée à l'envers
- Friday April 23<sup>rd</sup>: Lockdown Loungewear Day/Vêtements de détente

The date of our next **PAC meeting** has been adjusted and will be held **Thursday April 1<sup>st</sup> @7pm**. You can join via the following Zoom link: <https://ufv-ca.zoom.us/j/63393688220?pwd=Z2pZYUZzNTFmWE5wdnhGZ3Z1Y2kydz09>

**Reminder:** PAC has a **FB page** [Parents of Christine Morrison] – it's a great way to stay up to date on everything Christine Morrison.

- Be sure to answer the **membership questions** ahead of submitting your request to join to ensure your request to join is accepted.
- We can also always be reached at the **PAC email:** [cmepac.info@gmail.com](mailto:cmepac.info@gmail.com)

Happy April!





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## Spirit Days!

**National  
Backwards  
Day**

Thursday April 1<sup>st</sup> – Backwards Day

Friday April 23<sup>rd</sup> – Lockdown Loungewear Day



**STAR WARS DAY  
MAY THE 4TH  
BE WITH YOU**

Tuesday May 4<sup>th</sup> – Star Wars Day

Thursday May 20<sup>th</sup> – Wacky Socks day



Hello from Mission Library!

Good news for those who like to visit us after school or work! We have extended our hours for Monday-Thursday and are now open until 6pm (Friday and Saturday we still close at 5pm). Come by and read or tackle some homework, and while you're here make sure you check if there are any new Take 'N Makes or Storytime at Home kits that you can grab.

We are starting to offer more live online programming via Zoom now so make sure to keep an eye on our website for those! A fun one that some of you may find interesting is the Sphero SPRK+ Robot Challenge on May 19. Check out the event page on our website for all the details and to register: <https://fvrl.bibliocommons.com/events/605e287590c24e2400f9de90>

Mission Library 604-826-6610 [fvrl.bc.ca](http://fvrl.bc.ca)



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## Information and Support

For families and caring adults who  
are parenting a child or youth with  
mental health challenges.

**IN THE KNOW PROVIDES EXPERT SPEAKERS ON TOPICS IMPORTANT TO FAMILIES.  
CONNECT AND LEARN WITH OTHER FAMILIES FOR AN ONLINE DISCUSSION,  
JOIN BY ZOOM.**

### **Beyond Behaviours: When Is It More? What It Looks Like at Ages 4 to 8**

When our kids are having a hard time, or we are seeing something for the first time, we might wonder what's going on? In this video conversation, a parent and counsellor talk about the developmental stages of 4 to 8 year old children, what are typical behaviours, and how do we know when something more might be going on. This conversation is for all families and caregivers who feel like they are parenting in the deep end of the swimming pool or are just wondering what they can do when it feels like more.

Communities: **MISSION**

Cost: **Free of Charge**

Date: **April 27, 2021 at 6:30pm**

Registration Required: [www.familysmart.ca/itk](http://www.familysmart.ca/itk)

Watch a video with us and come together with other families for a facilitated discussion by FamilySmart Parent in Residence.



[familysmart.ca](http://familysmart.ca)



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## FITNESS BINGO

**FREE FITNESS CHALLENGE WITH PRIZES!**

**Individuals & Families  
April 1 - 30**

[mission.ca/fitnessbingo](http://mission.ca/fitnessbingo)

Name:

Phone:

B	I	N	G	
Attend a 6am Fitness Class	Squat 25 times twice today	Pre-book 8 fitness classes in April and attend all 8	Do 10 push ups with feet on a chair or coffee table	Post your submission
Skip for 1 minute	Attend a Yoga Class	Hold a plank for 1 minute 3 times today	Attend a Water Fitness Class	Check House to go
Eat three servings of veggies	Accumulate 200 push ups over 7 days	★	Hold a wall squat for 1 minute and do 25 jumping jacks	Take a stretch
No sweets all day	Dance to your favourite song	Drink 5 glasses of water in one day	Attend 3 or more fitness classes in one week	Go for a walk
	Do 25 Burpees	Use the Concept 2 Rowing Machine in the studio for 5 minutes	Do 40 walking lunges in your hallway	

