



# École Christine Morrison Elementary

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## March 30th 2022 – Newsletter

### **Morrison Message**

#### **Covid Protocols**

Recently the ministry of education has made some further changes to the covid protocols. All staff and students are no longer required to wear a mask, however they still have the option of doing so. Any individuals continuing to wear a mask are encouraged to bring one from home. School community is also able to have full capacity gatherings indoors. Visitors are welcome to volunteer at full capacity in our school and can connect with our office team for more information. If you require more detailed information, please reference the Mission Public Schools or Ministry websites. Click [here](#) for our district update.

#### **Upcoming Events**

Cultural Celebrations have been a great part of our school community this year at Christine Morrison. Prior to spring break, staff and students had a great time learning about Lunar New Year, Black History Month, and Quebec Carnival. For the month of April, we are excited to celebrate and learn about Ramadan, Vaisakhi, and Easter. Staff and students will be learning in their classrooms and having the opportunity to take part in larger cultural activities to help build an understanding for the variety of cultures all around us.

#### **Noon Hour Supervisor Call Out**

Have you thought about joining the Morrison Family? Wanted to spend time with our youth? Help make a difference with leadership? Christine Morrison Elementary is looking for an individual to join our noon hour supervision team. The commitment is flexible as it can be casual or a few set days a week. Supervisors are responsible to check on a set number of classes or an area during the eating period and followed by outdoor supervision on the playground/fields. If you would like to know more information on how to join this fantastic team, please email [melanie.carey@mpsd.ca](mailto:melanie.carey@mpsd.ca) or contact HR at Mission Public Schools.

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### **Upcoming Events**

05 Apr - Class photo.  
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.

#### **No School -**

Easter Long Weekend!  
15 April Good Friday &  
18 April Easter Monday



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### Sports

Congratulations to our volleyball team who had an amazing season and were able to win the championship this season. Thank you to the coaches and families for your support. The players took on the teachers during a lunch time event which was well received by everyone. It was great to see the energy in our building and the passion for sports. Intramural sports are back at Morrison on Tuesday and Thursdays. Our next sport will be track and field for grades 4 - 6. Practices will occur during the day as part of PE programs. More information about district track meets will follow.

### 100<sup>th</sup> Day

Many classes celebrated 100<sup>th</sup> day prior to spring break. This was even more special for our kindergarten and grade 1 students who have been away from a regular routine due to covid restrictions. Teachers helped celebrate these milestones in a variety of forms in their classrooms and some of our staff organized a crafts day to bring several classes together for rotational activities.

### Reminder

Recently we have been seeing an increase in the number of students bringing Pokémon cards to school. These are very treasured collections; however, these are not to be brought to school as trades can occur or cards can be lost which creates challenging situations. If your child is bringing these to school for show and tell or to bring to afterschool care, please let them know the cards are to remain in their backpacks during the school day.

If you have any questions, please let us know and we will certainly assist.



In April we will continue our sessions with Sam Strange. Sam is a health expert and tailors her sessions to align with the BC Curriculum for each grade level. Sam has worked with our school for a number of years now and we are excited to be able to welcome her back into the building for in person sessions. We would also like to thank the PAC for funding the sessions for the whole school.

You can check out Sam's website for more information: <https://www.samanthastrange.com/>



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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!

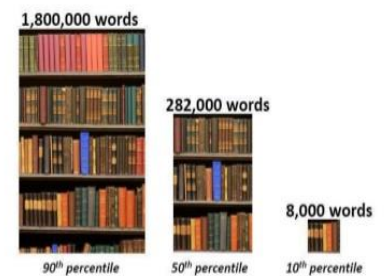
### Parking

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.

- Please do not park in yellow emergency zones.
- Please do not park behind other parked cars.

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

Student "A" reads 20 minutes each day	Student "B" reads 5 minutes each day	Student "C" 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 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.

### Class Photo Retake

One of our wonderful parents has volunteered to retake our class photos, while we follow our new covid protocols (YAY we get to show our faces!). Photos will be taken on Tuesday April 5<sup>th</sup>.



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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.











### 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)

	<p>Learn Canada's official languages at school</p> <p>Become global citizens; be a part of the Francophone world</p>		<p>Be a part of an inclusive program that provides elementary LST support in French</p>
	<p>Be immersed in culture; participate in cultural activities</p> <p>Become a part of a local community of French learners</p>		<p>Have an advantage on the job market and bilingual professional opportunities</p>
	<p>Bilingualism/plurilingualism helps the brain process information more efficiently</p> <p>Associated with better memory, visual-spatial skills and creativity</p> <p>Staves off cognitive decline later in life</p>		<p>Receive DELF certification</p> <p>Graduate with a double dogwood bilingual diploma</p>

### 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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## Ready, Set, Learn

For children 0-5. Please attend your catchment school's date and join us for a story walk and treasure hunt.



**The following schools/dates will be held at Centennial Park from 9:30-10:30:**

West Heights/Cherry Hill - March 7th

Hillside/Windebank - March 28th

Mission Central/Christine Morrison - April 4th

Albert McMahon/Edwin S. Richards - April 11th

**The remaining schools will be on location:**

Silverdale/Summit - April 21st 9:00-10:00

Stave Falls - April 21st 1:00-2:00

Deroche - April 22nd 9:00-10:00

Dewdney - April 22nd 1:00-2:00



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## Christine Morrison Photos





Y.E.S.  
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**

604 826 8737  
yesacademy75@gmail.com  
Mon-Fri  
11:00am - 7:00pm



# Community News !



## Adapted Swim Lessons

NEW!

Red Cross Swim Adapted is for swimmers with disabilities, and uses the progressions provided by the Red Cross Swim Preschool and Kids programs. The performance criteria for each level has been broken down into more manageable steps, and class sizes are smaller than traditional swim lessons in order to make the success of each swimmer more achievable and create a positive learning environment.

For more information view [mission.ca/aquatics](http://mission.ca/aquatics)

## Royal Soccer Club

With schools getting back to normal, we're excited about the opportunity to host our day camps again this summer. We're planning to host our 30th annual summer day camps to Mission and surrounding area residents again this summer and so we were hoping for your assistance in sharing our program material (see attached poster/brochure pdf) with the students and families of your school community.

The Royal Soccer Club (NPO#S-0056504) is a registered, non-profit organization that has been hosting summer day camps for 30 years. Our camps not only promote a healthy and active lifestyle but we also promote and teach personal development, team building, leadership and other life skills. Our program encourages inclusivity for all children aged 5 to 13 (kindergarten to Grade 8).

## Community Resources

Click [here](#) for a great list of our community resources, including:

- Free and low-cost food directory
- Family Support Agencies/Resources
- Mental Health & Wellness
- Parent Peer Support
- Financial Support
- Online Activities for kids

