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Morrison Message

Hi Everyone,

June has almost arrived, and the end of the school is approaching quickly! This month, there were many events that took place such as Star Wars Day, I-Ride, Indigenous Awards, Science Experiments, visits from our RCMP constable, Pride Week, and wonderful field trips. Sports has been big all year at Morrison, and no different in May. Classes were taking part in daily lap running to prepare for our final run on May 25th. Our grade 6 touch football team has been practicing hard for play day games happening on May 25th and June 2nd.

A big Christine Morrison thanks to everyone who took part in Jump Rope for Heart this year. The student community raised over \$100.00 to help for the cause.

This year we are happy to invite our parent community to many of our year end events as restrictions have been eased. The last day for students this year is Tuesday, June 29th. We will be distributing report cards at the end of the final day of classes.



Thank you,

Ecole Christine Morrison Elementary Admin Team

May 2022 Newsletter



Upcoming Events

- 26 May - Rainbow Day
- 26 May - Monthly SOM Assembly
- 7 Jun - School wide field trip (Fraser Valley Bandits)
- 17 Jun - Super hero day
- 17 Jun - Final monthly stars assembly
- 21 Jun - National Indigenous Peoples' Day
- 22 Jun - Intermediate sports day
- 23 Jun - Gr 6 visit to Heritage Park Middle
- 23 Jun - Primary sports day
- 24 Jun - Royal blue day - St. Jean Baptiste Day
- 24 Jun - Gr 6 leaving ceremony
- 27 Jun - Gr 6 Cultus Lake Water Slides
- 29 Jun - Dance Extravaganza
- 29 Jun - Last day for students
- 29 Jun - Report cards go home
- 30 Jun - Non instructional day

No School -

June 29th is the last day for students!



Everyday Anxiety Strategies for Educators

Click [HERE](#) for EASE resources!



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News from our Aboriginal Dept!



Dr. Siyamiateliot Elizabeth Phillips **Culture, Heritage & Spirituality (2022)**

Xwchíyò:m Cheam First Nation, BC

"That makes my life worthwhile, I would say. All the work I've done...Even if it's only one word – that is the beginning."

Called "a Stó:lō national treasure," Elder Dr. Siyamiateliot Elizabeth

Phillips has spent more than 50 years preserving, revitalizing, and transmitting the Halq'eméylem language. She is the last fluent speaker and has been working on this critically important legacy since the 1970s, when she helped the original Coqualeetza Elders to gather Halq'eméylem words.

In the 1980s, she was part of the Elders group who developed a Halq'eméylem writing system; prior to their efforts, there was no written expression for Halq'eméylem. In an effort to reverse the trend of language extinction created by the residential school system, she has worked extensively with students, linguists, professors, Stó:lō Shxweli, and the innovative Good Medicine Songs Performers, translating numerous texts into Halq'eméylem while working on materials that were invaluable to language teachers. Elder Siyamiateliot has been recorded speaking Halq'eméylem on film and as an ultrasound recording, enabling following generations of students to see exactly how certain Halq'eméylem sounds are made.

In recognition of her lifelong efforts, she received an Honorary Doctorate in 2018 from the University of the Fraser Valley, and UFV's Student Union Society created an award in her name: The Elizabeth Phillips Seeking Indigenous Reconciliation Award.

Halq'eméylem

Here are some of the words we have been studying for the month of April.

Temkwikwexel - time for baby Sockeye salmon, the Stó:lō name for the month around April

Temqwiles - time for things to come up (grow) the word for Spring

Spaq'em, omex - flowers and colors of spring

Sqewath, spath - the animals we start to see in Spring

Tlelxxel, Sth'oqwi - Spring Salmon and other salmon in the river.

This week we are discussing what Earth Day (Temexw Swayel) means to us.

Kwetslome (See you Again)



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Our staff celebrating Pride month and our students' individuality.



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Pac Update!

Parents and Guardians of Christine Morrison Elementary,

Can you believe the school year is nearly over...

Just a few notes...

We're currently running a **Krispy Kreme fundraiser** – \$12/dozen donuts. Orders are due May 31 with delivery planned for June 14th. This will be our last fundraiser this year. If you didn't receive an order form and would like one, please reach out to PAC via email (provided below) or see the recent postings re: the fundraiser on the FB page.

We also want to thank all parents who use the lower parking lot for drop off and pickup for following the volunteers' directions during our **parking reorganization/blitz**. While I understand some might have been frustrated by the sudden change, please know that we only have all students' best interests at heart. The rules set out currently will continue indefinitely and volunteers will return now and again to remind parents/guardians. Please be kind.

We hit a bit of a snafu in our hot lunch calendar and mistakenly scheduled hot lunch for June 7th. This is of course the date of the **Fraser Valley Bandits Basketball game field trip** so there will be no students in the school at lunchtime. In lieu of the scheduled lunch, PAC would like to add a school-wide exciting day at the end of year celebrations. Maybe a freezie day? Or ice cream day? The possibilities are endless. Details will be provided as soon as we have them.

Grade 6 grad is also rapidly approaching – we'll miss you all! All questions re: grad can be directed to Mme Shannon who will put you in touch with Tammy Sampson and Cher Duguid. Huge thank you to these moms for taking on the incredible task of organizing the year end ceremonies. With the end of COVID there was a lot of pressure on their shoulders to return to a "normal" grade 6 year end celebration and I'm sure all grade 6 parents would agree that they have most definitely outdone themselves 😊

We will be sending an email home soon sharing a bit more about what PAC executive is all about. But in a nutshell, we're currently a group of 8 moms (but we welcome all dad's/guardians as well of course), who spend our free time fundraising and volunteering/contributing to school activities. Many of us will be at the school today slicing oranges/volunteering at the school-wide run and helping to sort 131 crazy bread orders with the help of other parent/guardian volunteers. It takes a village...no an army!

- We will be holding our annual **PAC annual general meeting in September 2022** and we welcome and encourage any interested parents/guardians to consider nominating themselves for a position when the time comes. [info re: positions and requisite duties to follow]
- Positions range from more limited time commitments (members at large) to more significant time commitments (Chair and Co-Chair) and nominations are open for all positions. If you have any questions, please feel free to email PAC (provided below) for more information.



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Pac Update continued ...

“I know the idea of volunteering for PAC can be quite daunting and maybe a bit intimidating but once you’re there, having a finger on the pulse of the school and getting to know the teachers/administration/fellow parents is priceless. Now that I’m here, I wouldn’t have it any other way.” (PAC Chair, Raegan Heidt)

And if you don’t have the time to commit to an executive position, we’re always looking for **volunteers** to run our amazing hot lunch program and assist with school organized events.

Our last **PAC meeting** of the year will be held Thursday June 9th via zoom. All are welcome to attend. Here is the link: <https://ufv-ca.zoom.us/j/69323953675?pwd=ckFseStBVEZuZURvMDloRXB3cnh5UT09>

I think that that is all for now. Check in on our **Parents of Christine Morrison FB page** or feel free to email us if you have any questions cmepac.info@gmail.com.

Thank you from your executive team!

Mme Diane’s Class Learning How Things Grow





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Morrison Photos



Track & Field Championships



Science experiment with Mrs Ng



Iride at Morrison



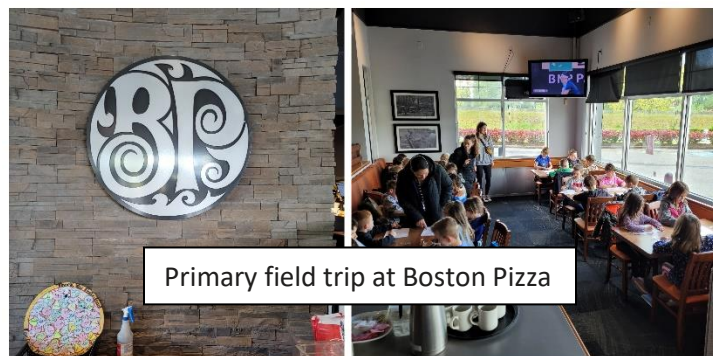
Indigenous Awards



Visit from Constable in Mme Dery's class



Jump Rope for Heart – Students raised \$100.45



Primary field trip at Boston Pizza



Star Wars Day





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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 & Reminders!

There has been an abundance of scooters, bikes and skateboards on school property of late. These items will now have to be left outside the building. Please note that they are left outside at owner’s risk. Also, these items are not to be used on school property from 8:10 am until 2:35 pm.

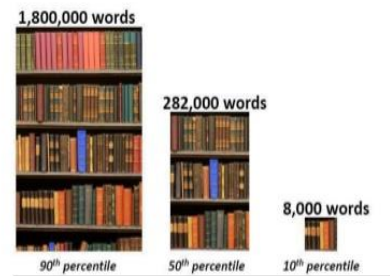
NEXT YEAR 2022 - 2023

If you are planning to move or change programs for next year, please contact the office to let us know as soon as possible. Planning is well underway for next year. As always, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

If you have a class placement request for Sept 2022, please email your request to Shannon.greig @mpsd.ca

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)

REMINDER



Please remember that as per district policy, dogs are not allowed on school grounds. Please leave your dogs home during school drop off and pick up times.

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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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.









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

	<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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- WEEKEND ACTIVITIES FOR STUDENTS
- TRAINING AND ONGOING SUPPORT FROM Y.E.S. PROGRAM STAFF
- EXTENSIVE EXPERIENCE AND KNOWLEDGE

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- A FAMILY CONNECTION;
- PARENTAL SUPERVISION;
- A PRIVATE BEDROOM;
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- THREE HEALTHY MEALS

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Community News !



June happenings at the library:

Tuesdays, 10:30-11 Storytime

Tuesdays, 3-4:15 Lego Club

Wednesdays, 10:30-11:30 Wiggle time

Fridays, 10:30-11:30 Babytime

June 15, 3-4:30 Puzzle Cube Drop In – drop by to try a puzzle cube (Rubik's cube) and learn some tricks to solve it!

Summer Reading Club officially begins June 21!



Click [here](#) for our summer recreation guide!



Black Bear Encounters

How to prevent conflicts with bears

To avoid habituating the bears in your area, follow these steps.

Make trash cans inaccessible. Bring them inside at night or buy a bear-resistant trash can or an enclosure for the container.

Enclose your compost pile. Open compost piles, especially those that include kitchen scraps, are an irresistible treat in bear country. Burying compost won't work because bears will easily find and dig it up.

Recycle wisely. If you store recyclables outside, use enclosed bins. (Persistent bears will break into even ruggedly built bins.)

Keep your barbecue grill clean and as free of drippings as possible. Move the grill away from your house when you aren't using it, and clean it regularly with ammonia or bleach.

Rethink your bird feeders. In the summer, birds can make do with naturally available foods. If you do set up feeders, install them away from your house.

Communities experiencing bear problems can take steps such as fining people who knowingly or unknowingly feed bears, requiring bear-resistant trash cans, distributing educational flyers and training police and animal control officers in aversive conditioning techniques that use rubber bullets, fireworks and pepper spray.

Biologist Stephen Herrero: "There's no question that it's possible for people and bears to coexist without serious problems if we're willing to manage our food and garbage."

What to do if you encounter a black bear

If you see a black bear in your yard, don't fear the worst. A youngster may simply be passing through in search of a home of his own. Or an adult may be checking out an enticing smell or interesting sound. Usually when he finds out there are people around, he'll head for the hills, never to be seen again.

If you do encounter a bear, remain calm and remember that the bear is likely more scared of you than you are of him. Attacks by black bears on people are very rare and most black bears can be easily scared away with the following approach:

- Stand and face the bear directly. Never run away from or approach him.
- Make yourself look as big as possible by spreading your arms or, better yet, a coat.
- Make as much noise as possible by yelling, banging pots and pans or using other noisemaking devices.
- If the bear approaches and you have bear spray, spray the bear as he approaches.
- In the very rare case that a black bear does attack you, fight back (don't play dead).
- After the bear leaves, remove whatever attracted him to the location (barbecue grill, bird feeder, pet food or garbage).

Please be aware of your surroundings and keep your eyes on your path and your mind on your task.

Have a safe day!



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Little Bear's Vision Quest

Division 2, in collaboration with Mrs. Cathers and Mme Schaufert, presenting Little Bear's Vision Quest on Friday, May 27th.