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Bonjour ECME Families,



This month's newsletter is packed with important information — please take a moment to read it carefully.

First, June is Pride Month, but at Christine Morrison, we celebrate it in May. We are proud to foster a community where everyone feels welcome, safe, and valued.

June 21 marks National Indigenous Peoples Day, a time for us to honour the land we live on and celebrate the rich cultures and histories of Indigenous Peoples. Around the school, we prioritize engaging in meaningful activities that recognize and respect this important day.

We're also excited to welcome Selma Noon to our school this month! She will be teaching Body Science sessions to different grade groups, tailored to the BC curriculum. These sessions are age-appropriate and designed to promote healthy, respectful learning about human development and personal safety.

Additionally, some of our classrooms took part in Student Vote, a nationwide program that gives students a chance to experience a mock version of the Canadian federal election process. It was a great way for students to explore civic engagement and learn about democracy in action.

A few important reminders:

- **Early Pick-Up:** If you need to pick up your child early, please call the office at least 15 minutes before your arrival. After 2:10 p.m., it becomes very challenging to locate students as they may be outside or transitioning for dismissal. We kindly ask that you avoid requesting early pick-ups after 2:10 p.m.
- **Bear Safety:** At this time of year, bear sightings near the school are more common. Please be cautious when arriving and leaving. While bears typically keep to themselves, it's important to stay safe — if you see a bear, do not approach it.
- **Dogs on School Grounds:** As much as we love seeing puppies, please remember that dogs are not permitted on school property unless they are certified service animals.
- **Class Placement Forms:** Class placement forms are now available at the school office. These are only needed if you have any new information that may help us place your child in the best possible learning environment for next year. Forms must be completed in person by May 30.

Thank you for your attention to these reminders and for your continued support of our school community!

Sincerely,
ECME Admin

Upcoming dates:

May 5 – Rollerblading begins

May 7 – Rainbow days start (see posters around school)

May 14 & 15 – Track Meet

May 15 – Moose Hide campaign day

May 16 – District Professional Development day, students not in session

May 19 – Victoria day, students not in session

May 21 – Grade 6 Vaccine

May 26 – Welcome to Kindergarten 8.45 – 11.45 am

May 28 – Art Starts Performance

May 30 – ECME spring carnival and vendor fair (4-7)

June 13 – STAR Assembly

June 17 – Primary Sports Day

June 18 – Intermediate Sports Day

June 21 – National Indigenous Day

June 24 – Grade 6 Farewell Assembly

Jun 26 – Last day for students (Reports go home)

Jun 27 – Administration day, student not in session

Sports

Please check school website for more info.

ECME Awarded Grants for Forest Class and Front Garden Projects

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École Christine
Morrison
Elementary
(ECME) is thrilled
to announce that

we have been awarded several prestigious grants aimed at enhancing our Forest Class and front garden areas. These grants are a tremendous opportunity to foster environmental education, sustainability, and community engagement at our school.

The **WWF Canada – Go Wild School grant** program, part of WWF-Canada's ambitious 10-year plan to Regenerate Canada, aligns with the goal of restoring one million hectares of nature by 2030. This funding will be used to rehabilitate the Forest Class area behind the school, creating an enriching, hands-on learning environment for our students. By involving students in every stage of the project, we are restoring the forest and empowering them with the knowledge and responsibility needed to care for the environment. This immersive, experiential approach is designed to instill a lasting sense of stewardship and engagement with nature.

Additionally, ECME has received the **Learning for a Sustainable Future's Action Project funding**, which supports schools in engaging their students and communities in climate action projects. With this grant, we will be creating wheelchair accessible garden boxes at the front of the school, providing all students with the opportunity to plant a variety of flora, including the 'Three Sisters' – corn, beans, and squash – alongside other pollinator-friendly plants. Students will experiment with sustainable farming techniques such as companion planting, crop rotation, succession planting, and organic fertilizing methods, further developing their understanding of sustainable agriculture and environmental stewardship.

The integration of these projects allows our students to connect with nature, not only as an academic subject but as an ongoing, active part of their daily lives. The hands-on nature of these projects ensures that learning extends beyond the classroom, creating an environment of continuous growth and adaptation.

How Can Families Get Involved?

We invite our school community, especially family members, to participate in forest restoration and garden projects. Whether you can provide materials, resources, or services, your contributions will be invaluable in helping us bring these exciting projects to life. If you are interested in helping or have any ideas, please reach out to Mme. Lorien Osborn at lorien.osborn@mpsd.ca or Mrs. Rebecca Mardis at rebecca.mardis@mpsd.ca.

We are excited about the positive impact these projects will have on our students, our school, and our community, and we look forward to seeing the fruits of this collective effort bloom! Stay tuned for updates as we continue to grow and learn together in the spirit of sustainability!

See the following link if you would like more information about the WWF Canada – Go Wild Grant.

<https://wwf.ca/media-releases/sixty-schools-and-campuses-set-to-go-wild-with-wwf-canada-grants-to-create-and-restore-wildlife-habitat/>