



École Christine Morrison Elementary

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November 24th, 2021 – Newsletter



Morrison Message

November is almost at an end and the first term of this school year has wrapped up with the report card conferences, held November 23-25th. This year some of our classes have taken part in a digital portfolio report card pilot program. This provides the student and parent with ongoing feedback and evidence of how their child is doing. While the parent/teacher conferences are happening this year, these meetings will be held in person, via phone, or virtually. If you were not able to make the offered times, please connect with your classroom teacher to make alternative arrangements.

The weather has changed dramatically and thus a friendly reminder to leave home a bit earlier, ensure our students are dressed for the weather and be prepared for outside play time.



Upcoming Events

- 24 Nov - Parent/Teacher Conferences (evening).
- 25 Nov - Wacky hair/hat day.
- 26 Nov - Non instructional day.
- 6 Dec - Day of celebration - Hanukkah.
- 13 Dec - Day of Celebration - Kwanzaa
- 13 - 16 Dec - Christmas Store
- 17 Dec - Last day before winter break.
- 17 Dec - Pajama day.
- 20 Dec - Winter break.
- 4 Jan - School reopens.
- 18 Feb - Pro D Day, no school for students.
- 21 Feb - Family Day, no school.
- 25 Feb - ½ day. Students attend AM only.
- 11 Mar - Non instructional day.
- 14 - 25 Mar - Spring Break!
- 28 Mar - School reopens.
- 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 – Nov 26, non instructional day.





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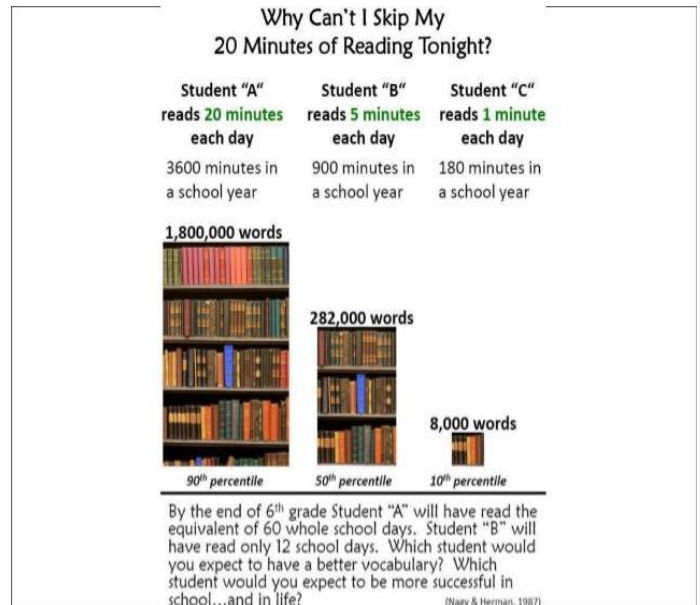
Daily Reading

Christine Morrison's Library News!

Hit control and click below for the latest news from our library:

[Library Newsletter](#)

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.

Masks

Please send your child with an extra mask in a baggy in their backpack.

Sweatpants

Mrs Leibel, our Kindergarten teacher is looking for donations of sweatpants for her classroom. If you have any that you would like to donate, she would really appreciate it!

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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News from our Music Program!



ECME'S WINTER EVENT this year is on WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15th:

Christine Morrison's winter schoolwide event this year will be a WINTER ART GALLERY WALK in our school gym. Our theme is "Beneath the Stars - there is JOY!" The theme is inspired by a song written in the 1930's by an ancestor of Mr. McAuley, who wrote the words and music to "A Canadian Waltz called - Beneath the Stars."

It will also be a SCHOOL SPIRIT DAY on Wednesday, December 15th: FESTIVE, FORMAL, and/or BLACK attire...or just COME AS YOU ARE!

Teachers will be booking times for their class to tour the gym during school hours, while live music will be supplied by the school choir and music students who volunteer to add to the musical program. For those students who choose to volunteer, a notice will go home.

Please keep your eyes open for more information to follow on how families will be invited (most likely an after lunch and/or after school sign-up venue of some kind). Once all plans are finalized by staff, a notice will be sent home via the classroom teacher. Also look for further announcements to this end on our SCHOOL WEBSITE and TWITTER.

Sports Message



Congratulations to our grade 6 basketball teams who worked very hard this season. Christine Morrison made the finals with both of their teams and thus bringing home another championship. Thank you to everyone who played, attended, and provided support to allow our return back to in person play time. The coaches had a great time this season. We look forward to seeing our players shooting hoops next year at middle school.



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Aboriginal News!

Roc Your Mocs!

Roc Your Mocs is being celebrated this year on December 1st, a movement started by Jessica Atsye, a Lugan Pueblo. Handmade moccasins have special significance for Indigenous people and are not always worn in public, but to special gatherings. Jessica wanted to honour moccasins and the culture they represent and so started a day where everyone is encouraged to wear their moccasins. As part of this celebration, Christine Morrison students were invited to enter a contest to win moccasins!



Remembrance Day

Thank you to Ms. Schaufert and the entire music program for creating such wonderful pieces which were showcased in our digital assembly. Staff and students took time to acknowledge the various cultures who have been a part of our past and present in ensuring our safety and freedom. The video was shown virtually and even had a live bag piper in the hallways. We look forward to having the opportunity to be in person again next year.





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PAC Update!

Parents and Guardians of Christine Morrison Elementary,

Can you believe it's nearly December already...

Just a few notes before we break for the holiday:

Fundraising:

- Purdy's order forms are due Friday November 26th if you are ordering/paying online or Thursday November 25th if you are submitting a paper order form (Friday is a pro-d day).
- Spirit Wear, Jersey and Grad hoodie orders will be sent home with students ahead of the holidays (exact date unknown)
- Poinsettias, Wrapping Paper, Sue's Copy and Purdy's orders will be sent home on or before December 10th.

Tomorrow is crazy hair day!

The book fair is ongoing – the last day to purchase books from the fair is tomorrow Thursday November 25th.

The Christmas Store will run from December 13th-15th. So far, we have collected a little over 500 items, so we have reached the halfway point. If you have anything else to donate it would be much appreciated. Anything that is safe for kids to handle is accepted EXCEPT toys. We all know what happens when multiple kids want the same toy lol. The donation bin is just inside the front doors of the school. Volunteer sign up lists for parent wrapping elves are posted above the donation bin.



We've got a few Christmas treats planned for the last week of school – we'll be in touch once we finalize the details.

Our next PAC meeting will be in January. All are welcome to attend. It will be hosted via Zoom and I will share the link closer to the date.

I think that that is all for now. Check in on our Parents of Christine Morrison FB page for additional details. If you have any questions throughout the year, feel free to ask away on FB or reach out to PAC via cmepac.info@gmail.com.

Happy Holidays from your executive team!



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Cultural News



DIWALI
the celebration of light



Our Equity for Humanity group did a great job by providing awareness to Diwali this year. Diwali, a holiday of Hindu origin, is celebrated today by several distinct cultural groups, namely Hindus, Sikhs, Jains and some Buddhists in India, as well as throughout the Indian



Diaspora. Each of these groups has their own beliefs, traditions and histories linked to this important festival, however diyas (terracotta oil lamps), rangolis, flower garlands and fireworks are some of the most known

école Christine Morrison is celebrating as a school

Thursday, November 4th 2021

symbols and commonly practiced traditions at Diwali. The school came together to learn common words in Punjabi, bhangra dancing, henna on their hands, school wide diva activity, and enjoying a warm samosa generously donated to the entire school by a local realtor Manny Deol. We look forward to celebrating Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, and Christmas in the month of December.





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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@mpsd.ca



Learn Canada's official languages at school

Become global citizens; be a part of the Francophone world



Be a part of an inclusive program that provides elementary LST support in French



Be immersed in culture; participate in cultural activities

Become a part of a local community of French learners



Have an advantage on the job market and bilingual professional opportunities



Bilingualism/plurilingualism helps the brain process information more efficiently

Associated with better memory, visual-spatial skills and creativity

Staves off cognitive decline later in life



Receive DELF certification

Graduate with a double dogwood bilingual diploma



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



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

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