



## Ecole Christine Morrison Elementary

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### Bonjour ECME Families,

As the days grow shorter and the rain returns, November invites us to slow down, reflect and express gratitude for the people who have helped strengthen our school and community. From Remembrance Day, Indigenous Veterans Day, and forward, we are thankful for the strong partnerships we share with our families, the dedication of our staff and the joy our student bring to learning every day.

This month, our classrooms are exploring community and are learning how to gather with a good heart and a good mind. **We will recognize our students on November 28th** for the sharing of community at the end of this month, and we are learning how a Circle of Courage strengthens each one of us.

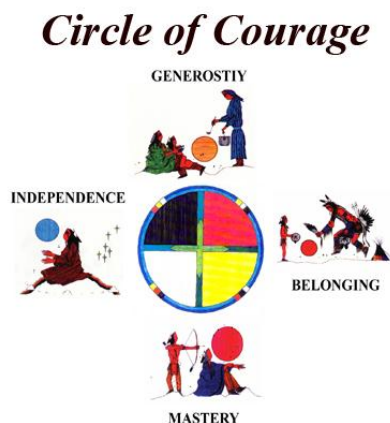
The Circle Of Courage reminds us about the importance of belonging, and generosity and consideration of those around us. Before and after school parking lots can be stressful places, and please know that our school holds the belonging and safety of everyone as we look to improve road markings, signage and protocols for careful transport of our children.

As the holidays start to come to mind in our seasonal activities, let's continue to nurture connection and care, from start of each day, at home and at school. Some ways you can build connection is through generosity of spirit and you might consider sharing in **the PAC CME Food Drive**. Generosity also can be in being present in the day-to-day conversations, and events like the upcoming **Winter Wonderland Dance**. We look forward to sharing these experiences together.

*(Flip for important information.)*

**Please continue to check our school website for updates—we add new information regularly.**

Warmly,  
ECME Admin Team



### Upcoming dates:

**Nov 10 to 14** – ROCK YOUR MOCS week

**Nov 12 to Dec 12**

PAC Food Drive

**Nov 14** – Wear your mocs for allyship and celebration!

**Mon Nov 10** – Non-Instructional Day

**Tue Nov 11** – Remembrance Day

**Tue Nov 16** – Louis Riel Day

**Fri Nov 28 – 9:00 am** School Community Gathering for Student Recognition

**Fri Nov 28** – Non-Instructional ½ Day. 11am Dismissal

**Dec 6 Clarke Theatre presents Christmas with the Singhs**

**Week of Dec 8 – 12 Term 1 Learning Updates published**

**Fri Dec 12** Winter Wonderland Dance

**Wed Dec 17** Winter Concert Day!

**Fri Dec 19** – Last day before Winter Break

**Mon Jan 5** – School Reopens

### Sports:

**Basketball Season Has Begun.**

**Wed Nov 12, 19 Girls Regular Season**

**Wed Nov 26**

**Playoffs**

**Wed Dec 4 Finals**

**Thurs Nov 13, 20**

**Boys Regular Season**

**Thurs Nov 27 Playoffs**



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### Scent Aware

Christine Morrison is a scent-aware school, as there are sensitivities to strong scents such as perfumes and body lotions. Please be aware and refrain from sending your child with scented hand sanitizers or lotions.

### Dogs

Families are reminded that School District Policy prohibits dogs from being on school grounds at any time, apart from **service dogs**. This policy is made for health and safety reasons.

### West Coast Recess and Lunch Breaks

It rains frequently in Mission, and our breaks are usually outdoors as fresh air and being outside is beneficial for students' regulation and learning. Students are encouraged to wear rain boots and jackets. Please make sure your child is dressed appropriately for the weather.

### Pick-up and Drop-offs

These are from the outside doors of the classrooms. Stop and go pick up and drop off at the front parking lot only. Bus parking and accessible is now only at the upper lot off Edge Street.

The school parking lots are reserved for district and school staff and vehicles with a disability pass only. Do NOT Park in the school parking lots for an extended stay. It is unsafe for your children to weave between the stop and go vehicles. Park on McRae Avenue, being respectful of neighboring driveways. If you have extenuating needs, please speak to administration.

If you need to pick up your student early, please call the office ahead of time so we can have your student ready at the office. If you need to pick up during the lunch break (12:15 to 1pm) please pick them up before 12:15.

## YEAR AT A GLANCE

### Communication

If you have any questions, comments, or concerns about your child's experience here, please reach out to the classroom teachers. If you would like to discuss your concerns, please see Principal Vetter - I am always glad to hear your concerns and problem solve together. Communication processes are attached to help outline ways we can build a positive school environment together.

### Circle of Courage

We continue to focus on the Circle of Courage model to help our students feel like they belong, encourage them to be generous, support their independence, and help them master various aspects of their lives. This approach recognizes the uniqueness of each child, allowing us to support each child based on their individual needs and help them thrive.

### Family Smart

Learn more about how you can connect with your kiddos and support them in tough times. Online and in-person events are happening around the valley to help you learn more about what might help. ADHD doesn't just affect the person living with ADHD — it also affects those around them. As parents of kids living with ADHD, we can benefit from learning what ADHD is and how to support our kids. Learn from Dr. Duncan, Child and Adolescent Psychiatrist, as he dispels some myths and explains how and why the ADHD brain works the way it does.

Doors will open at 6:15 PM and the video presentation will begin at 6:30 PM. Register [here](#).