



École Christine Morrison Elementary



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Principal: Shirley Gibson Vice-Principal: Shannon Greig
November 25th, 2020 – Newsletter

Dear Parents/Guardians,



November is almost at an end and the first term of this school year has wrapped up with the report card conferences being held November 30th to December 3rd. On Monday, November 30th the report cards will be sent home. The parent/teacher conferences will occur this year, however, these meetings will be held virtually. The teachers are sending home the conference schedules this week and if you have not received a schedule booking page from your child's teacher, please contact them either via email or by phone.

December is always a busy month and this year, while it is different, still has many things happening!

Friday, Dec. 4th: Non-Instructional Day – Students not in session
Dec. 4th – 11th: The first Virtual Scholastic Book Fair
Monday, Dec. 14th: Red and Green Day
Tuesday, Dec. 15th: Festive Accessory Day
Wednesday, Dec. 16th: Grinch Day
Thursday, Dec. 17th: Winter Sweater Day
Friday, Dec. 18th: Pyjama Day



With the classes being in cohorts this year, these groups are assigned to certain areas of the school grounds at recess and lunch. The cohorts' cycle through three main areas one of which are the playing fields. With the rains that come at this time of year, the fields are getting very muddy! If possible, please send your child to school with boots, the puddles are a great place to play!



As always, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you and take care,

Shirley Gibson, Principal



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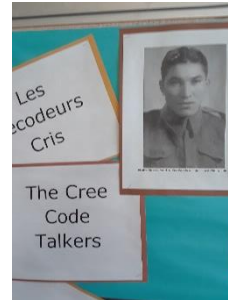
Ecole Christine Morrison Aboriginal Department

Ecole Christine Morrison Elementary Malila (Donna Giroux) Halq'emeylem teacher, and Judy Cathers, Aboriginal Liaison & Cultural Presenter ORANGE SHIRT DAY – EVERY CHILD MATTERS Students learned about the message of Orange Shirt Day, and were able to participate in various learning activities.



STO:LO NEW YEAR Christine Morrison Elementary celebrated Sto:lo New Year once again. Malila's teachings were passed on to classes which included the Halq'emeylem names of the moon cycles. Teaching was also given regarding why the Stó:lō celebrate the New Year in October. This is "time for things to be finished" - called "temhila'lxw". Because this season is called "time for things to be finished", now, something new is going to begin.

INDIGENOUS VETERANS DAY Students were taught about Indigenous Veterans Day: Stories of Honour and Heroism. Students also learned about the Cree Code Talkers, namely, Charles "Checker" Tomkins, and various activities were included. We appreciate the tremendous contributions of our Veterans and the hard work and sacrifices made.



Roc Your Mocs is celebrated annually on November 15, a movement started by Jessica Atsyé, 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, and this year we were able to draw names for 4 students and 2 staff!



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French Immersion Kindergarten 2021-2020

Bonjour,

It is hard to believe that we are already looking ahead to next year's registration for our new kindergarten students! If you are interested in registering your child for French Immersion for the 2020-1 year, please make sure that you attend one of the information sessions as procedures have changed so that we register our new kindergarten students following safe protocols.



We are offering two French Immersion Parent Info Sessions this year and hoping that you can attend one of them to learn about the new procedures and the reasons to choose French Immersion for your child :

Wednesday, November 25 – 6 :30-7 :30pm

Thursday, December 3 – 6 :30-7 :30pm

You can connect to our meeting from the safe comfort of your home on

Zoom : <https://ca01web.zoom.us/j/63723603805pwd=MzJ0U0dIVzE4WDI0WmxmMnpoemN6Zz09>

Meeting ID: 637 2360 3805

Passcode: wildcats

If you cannot make either of the meetings, please connect with your school's admin or our district's French Programs Coordinator, Shauna Néro at shauna.nero@mpsd.ca.

À très bientôt!

Mme. Shauna Néro

French Programs Coordinator/Coordonnatrice des programmes de français – SD75



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November Foyer Display Division 9, Mme. Coulter's class



Diwali, a holiday of Hindu origin, is celebrated today by several distinct cultural/religious 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 symbols and commonly practiced traditions at Diwali. Division 9 has created a collaborative rangoli design and have included Diwali messages in Hindi and Punjabi script!!



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PAC News!

Hello everyone!

We hope that you are all safe and well. Just a few items to share:

First, thank-you all for your support in our fundraising efforts! Here are some of our most recent updates:

- **Sue's Copy Place orders are due November 30th.**
- **Epicure orders** are being sent home with students this week.
- **Purdys orders** should arrive the first week of December, watch for updates regarding pickup/delivery)
- **Spirit Wear** will hopefully be ready by Dec 11th. These will be delivered to students. We have received notes from some parents, as the items are gifts. If this is the case and you haven't already notified us, please send us an email and we'll make alternative arrangements for pickup. cmepac.info@gmail.com

Second, we have some exciting plans in the works for the days leading up to the Holidays – but we'll keep those a secret for now. I think we all need a little bit of celebration in our lives.

And last but not least, we recently had our Annual General Meeting, where the PAC Executives were elected for the 2020/2021 school year. Of course, EVERY parent or guardian is automatically a part of the PAC, but we have a group with specific jobs who help to organize events, fundraise, and advocate for parents as needed.

The PAC Executive for the 2020/21 year are as follows:

Chair: *open position*

Vice Chair: Raegan Heidt

Secretary: Missy Caswell

Treasurer: Conny Schaffer

Assistant Treasurer: Michael Knight

DPAC Reps: Lauren Davie and Raegan Heidt

Members at Large: Karlee Gagnon, Renea Thorsen, Chantal Child, Kim Lauer and Colleen McCutcheon

As you can see, the Chair position is open, and we have room for 3 more members at large. If any of these positions interest you or you would like more info, please contact one of us or email- cmepac.info@gmail.com

Our next meeting will be held Thursday, January 14th at 7pm, via Zoom. All are welcome!

Thank you!

From your PAC Execs



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Virtual Book Fair Countdown!

Dear families,



Our school's **Scholastic Virtual Book Fair** starts in one week! It will
from

December 4th to 11th.

be open

Let's continue to give our students access to the books they want to read! We are excited to provide this opportunity for families to shop together, from the comfort of home.

Your investment in your reader also helps our whole school. All purchases earn Rewards that can be redeemed for books and Education Resources for our school's classrooms and library.

When it's time to shop, visit our school's **Virtual Book Fair** site using this link:

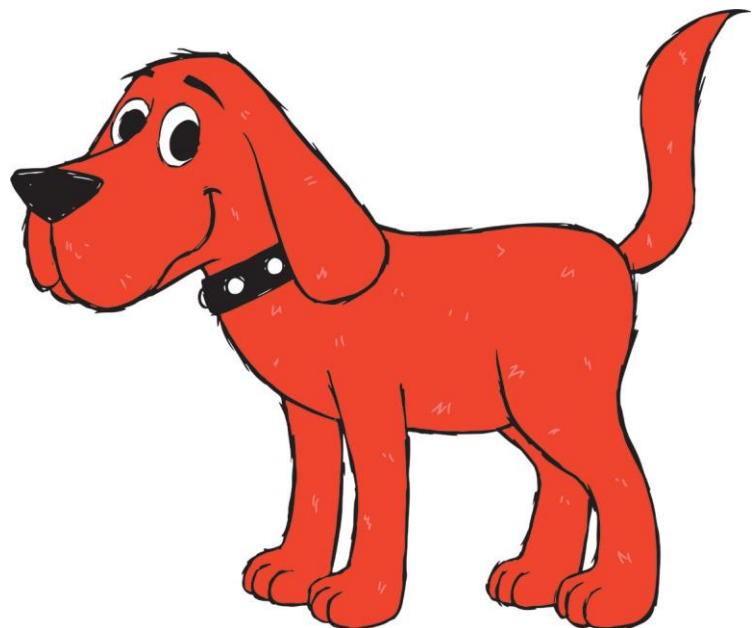
<https://bookfairs-canada.myshopify.com/pages/5153607>

Before our Fair begins, click the link to:

- **SAVE** it to your browser
- **WATCH** videos of popular new titles
- **PREVIEW** our Featured Books

*****Please note that Wednesday December
9th is Family Night- FREE shipping on books
ordered between 6 and 8 pm!!*****

Happy reading!





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2021 CALENDAR

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I ❤️ MISSION

Looking forward to the New Year?

Get your Rotary 'I Love Mission' Calendar! Proceeds go to the Mission Starfish Backpack Program, a local food security initiative. Changing the World, one child at a time. starfishpack.com/mission

Get your calendar at the Mission Visitor Information Centre or call/text 604-615-8084



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KIDS IN CONTROL

AN EDUCATION AND SUPPORT PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN AGES 9-12
WHO HAVE A FAMILY MEMBER WITH MENTAL ILLNESS

Provides knowledge about mental illness in a safe, accepting environment where children can connect with others who have similar experiences.

- 6 consecutive 1.5-hour sessions
- Helps build resiliency and healthy coping strategies
- Dispels myths and misinformation
- Reduces anxiety and relieves fears about the unknown
- Relaxed, social setting
- Craft supplies provided

UPCOMING PROGRAM DATES & LOCATIONS:

November 5 – December 10, 2020 | Thursdays 3:30 – 5:00 pm

Online through video conference

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO REGISTER, PLEASE CONTACT:

Shelley Jensen | 604-679-1191 | kicfrasernorth@bcss.org

www.bcss.org/kidsincontrol

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