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 November 28th, 2019 Newsletter

**Upcoming Events**

- December 3rd – 5th Scholastic Book Fair in the Learning Commons

- Week of Dec. 2nd to 5th: First term Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences. Teachers will send out schedule.

- December 4th: the Annual Ecole Christine Morrison Christmas Fair

- December 6th: students not in session

- December 9, 10, 11 & 12th: E.C.M.E. Christmas Store

- December 18th: Christmas Concert (see website for schedule)

- December 20th: P.J. Day and Sing-a-long (p.m.)

 **2020 Has Arrived**!

- January 6th: School reopens

- January 13/20/27 & Feb 3rd Grade 5/6 students registered for the Ski & Board program

- January 20th – 24th Kindergarten registration for students born in 2015

- January 28th: Jump Rope for Heart

Dear Parents/Guardians,

November is wrapping up and December is almost upon us! On Monday, December 2nd, first term report cards are being sent home with the students. Teachers have sent home the conference information and we are looking forward to seeing everyone and the student’s will be excited to share their work. If you do not receive a report card, please contact the office or your child’s teacher and we will be pleased to assist.

Basketball season is wrapping up and we would like to thank our coaches, Ms. Wilson and Mme Shannon and the two HPMS student coaches. The students came together, working as a team, demonstrating excellent sportsmanship skills within the teams and as well with visiting teams. Well done!

 On Wednesday, December 5th we are having our third ECME Christmas Fair from 2:30 to 7:00 in the gym. We would like to thank PAC for their work with this event, please make sure to see the great variety of vendors including our student entrepreneurs.

Our Christmas Concert is on December 18th with two different performances both in the morning. The schedule is on the website and included in this newsletter.

For children born in 2015, the Kindergarten Registration is from January 20th to 24th in the child’s catchment schools. For French Immersion schools, please check the school locator on our district website as the catchments for French Immersion are available there based upon addresses. Please see the full information pamphlet below and if you have any questions, please contact us.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Shirley Gibson and Shannon Greig

##  Christmas Concert Schedule – December 18th

​Classes will perform in either the 9:15 am show or the 10:30 am show.  Please check the schedule below to determine which performance your student will be in.  They do not

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perform in both shows.

**9:15 am Show:** Divisions - 1 (Vroom), 7 (Brooks), 8 (Tessier), 11 (Dery), 12 (Palmer), 16 (Osborn), 17 (Paul), 18 (McKinnon)

**10:30 am Show:** Divisions - 2 (Buchanan), 3 (McAuley), 4 (Davies), 5 (Wilson), 6 (Desormeaux), 9 (Coulter), 10 (Lanzellotti), 13 (Gauthier), 14 (Morin), 15 (Pouyol)

**Me to We - written by students**

Just a reminder that the Me to We team is still collecting non disposable spoons and forks so that our school can cut down on the use of plastic as it is very harmful to our environment. It takes hundreds of years for plastic to break down.

The team is also collecting donations for our bake sale, which is taking place on Wednesday, December 4th during the Christmas Fair. The money raised is for less fortunate countries and will go towards purchasing goats and water pumps.

We are also now starting to collect new sock donations. Our goal is to fill a giant Christmas Stocking.

Thank you for your support!

**Daily Reading**

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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.



**Scholastic Book Fair – December 3rd, 4th and 5th!**

Reading for pleasure unlocks the power of information and imagination and helps children discover who they are. Here’s what you can do to help children develop stronger reading skills and a love for reading:

* • Set the example. Let children see you read.
* • Have a collection of books in your home. Update this collection routinely to keep up with changing tastes and reading skills.
* • Support our school’s Book Fair. Allow your children to choose their

 own books to read.

Our Scholastic Book Fair is a reading event that brings the books kids want to read right into our school. It’s a wonderful selection of engaging and affordable books for every reading level. Please make plans to visit our Book Fair and be involved in shaping your child’s reading habits.

Book Fair dates: December 3-5, 2019

Shopping hours: Tues. 8-4, Wed. 8-6, Thurs. 8-3

We look forward to seeing you and your family at our Book Fair! Remember, all purchases benefit our school.

 **Mission Public Schools 2020-2021 Kindergarten**

 **Registration Procedure**

 **REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL MISSION PUBLIC SCHOOLS:**

*We acknowledge that we work and learn on the Traditional, Ancestral, Unceded, and Shared territories of the Stó:lō people, the Matheqwí, Sq’éwlets, Qwó:ltl’el, and Leq’á:mel First Nations.*

✓Children **born in 2015** are eligible for Kindergarten in 2020-2021.

✓Proof of age is required at time of registration: E.g. Birth Certificate, Passport, Permanent Residence Card, BC Services Card (Photo Version Only), Aboriginal Status Card, Certificate of Citizenship or Immigration Canada document.

• **Please Note:** The BC Care Card is not acceptable proof of age.

✓Proof of Residency in BC:

• Parent’s Care Card (not student’s) / Parent’s BC Services Card (not student’s) / Driver’s License / Municipal Tax Bill / Rental Agreement or Utility Bill.

✓Proof of Physical Home Address (for Catchment Area Schools):

**Note:** Driver’s License / Proof of Purchase of Residence / Municipal Tax Bill / Letter Stating Current Address Notarized by a Lawyer or Notary Public / Rental Agreement (accompanied with a Gas, Cable, Telephone or Hydro Bill) / Credit Card Invoice, or Mortgage Statement.

**YOUR CATCHMENT AREA:**

✓Please see the **School Locator** at www.mpsd.ca for help in identifying your **catchment school**, or for any questions or additional information, please call the School Board Office at 604.826.6286.

**FRENCH IMMERSION:** École Christine Morrison and École Mission Central both offer a French Immersion program. See **School Locator** on our website for your catchment French Immersion school.

**DISTRIBUTED LEARNING:** Summit Learning Centre offers Distributed Learning. Visit Summit Learning Centre’s website for details of our home learning program.

**C.O.R.E. PROGRAM:** Dewdney Elementary provides education based on the **C.O.R.E.** (Community Outdoor Recreation & Environment Education) program. Detailed information is outlined on the Dewdney Elementary School website.

**FOREST and NATURE PROGRAM:** Stave Falls Elementary provides education linked to BC’s new curriculum through Outdoor Place-Based Learning in a Cultural Environment. Detailed information is outlined on the Stave Falls website.

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**CATCHMENT SCHOOLS:**

**When & Where:**

✓**Monday, January 20th to Friday, January 24th, 2020** 

✓As a convenience to you, we have provided a fillable Registration Form for Kindergarten to Grade 12 on the website.

This does not apply to our Schools of Choice (see application process below).

✓**NOTE:** This is a fillable form only and must be presented in printed form, along with the required documentation (see above), to your catchment area school in order to **REGISTER** your child at that school.

**SCHOOLS OF CHOICE:**

**Our Schools of Choice are:**

* • Edwin S. Richards - Arts-Based program.
* • Hillside Traditional Academy – Curricular outcomes in an environment based on traditional values.

Schools of Choice offer differing presentations of our educational curriculum. The opportunity to attend a School of Choice is open to all Mission residents.

Kindergarten **APPLICATIONS** to attend Schools of Choice can be filed at any time, and for any year of birth at either Edwin S. Richards or Hillside Traditional Academy. Please bring your child’s proof of age documentation.

**PLEASE NOTE (Sibling Registration):** Parents with children currently attending either Edwin S. Richards or Hillside Traditional Academy will be contacted to register their kindergarten-aged sibling during the month of December at their present school of choice.

**Fraser Valley Regional Library News!**



**LEGO Club:** Tuesdays, 3 pm – 4:15 pm

**BeTween the Pages Book Club:** Wednesdays, Nov. 13, Dec. 11, 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm

For ages 9 to 12. Registration required.

**Paws 4 Stories**

Thursdays, Nov. 21, Dec. 19, 3:30 pm – 4:30 pm

Read to a St. John Ambulance dog. Registration required.

**Learn to Code with Ozobots:** Friday, Dec. 6, 2 pm - 3:30 pm

Celebrate Canada Learning to Code week at the Library. We will be using Ozoblocky to code these mini robots. No previous experience necessary. For ages 10 and older. Registration required.

**Snowy Stories Puppet Show:** Tuesday, Dec. 17, 6:45 pm – 7:30 pm

Celebrate the season's winter holidays with a festive puppet show! Fun for the whole family.