



École Christine Morrison Elementary

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October 27th, 2021 – Newsletter



Dear Parents/Guardians,

October has certainly flown by and the primary classes enjoyed their visit at the Laity Pumpkin Patch! The classes went over two days and enjoyed both sunshine and the rain. Thank you to all of the volunteers who came along and helped bring their pumpkins home. Regardless of the weather, they were both wonderful days!

On Friday, we are having the Costume Parade for all grades in the morning. To have the Halloween costumes remain in good condition, we are encouraging the students to wear regular clothing after the parade and to have a bag or section in their backpacks available to store their costume. The wearing of a Halloween costume is optional. If your child is planning to wear a costume, all costumes must be school appropriate (i.e. no weapons).

We have been asked questions about sending food for a class celebration, and, due to the Health and Safety protocols implemented, all snacks brought into school to be shared with others must be individually wrapped by the manufacturer. This includes beverages which need to be items such as individual juice boxes. If you have any questions or require clarification on specific items, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher

This year our grade 6 students in the Equity for Humanity Group have taken charge in organizing Halloween for Hunger food drive which runs from Oct 21st to Nov 4th. Families are asked to send any non-perishable food items they can with their child to their classroom teachers.

Just a reminder.... On Sunday, November 7th, **Daylight Savings is ending**, and the clocks go back one hour.



Thank you and take care,

École Christine Morrison Eagles

Upcoming Events

- 29 Oct - Halloween celebration.
- 31 Oct - Halloween.
- 01 Nov - Non-instructional day (no school for students).
- 03 Nov - Picture retakes (individual).
- 04 Nov - Diwali.
- 07 Nov - Daylight saving ends.
- 10 Nov - Remembrance Day assembly.
- 11 Nov - Remembrance Day (no school).
- 12 Nov - Early dismissal (11am).
- 18 Nov - PAC meeting 7-8pm.
- 22 Nov - Report cards home.
- 24 Nov - Parent/Teacher Conferences (evening).
- 25 Nov - Wacky hair/hat day.
- 26 Nov - Non instructional day.
- 13 - 16 Dec - Christmas Store
- 17 Dec - Last day before winter break.
- 17 Dec - Pajama day.
- 20 Dec - Winter break.

No School – Nov 1, Nov 11 and ½ day Nov 12!





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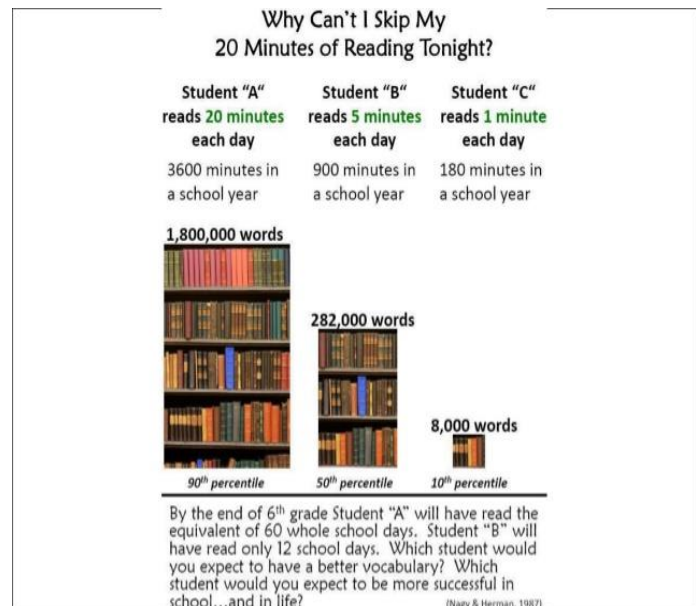
Christine Morrison's Library News!

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

[Eagles' Nest Library Newsletter](#)

Daily Reading

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.



West Coast Recess and Lunch Breaks

Living in a rainforest climate, we are all very familiar with the amount of rain we receive throughout the year. At ECME we believe in the importance of having children outside, getting fresh air and playing for the recess and lunch breaks even in the rain. The students are very accustomed to donning their boots and rain jackets and heading outside. Please ensure that your child has boots and a rain jacket as well as a change of socks if their feet become wet. For safety reasons, students are not to bring umbrellas to school.





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News from our Music Program!



"LET IT GO"

For the month of October, volunteer music students have helped to create a collaborative mindfulness mixed media project called, "LET IT GO."

Working with the elements and principles of design, students have had learned how to mix materials, techniques, colours and shapes while learning about the importance of breathing, sitting with, naming, and then releasing feelings. As Elsa would sing, "Let it go, let it go, let it go!"

Sports Blurb



This year, our students and families donated over \$500 dollars for the Terry Fox Run! Thank you everyone for your support of this national program. The school also took part in organizing a school run outdoors. It was great to see everyone get the exercise and smiles all around.



Congratulations to all Cross Country participants for a great season! Runners showed up rain or shine in the early morning to practice and persevered through some tough training by Mrs. Ng and Mr. Gill!. Thank you to all the staff members who joined in on the practices to keep the athletes motivated. This hard work paid off as many ECME runners placed in the top 10 across Grades 4, 5 and 6 in the entire district! Way to go runners and see you in the Spring for Track and Field!

Basketball is under way at Christine Morrison, with morning and after school practices. This season we will have three co-ed teams taking part in Thursday play days. The season officially kicks off October 28th and will run into the middle of November. The players are working hard to learn the do's and don'ts of basketball. The team is led by Mme Shannon, Mrs. Edmonson and helping this year is Mr. Gill.



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Aboriginal News!

Indigenous Veterans Day

"Did you know that November 8th is annually recognized as National Indigenous Veterans Day in Canada?

National Indigenous Veterans Day started in Winnipeg in 1994 to honour all First Nations, Métis and Inuit soldiers who served in war for Canada.

Prior to 1994, Indigenous soldiers were not permitted to participate in Remembrance Day ceremonies as a group or to lay wreaths. Indigenous veterans were only allowed to attend as an individual.

1994 was the first year that an Indigenous soldier placed a wreath at the Cenotaph in Ottawa. It wasn't until 1995 that Indigenous soldiers were allowed to march as a group or lay a wreath at the Cenotaph in Vancouver." (North Vancouver School District)

Cree Code Talkers

"Code talkers were First Nations soldiers in World War II who spoke Cree. They were the Canadian military's secret weapon.

When the military had to communicate secret messages, they would use code talkers. This meant sending the message in Cree to another code talker. Then it would get translated back into English...

Code talkers were sworn to secrecy about their jobs. Because of that, no one really knows much about who they were.

But the most famous Canadian code talker was a man named Charles Tomkins. But everyone called him Checker." For more information as well as short video

documentary: <https://www.cbc.ca/kidscbc2/the-feed/the-story-of-canadas-code-talkers>

ECME STAR CODE of CONDUCT



- S. Safety
- T. Trustworthy
- A. Accountable
- R. Respectful

At École Christine Morrison Elementary, our student body is responsible, considerate and very quick to help when needed. The students take pride in following the S.T.A.R. Code of Conduct and we will often receive compliments as to how well behaved our students are to guest presenters and visitors. Please see the details of our Code of Conduct in the Student Planners.

Well done ECME students!



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PAC Update!

Parents and Guardians of Christine Morrison Elementary,

Welcome back to another new year at ECME. Just a few notes so we start the year out right...

Please welcome our new executive who were voted in in June of last year.

Chair: Raegan Heidt

Vice Chair: Chantal Child

Secretary: Missy Caswell

Treasurer: Conny Schaffer

Members at Large: Lauren Davie, Renea Thorsen, Karlee Gagnon, Colleen McCutcheon

If anyone one is interested in joining PAC or contributing to PAC events, please reach out – we can always use another set of hands (or 50).

Fundraising:

- Spirit Wear orders – orders have been placed – we should receive them in a few weeks. Will be sent home with students when they arrive.
- Poinsettia orders have been placed. We don't have a set delivery date yet, but they will arrive on or before December 11th.
- Sue's Copy and Wrapping paper orders are due Nov 12th.
- Sports Jersey orders will be placed today (Wednesday) – with a turnaround time of a few weeks like spirit wear.
- Grad Hoodies orders are due Nov 3rd with a turnaround time similar to spirit wear and jerseys. They are \$30 each.
- Ongoing fundraisers – Epicure and Mabels labels (select Christine Morrison from fundraising list to make the school some money with all label purchases).
- Pending 2021 fundraisers – Purdy's order forms will be coming home soon with a delivery date of on or around December 6th.



We have dates for the Christmas Store - December 13th-16th. So far, we have collected 74 items which is far shy of our 1000 item requirement. 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 will be posted soon.



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PAC Update! Contued...

Hot lunch is about to start again. Thank you to all volunteers. A reminder that menus moving forward will always be posted on the first of the month and orders/payment will be due the 15th. Be sure to pay for your orders promptly because a failure to pay on time could result in a suspension of order privileges. All payments **must** be in the form of an e-transfer unless an alternative method is approved in advance. Concession will also be open this year – there will be some extra restaurant items (first come first served) and all concession items available (descriptions and prices are on cm.hotlunches.net) for purchase from our concession window.

Our next PAC meeting will be on November 18th 7-8pm. It will be hosted via Zoom. All are welcome to attend.

Zoom: <https://ufv-ca.zoom.us/j/62923792243?pwd=dnR2WEIwc1Z3a2o5aEpOYXorWTRZQT09>

I think that that is all for now. Check in on our Parents of Christine Morrison FB page for additional details/electronic copies of forms etc. 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.

Thank you from your executive team!

Raegan Heidt
PAC Chair