



## École Christine Morrison Elementary

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**October 26, 2022**

Dear Parents/Guardians,

October has definitely flown by!

This month has been packed with many activities and celebrations. We started the month with our STAR assembly, where we were able to honour some of our exemplary students for their fantastic contributions to our school. We want to thank our ECME communities for coming to our IEP meetings and Parent Teacher interviews this month. These meetings give all of us a chance to continue building up our learning environment. Many of our primary classes had the opportunity to visit Laity Pumpkin Patch! Although a bit rainy, the student enjoyed their time there and were able to take a pumpkin home with them. On Thursday, October 27th, our amazing PAC is hosting a Pumpkin Patch for our students on our school grounds.

Finally, on Monday October 31st, we have the Costume Parade for primary in the morning. In order to keep Halloween costumes in good condition, we are encouraging the students to wear regular clothing after the parade. 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).

Just a reminder.... On Sunday, November 6th, **Daylight Savings is ending**, and the clocks go back one hour.

Thank you, and take care,  
École Christine Morrison Eagles

Shannon Greig  
Principal

Bobby Chilaka  
Vice Principal





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### **News From Our Music Department**

1 - There will be a Hallowe'en Sing-along in the gym Monday, Oct. 31<sup>st</sup> from 1:30 - 2:00 p.m., led by the school choir. Parents/guardians are welcome to join.



2 - We will be having a Remembrance Day Assembly on Thursday, Nov. 10<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. This will also be led by the school choir.

3 - Starting on Wednesday, Nov. 16<sup>th</sup>, there will be a new choir sign-up for Grades 3, 4, 5, & 6. Practices will be each Wednesday at lunch from 12:30-12:55 p.m. in preparation for our Winter Music Concert last week of school before Winter Break.  
(Details from office will follow at a later date.)

### **Indigenous Veterans Day**

"Did you know that November 8<sup>th</sup> 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)

Check out this link for more information on our Indigenous Veterans:

<https://www.veterans.gc.ca/eng/remembrance/people-and-stories/indigenous-veterans>

## PROJECT OF HEART

Project of Heart was founded in 2007 by an Ottawa teacher named Sylvia Smith. She started the movement in response to the lack of information in schools regarding Residential Schools. Now Project of Heart is nation wide and in fact, some of the student reflections from Project of Heart are published in United Nations reports.

One of the goals of the BC Teachers Federation is to make public education itself a vehicle for healing and reconciliation. So the 2012 BCTF collaborated with:

- teachers and students from over 270 schools,
- carver Derrick George and sons (Tsleil-Waututh) and,
- Una Ann Moyer (Tahltan artist)

to create the beautiful Project of Heart canoe. The overwhelming message is reconciliation and healing.

In addition to having the Project of Heart canoe at Christine Morrison for several weeks, a Heart Garden was created by Christine Morrison Elementary students with the message that Every Child Matters.





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## Upcoming Dates:

October 28<sup>th</sup>: Orange and Black day

October 31<sup>st</sup>: Hallowe'en Sing-along in the gym

November 6<sup>th</sup>: Daylight Saving Ends



November 10<sup>th</sup>: Early dismissal (11am).

November 11<sup>th</sup>: Remembrance Day (no School)

November 17<sup>th</sup>: Rock your Moc

November 25<sup>th</sup>: Non-Instructional Day

December 5-7<sup>th</sup>: Christmas Store

December 14<sup>th</sup>: Christmas Concert at 11 am

December 16<sup>th</sup>: PJ Days & Pancake Breakfast

December 16<sup>th</sup>: Final day before winter break



December 19<sup>th</sup> - January 2<sup>nd</sup>: Winter Break

January 3<sup>rd</sup>: Return to school



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### Volunteers

All volunteers with Mission Public Schools are required to complete a Vulnerable Criminal Record Check through the Criminal Records Review Program (CRRP). These CRCs are effective for 5 years and there is no cost associated with the check.

Online Link: <https://justice.gov.bc.ca/criminalrecordcheck>

Access Code: HBQJCL7GSA

### Community News



### **PRC Survey**

The results of our fall survey are in and we're happy to report that 93% of respondents were pleased overall with the Leisure Centre and staff. However, there's always room for improvement and we're working hard to address those concerns. Feedback and suggestions will be used when we plan and coordinate the Winter/Spring Leisure Guide that will be available online and in print in early December. Despite the completion of our fall survey, feedback and suggestions are always welcome at: [leisureservices@mission.ca](mailto:leisureservices@mission.ca)

### **New – Swim for Life Program**

The Canadian Red Cross has recently announced that it will be stepping away from supporting Water Safety Programs nation wide as of the end of 2022. Mission Parks, Recreation and Culture will be offering the Life Saving Society - Swim for Life Program. The Lifesaving Society Swim for Life® program is a comprehensive swim lesson program that focuses on the development of fundamental swim strokes and skills for learners of all ages and abilities. Instructors ensure swimmers get lots of in-water practice in every lesson. Swim for Life includes fun, hands on activities that focus on teaching Water Smart education for the whole family. Lessons that will last a lifetime! Group, private and adult lessons are available.



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### Childminding

The Mission Leisure Centre provides a safe supervised place for your child to play while you participate in any activity in the facility. Adults must remain on site. Reserve your child's spot in Childminding up to 5 days in advance. Monday through Friday 8:30am-10:15am or 10:15am-12pm, \$4/child. Where else can you find qualified, safe childcare for less then \$3/hr?

### Remembrance Day Facility Hours

The Mission Leisure Centre will be open on Friday November 11 from 8:30am-4:30pm. Please note programs do not typically run on stats and their weekends.

### Club K.I.D.S- Winter Registration

Club K.I.D.S. (Kids Ideas Developing Skills) is a recreation program that operates at various elementary schools in Mission. The program is a joint Mission Parks, Recreation & Culture & School District #75 cooperative project licensed by the Ministry of Health. It is open to children in Kindergarten to Grade 6. Club Kids (CK) is tax deductible and accepts Affordable Child Care benefit plans. Club K.I.D.S. Winter (Jan-Mar) registration:

**Wednesday, Dec 7** 9am-12pm - CK Windebank, CK Hatzic, CK Morrison & 1-4pm- CK Central, CK McMahon, CK Deroche

**Thursday, Dec 8** 9am-12pm- CK Hillside, CK Cherry Hill & 1-4pm- CK ESR, CK West Heights

Important date: CK Registration Form is Due Nov 30.



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### **LEGO Club**

Tuesdays, 3 pm – 4:15 pm

### **Mission Ukulele Circle**

Thursdays, 3 pm – 4 pm

### **Chess Club**

Sundays, 2 pm – 4 pm

### **Between the Pages Tween Book Club (Ages 9 – 12. Registration required)**

Wednesday, November 9 & December 14, 3:30 pm – 4:30 pm

For ages 9-12.

### **Get to Know Sphero Bolt (Please register online)**

Wednesday, November 16, 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm

### **Paws 4 Stories (Registration required)**

Thursday, November 17, 3:30 pm – 4:30 pm

### **Cubetto Storytime**

Tuesday, December 6, 10:30 am – 11 am

### **Fun with Ozobots (Registration required.)**

Wednesday, December 7, 3:30 pm – 4:30 pm

### **Holiday Crafternoon**

Tuesday, December 20, 1:30 pm – 3 pm

### **Festive Cheer Puppet Show**

Wednesday, December 21, 6:45 pm – 7:30 pm

### **Holiday Craftermorn**

Thursday, December 22, 10 am – 11:30 am