



Ecole Christine Morrison Elementary
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Bonjour ECME Families,

September flew by this year, and we're off to a great start! One of our main goals this year is to focus on building a strong sense of community within the school. To kick things off, we introduced "community time" at the beginning of the year. During this time, students were grouped with peers from different grades and enjoyed engaging STEM lessons led by various teachers.

Last month, our school held a special assembly to honor the National Day of Truth and Reconciliation and allow students to reflect on its significance.

We have many reasons to be proud this month, including our fantastic achievement of raising over \$1,000 for the Terry Fox Foundation. Terry Fox would have been proud, and so should we all!

We greatly value our partnership with our parent/guardian community. Open communication and involvement in the school create a strong alliance and a better learning experience for your children. We encourage you to contact your child's teacher if you haven't already done so. Additionally, this month, we will be hosting IEP meetings and Parent-teacher conferences, which are crucial for continuing to build our learning environment. **(See the other side for important information)**

Please keep track of these important dates on our website, as we constantly update it with information.

Thank you!

ECME Admin

Circle of Courage



Upcoming dates:

- Fri Oct 4** – 9am Assembly (Wear school colors)
- Mon Oct 14** – Thanksgiving
- Conference Week – Oct 21- Oct 24**
- Thu Oct 24** – 5:00 pm Halloween Dance
- Fri Oct 25** – Pro D Day
- Thu Oct 31** – Halloween Parade
- Fri Nov 01** – Non Instructional Day
- Fri Nov 8** – Remembrance Day Assembly
- Mon Nov 11** – Remembrance Day
- Fri Nov 15** – Rock you Moc
- Fri Nov 29** – Assembly (Wear school colors)

Extra Curriculars:

- Choir Grade 3 - 6
- Basketball Camp – <https://bcbounce.com/mission/>
- Cross Country for grade 4-6 check website for more information.
- Soccer Information From and info on Website.



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POLICIES

Scent Aware

Christine Morrison is a scent-aware school, as there are people who are sensitive 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.

Halloween

The wearing of a Halloween costume is optional. If your child is planning to wear a costume, all costumes must be school-appropriate:

- No weapons or accessories
- Nothing too scary as we have 4-year-olds in the school.
- New this year – no blow-up costumes as it was a safety issue with limited space in the school.
- Please remember that it is a full day of school, and costumes need to be comfortable for the day or able to be removed.

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. For safety reasons, students should not bring umbrellas to school, but they are encouraged to wear rain boots and jackets. Please make sure your child is dressed appropriately for the weather.

Pick-ups and Drop-offs

These are from the outside doors of the classrooms. Please direct your child. If you need to park and pick up your child, please use street parking. The parking lot is reserved for district and school staff and vehicles with a handicap/disability pass only.

YEAR AT A GLANCE

Circle of Courage

This year, we are focused on building a strong sense of community by drawing inspiration from the Circle of Courage from Dr. Martin Brokenleg. We will use 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.

Code of Conduct

We are addressing our Code of Conduct by replacing the current punitive language-based code of conduct with a more comprehensive system that promotes positive character traits.

Communication

If you have any questions, comments, or concerns about your child's experience here, please reach out to the classroom teachers.