



Ecole Christine Morrison Elementary

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Bonjour ECME Families,

September flew by, and we're off to a strong start! This year, we're focusing on strengthening our sense of community across the school. To kick things off, we introduced **Community Time**—mixed-age groups learning together through engaging STEM activities led by different teachers. It's been a wonderful way for students to connect and collaborate.

Last month, our school gathered for an assembly to honour the **National Day for Truth and Reconciliation** and to reflect on its significance. We remain committed to learning, listening, and building understanding together.

We're also excited to welcome and acknowledge a few staffing updates in our building:

Ms. Haggstrom – Division 1	Mr. Susin & Mr. Chapman – Division 3
Ms. Coulthard – Division 4	Mrs. Daraska – Division 8
Mme Palmer – Division 12	Mme Johnston – Division 15
Ms. Fuertes – Music (MTW)	Mme Denizot – French LST
Ms. Sandhu – ISP	Ms. Collens – EA
Ms. McNicol – ILW	

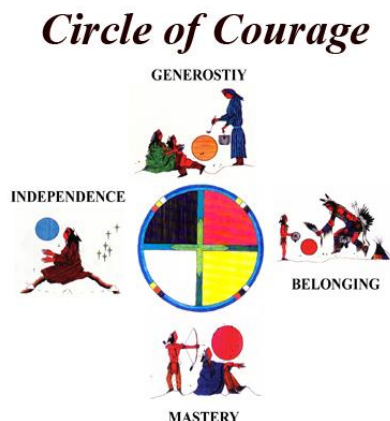
We deeply value our partnership with parents and guardians. Open communication helps create the best learning experience for your child. If you haven't already, please reach out to your child's teacher to connect. This month we'll also host **IEP meetings and Parent-Teacher Conferences**, important opportunities to share progress and plan next steps.

With the Thanksgiving long weekend approaching, we wish everyone a safe, restful break and time to recharge.

(Flip for important information.)

Please continue to check our school website for updates—we add new information regularly.

Warmly,
ECME Admin Team



Upcoming dates:

Mon Oct 13 – Thanksgiving
Tues Oct 21 – School Photos from 8:45am till 11am
Thurs Oct 23 – Sto:lo New Year
Fri Oct 24 – Non-Instructional Day
Nov 9 to 15 – ROCK YOUR MOCS week
Mon Nov 10 – Non-Instructional Day
Tues Nov 11 – Remembrance Day
Fri Nov 28 – Non-Instructional ½ Day. 11am Dismissal
Fri Dec 19 – Last day before Winter Break
Mon Jan 5 – School Reopens

Sports:

Cross country Race Oct 9 @ Heritage Park middle

Race Oct 30

Basketball Season Has Begun.



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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-up 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.

If you need to pick up your student early, please call the office ahead of time so we can have your student ready at the office. If you need to pick up during the lunch break (12:15 to 1pm) please pick them up before 12:15. Students will be outside after the eating period and not easily reachable. Parents are not permitted to walk out to the back field to look for their children as it is a safety issue.

YEAR AT A GLANCE

Circle of Courage

This year, we continue to build 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.