



École Christine Morrison Elementary



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September 6th Newsletter

Bonjour, Ey Swayal and Welcome to
Ecole Christine Morrison Elementary!



We hope everyone has enjoyed a wonderful summer break and is relaxed and ready to go for the new school year. The school staff have worked hard to ensure that everything is in place for a terrific year ahead. It has been wonderful seeing our returning families and welcoming our new families.

At ECME, we value our partnership with our parent/guardian community. Clear communication and involvement in the school creates a strong partnership.

Newsletters will be issued on the final Thursday of each month. Parents/Guardians will receive notification via email that the newsletter has been posted on the school website. Throughout the year, there will be 'Information Emails' sent outlining specific events or updates.

On Thursday, September 26th we are hosting our 'Meet the Teacher Café' where we encourage parents to join us at 8:00 for a fresh cup of coffee, visit their child's classroom and meet the teacher. Please join us!

We are going to have a terrific year!

Shirley Gibson
Principal

Upcoming Dates and Events

- Sept. 12th PAC Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- Sept. 20th School Based Pro-D
- Sept. 25th School Photos
- Sept. 26th Parent Welcome Café 8:00
- Sept. 27th Terry Fox Run
- Sept. 30th Orange Shirt Day
- Oct. 1st Sto-Lo New Year
- Oct. 3rd K Screening
- Oct. 4th S.T.A.R. Assembly 8:45
- Oct. 10th B.C. Shake Out Drill 10:00
- Oct. 14th Thanksgiving
- Oct. 25th Provincial Pro-D
- Oct. 30th How the Sun Stole the Sun 1:00
- Nov. 1st S.T.A.R. Assembly 8:45
- Nov. 22nd Ready, Set, Learn 8:45
- Nov. 22nd Early Dismissal 11:00
- Week of Nov. 2nd to 5th Parent Teacher Conferences First Term



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Bell Schedule

8:25	School Entry Bell/students enter through <u>outside</u> doors
8:30	Morning session begins
10:10 am-10:25am	Recess
12:05am-12:50pm	Lunch first (15 minutes) then outside
12:45 pm	Warning bell
12:50pm	Afternoon session begins
2:23 pm	Dismissal/Students leave through outside doors

*Please note that supervision begins at 8:10 and ends at 2:40. Students are expected to enter and leave the building through their exterior classroom doors.

Parking

This is just a reminder that our school parking lot can become very congested before and after school. This year we have a school bus picking up students in the front parking lot as close to the dismissal bell as possible. There will be cones marking off the space needed for the bus at along the front of the school. **Please do not leave your vehicle unattended in the drop-off zone as buses and emergency vehicles must have access without being blocked.**



The side parking lot is reserved for district and school staff as well as vehicles which have a parking pass only. Please do not park or drop off in the side parking lot.

ECME STAR CODE of CONDUCT

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

At Ecole Christine Morrison Elementary, our student body is thoughtful, kind and responsible. 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. **Well done ECME students!**



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Parent Advisory Council (PAC)

On Thursday, September 12th at 7:00 p.m. the PAC is having the first meeting of the year. We will be meeting in room 159 and this is a wonderful way to meet other parents, learn about the incredible opportunities and programs the PAC is organizing as well as becoming involved with the school community. We hope to see you there!

Parent Welcome Café



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On Thursday, September 26th we are hosting the Ecole Christine Morrison Annual Welcome to School Café! Please join us beginning at 8:00, enjoy a fresh cup of coffee and visit with your child, their classroom and meet their teacher. The students really enjoy sharing their classroom with their parents/guardians and it is a terrific opportunity to see their world at

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. As we live in a rainforest climate, 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.

Attendance and student appointments or late arrival

If you are picking up your child during the school day, please come to the office and we will either call into the class and request that your child comes to the office or will go to the class and bring your child to the office. During the school day, students will only be dismissed through checking out in the office.

If your child is late in the morning or after school, the students will need to check into the office, have their name and division recorded and will receive a welcome slip to give to their teachers.

Please do not hesitate to call the office at any time to let us know that your child will be absent. The answering machine receives calls from 3:30 p.m. to 8:00 a.m.