



École Christine Morrison Elementary

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September 28th, 2022

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Seeing so many students and families return to Christine Morrison has been wonderful. We have also been extremely excited to welcome some of our new families and staff members to the ECME community. The school staff has worked tirelessly to ensure that everything is in place for a terrific year ahead, and now that classes are finalized, students and staff have gotten right into the swing of learning. Students are working well within their new learning groups and are making meaningful connections with their peers.



At ECME, we value our collaboration with our parent/guardian community. Clear communication and involvement in the school create a strong partnership. With covid restrictions lifted, we can finally meet each other face to face. So we encourage you to reach out to your child's teacher if you haven't done so already. We will also send newsletters during the last week of each month with email updates throughout the year. Newsletters will be sent to our families and posted on the school website.

Finally, if you need to reach out to us, feel free to flag us down outside in the morning or after school. The next best way to reach us is via phone or email at shannon.greig@mpsd.ca or bobby.chilaka@mpsd.ca.

We are excited to see where this year will take us,

Thank you,

Shannon Greig
Principal

Bobby Chilaka
Vice Principal



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Letter From The PAC

Parents and Guardians of Christine Morrison Elementary,
Welcome back to another new year at CM. Just a few notes so we start the year out right... Please welcome our new executive who were voted in at Septembers PAC meeting.

Chair - Raegan Heidt

Vice Chair - Aryssa Barnetson

Secretary - Camille Dudka

Treasurer - Conny Schaffer

DPAC reps - Missy Caswell and Fallon Conway

Members at Large - Chantal Child, Karlee Gagnon, Renea Thorsen, Colleen McCutcheon, Lauren Davie, Missy Caswell, and Fallon Conway

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 are due by end of day today and will be placed early next week. If you've forgotten to submit your order reach out to Raegan Heidt on FB or email cmepac.info@gmail.com before the end of the weekend. – we should receive them within a month. They will be sent home with students when they arrive.
- Coupon book fundraiser forms are also due by end of day today. They too will be sent home in agendas/clipboards as soon as they are ready.
- There are more fundraisers to come.... the Christmas wrap/gift fundraiser for one... the others are still in the works so stay tuned.

Our next PAC meeting will be on October 13th, 7-8pm. It will be hosted via Zoom. All are welcome to attend.

Zoom: <https://ufv-ca.zoom.us/j/67564948543?pwd=Mkl1Nkd4ZmdBOUowUnhsejZwSXBDQT09>

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



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Bell Schedule

8:25 am: School Entry Bell/students enter through outside doors

8:30 am – 8:50 am: Morning session begins

Recess: 10:10 am - 10:25 am

Lunch: 12:15 pm - 1:00 pm

- Div. 1 (Ms. Sward)
- Div. 2 (Ms. Crowie)
- Div. 3 (Mrs. Buchanan)
- Div. 4 (Mr. McAuley/ Mrs. Dyer)
- Div. 5 (Ms. Edmondson/ Mrs. Djordjevic)
- Div. 6 (Mrs. Portman)
- Div. 7 (Mrs. Desormeaux)
- Div. 8 (Ms. Leibel)
- Div. 9 (Mr. Tessier)
- Div. 10 (Mme Lanzellotti)
- Div. 11 (Mme Palmer)
- Div. 12 (Mme Morin)
- Div. 13 (Mme Pouyol)
- Div. 14 (Mme Osborn)
- Div. 15 (Mme Paul/ Mme Treanor) (Thurs/Fri)
- Div. 16 (Mme McKinnon)

2:23 pm: Dismissal/Students leave through outside doors

***Please note that supervision begins at 8:15 am and ends at 2:38 pm. Students are expected to enter and leave the building through their exterior classroom doors.**



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Upcoming Dates

September 28th: Terry Fox Run

September 29th: Orange Shirt Day

September 30th: No School (Truth and Reconciliation)

October 3rd: Individual Picture Day

October 6th: Project of Heart Gallery (Date might change)

October 7th: STAR Assembly

October 10th: No School (Thanksgiving)

October 21st: Pro D Day (No School)

October 24th – October 28th: Parent Teacher Interviews

October 24th – October 28th: Book Fair

Sports

Cross Country

Practices are on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 7:30 – 8:00 AM on the following dates:

Sept 20 / Sept 22 / Sept 27 / Sept 29 / Oct 4

Cross Country Meets will occur October 6 at Heritage Park and October 13 at Hatzic Elementary after school (more details TBA).



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Basketball

Practices are on Tuesdays at 7:40 to 8:25 and Thursdays at 2:30 – 3:15

Games will be Thursdays after school (Schedule to come)



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Stó:lō New Year

This year, on September 27, the first sliver of the New Moon will show. This indicates that a new month will begin, and also the Stó:lō New Year.

Why do the Stó:lō celebrate New Year in September this year?

The Stó:lō celebrate the New Year in September because it is “time for things to be finished” - called “temhila’lxw”. For example, the harvest is finished. The growing season is over. Berries, bulrush, cedar and plants have been harvested. Because this season is called “time for things to be finished”, now, something new is going to begin. This is the beginning of winter activities. The Stó:lō moved back to their Fall and Winter homes. New clothing would be made, baskets, hats – all from the material that had been gathered in the spring and summer months.



Wednesday, September 28th Terry Fox Run



On Wednesday, September 28th, we are having our Terry Fox Run! The annual Terry Fox Run has become a fall tradition in Canada, with more than 650 communities, big and small, urban and rural, English and French, fundraising for cancer research. The students will participate in an assembly before the run. We encourage each student to bring a Toonie to donate if they

can.

Thursday, September 29th Orange Shirt Day

September 30th falls during the time of year when Indigenous children were taken away from their homes and sent to residential schools. The “orange shirt” in Orange Shirt Day refers to the new shirt that Phyllis Webstad was given to her by her grandmother for her first day at St. Joseph’s Mission residential school in British Columbia. When Phyllis got to school, they took away her clothes, including her new shirt, and never returned. To Phyllis, the colour orange has constantly reminded her of her experiences at residential school and, as she has said, “how my feelings didn’t matter, how no one cared, and I felt like I was worth nothing. All of us little children were crying, and no one cared.” Please see the CBC link for more information:



[https://www.cbc.ca/kidscbc2/the-feed/what-is-orange-shirt-day#:~:text=Orange%20Shirt%20Day%20\(September%2030th,the%20history%20of%20th%20ose%20schools.](https://www.cbc.ca/kidscbc2/the-feed/what-is-orange-shirt-day#:~:text=Orange%20Shirt%20Day%20(September%2030th,the%20history%20of%20th%20ose%20schools.) If possible, please have your child wear orange to school on the 29th.



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Parking

This is just a reminder that our school parking lot can become very congested before and after 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. If you require a parking pass, please contact the office. 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 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!

Attendance and student appointments or late arrival

If you are picking up your child during the school day, before 2:00, please call 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. If your child is late in the morning, the students will need to check into the office, have their name and division recorded and will be walked to their class

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.

NO DOGS ON SCHOOL GROUNDS

Parents are reminded that School District Policy prohibits dogs from being on school grounds at any time, with the exception of **service dogs**. This policy is made for health and safety reasons.

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



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Hot lunch

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.

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 during the recess and lunch breaks, even in the rain. The students are accustomed to wearing their boots and rain jackets and heading outside. Please ensure that your child has boots, a rain jacket, and a change of socks if their feet become wet. For safety reasons, students are not to bring umbrellas to school.

No Toys

It's always exciting for students to bring their toys to school to show their friends, however we ask that all toys stay home unless specifically instructed by classroom teacher. These items usually become the source of conflict and/or upset because they get damaged, lost or "borrowed" by others.

Please support our efforts by reinforcing the "**No toys at school**" rule and checking your child's backpack to ensure these items remain at home.

Scooters are only allowed to school if they are locked up on the bike rack

New Swing Set

A big thank you to our former grade 6 students that petitioned for the new swing set! The students are really enjoying it!



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Mission Library has lots of exciting events happening in October

LEGO Club

Tuesdays, 3 pm – 4:15 pm

Mission Ukulele Circle

Thursdays, 3 pm – 4 pm

Tabletop Time: Board Games

Saturdays, 2 pm – 4 pm

Culture Day at the Library

Saturday, October 1, 2 pm – 4 pm

Our Elders Are Watching

Saturday, October 8, 10 am – 2 pm

Learn about the 4 pillars in Mission Library painted by Pascal Pelletier.

Between the Pages Tween Book Club (Registration required)

Wednesday, October 12, 3:30 pm – 4:30 pm

For ages 9-12.

Paws 4 Stories (Registration required)

Thursday, October 20, 3:30 pm – 4:30 pm

Here Comes Halloween Puppet Show

Wednesday, October 26, 6:45 pm – 7:30 pm