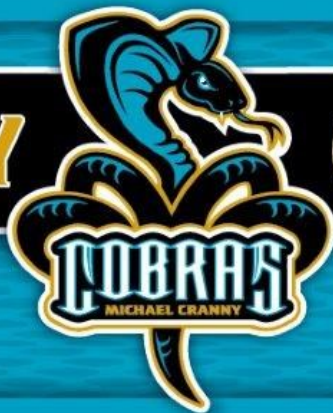


THE CRANNY



CHRONICLE

**MICHAEL CRANNY
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

DECEMBER

2016

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Happy Holidays from our Family to Yours!



We are very excited and proud as administrators of Michael Cranny Elementary School to work with wonderful staff, students and their families. Since the beginning of this school year, we have been hard at work not only on Math, Modern Learning, and Mental Health but also showing others that "Cranny Cares." This past month we also had our first school fundraiser, "Big Box of Cards" organized by the 2016 –2017 school council. This fundraiser was a huge success for Michael Cranny.

At this time we would like to wish you and your family all the best this holiday season and we look forward to the new year with our families at Michael Cranny Elementary School.

Ritch McNaughton
Principal

Anna Bruno
Vice-Principal

Distribution of the Newsletter

Please note we will be providing an abbreviated version of the Cranny Chronicle that will be distributed to all families this year. We have a school twitter account, school website and now you can also subscribe to our school blog where up-to-date news will be posted on a regular basis in a timely manner. Once signed up for the school blog it will also allow you to connect with school information in your first language.

School Information

Staff Name	Position
Risa Tencer	JK/SKA
Laura Ciufo	JK/SKB
Pam David/Liana Guarnieri	SK/1A
Sheri Lennox	1/2B
Elise Hempseed	2/3A
Erminia Viterbo	3A
Christina Scalia	4A
Leora Kim	4B
Danielle Davidovich	4/5B
Tammy Sikakane	5A
D. Marchese/Mandy Sohal	5B
Emily McLeod	5/6B
Megan Amedeo	6A
Keith Milne	6/7B
Amanda DiMarco	7A
Jon Milette	7/8B*
Tamar Gahiri	8A
Beth Fairbarn	8B*
Judy Belligero	SERT/SSC
Arthur Nemirov	ELL/PREP
Fil Ferrari	Library/RR/SERT
Lindsay Gosselin	SERT
Jennifer Evangelho	SERT
Sarah Milligan	SERT
Katherine Valkanas	Music/PREP
Nancy Russo	French/PREP
Cheryl Fernandes	French/PREP
Marci Vexler	PREP
Melisa Angione	DECE
Tanya McConnell	DECE
Maria Bibassis	DECE
Kristen Herriott	Support Staff
Kishwer Chaudhry	Support Staff
Lucy DiPaola	Support Staff
Mary-Jo Manganaro	Support Staff
Claudia Naccarato	Support Staff
Patricia Cimini	Support Staff
Zdenka Horky	Support Staff
Krishna Gohil	SERT/Pri. ACCESS
Olga Cioci	SERT/Jr-Int ACCESS
Taneisha Commock	CYW/Primary ACCESS
Natasha Acquaviva	CYW/Jr-Int ACCESS
IDT West	IDT
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Stephanie Key	Vision
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Anna Cristinziano	Secretary
Renato D'Andrea	Lead Caretaker
Fred Canale	Caretaker
Ivo DiNicolò	Caretaker
Anna Bruno	Vice-Principal
Ritch McNaughton	Principal

This is our school organization
for the 2016-2017 school year.

School Day Organization

Please note the new recess and lunch times

School Day Organization: Kindergarten - Grade 8

8:15a.m. - 2:35 p.m.

8:13 - 8:15: **Entry**

8:15 - 10:05: **Instructional Time**

10:05 - 10:25: **Recess**

10:25- 11:45: **Instructional Time**

11:45-12:45 Lunch

12:45 - 2:35: **Instructional Time**

2:35: Dismissal

Professional Activity & Training Days

Monday, September 26, 2016

Friday, October 28, 2016

Friday, November 25, 2016

Friday, January 20, 2017

Friday, February 3, 2017

Friday, June 2, 2017

Friday, June 30, 2017

School Holidays

Labour Day Monday, September 5, 2016

Thanksgiving Day Monday, October 10, 2016

Christmas Vacation Monday, December 26 to
Friday, January 6, 2017

Family Day Monday, February 20, 2017

Mid-Winter Break Monday, March 13 to
Friday, March 17, 2017

Good Friday Friday, April 14, 2017

Easter Monday Monday, April 17, 2017

Parent Information

Attendance and Safe-Arrival Procedures

Reporting your child's absence:

- 1) Parents/guardians must telephone the school at 905-832-4922 before 8:10 a.m. to leave a message with your child's name, teacher, and the reason for the absence. Please speak clearly and spell your child's name when leaving a message.
- 2) Contact the school if your child will be arriving late, or if not returning after lunch.
- 3) Put a note in your child's agenda indicating an appointment that requires that he/she will arrive late or must leave the school during the day.



Students must sign in and out of the school using the binder in the school office.

IF YOUR CHILD IS NOT AT SCHOOL AND IS NOT ACCOUNTED FOR BY A NOTE OR TELEPHONE CALL, THE SCHOOL WILL:

- 1) Call home to check (and if not accounted for)
- 2) Call the parents at work (and if the child is still not accounted for)
- 3) Call the emergency numbers (and if the child is still not accounted for)
- 4) **We will then telephone the York Regional Police, as per our safe arrival policy.**

Please note that our school voicemail service is available outside of our regular office hours of 8:00 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. You may leave a message at any time.

Visitors to the School

We welcome visitors and volunteers to the school. All visitors and volunteers must start their visit in the office. All visitors and volunteers are required to wear a "visitor" or "volunteer" sticker while in the school. If you are bringing an item for your child or picking up your child for an appointment, please come to the school office. A staff member will contact the classroom and ensure the item is delivered, or direct your child to the office if you are picking up your child. If possible, try to arrange appointments after school hours so that your child does not miss valuable class time.

Please notify us in writing or by telephone if someone other than the parent/guardian will pick up your child. We will only release children to adults listed as emergency contacts.

If you wish to arrange a meeting by phone or in person to speak with your child's teacher, please call the school ahead of time to arrange a convenient time. We cannot ask teachers to leave their classrooms during the instructional day to take a phone call or meet with a parent. If you are coming to school for a pre-arranged appointment, please begin your visit in the office and we will notify the teacher that you have arrived.

Bring Your Own Device: What Parents Need to Know

The possession of and use of a variety of electronic devices is definitely part of today's fast paced society. Students must sign a waiver with their homeroom teacher if they would like to use a device to help them with their school assignments. The responsibility for this device lies solely with the student and the school cannot be responsible for theft or damage.

However, at Michael Cranny the use of cell phones during the school day to make phone calls, text or use social media for personal purposes is **not allowed**. If your child needs to contact you during the day, s/he may come to the school office and request the use of the landline. Should your child bring a cell phone to school, it needs to be turned off or silenced upon entering the building and may only be used for online access under the direct supervision of the teacher for educational purposes.

Parent Information

Bussing Information

York Region District School Board Policy states that the walking distance for students from Kindergarten to grade 3 is 1.2 km and for students from grades 4 - 8 is 1.6 km. Students who live within our boundaries but beyond the distances stated above, are eligible for bus transportation as long as they adhere to safety and behaviour rules.

As well, students **MUST** ride the bus to which they have been assigned. They must also get on and off the bus at their assigned stop. Students will not be allowed to switch buses or to take friends home on the bus unless their parent/guardian sends a written request to the school for that particular day. If there is room on the bus, the office will sign the note and the driver may allow the student on their bus.

Please keep the school bus website www.schoolbuscity.com and telephone hotline 1-866-287-7837 handy to check route updates for your child. Each year, your child's bus number and route may change as students move in and out of the area. Once set for the year (usually by mid-September), the school will advise you of any changes to your child's route.

If your child's transportation to and from school is from a daycare or babysitter and the address is other than your home address, please notify the office. Our transportation information for your child is based on your home address, unless you specify otherwise. As a reminder, students attending Michael Cranny on a transfer, are not entitled to bussing.

Follow Us!!

If you like to follow Michael Cranny's Twitter feed, where school information such as events, news, etc, will be posted. You are encouraged to follow the school's twitter feed @michaelcrannyes



Good morning,

The holidays are around the corner and the winter break countdown is on! Please help us in letting your parents and guardians know that they still have time to order **fall school photos** in time for the holidays.

SCHOOL PHOTOS!

**ORDER BY
DECEMBER 12TH**
and have your photos
for the **Holidays!**
edgeimaging.ca



Fall photo day orders placed **online at edgeimaging.ca** or by phone at **1-888-416-3343 (EDGE)** by **Monday, December 12th*** will have guaranteed delivery to home before the holidays!

[Thank you for sharing with your parents and guardians today!](#)

Michael Cranny School Council

Our 2016-2017 school council members are listed below. Thank you to all who came out to our last meeting!

Mary Tsaktsiris and Melissa Mouldey (Co-Chairs)

Didem Tekin (Secretary)

Xiaoyun Wu (Treasurer)

Sangeeta Agarwal

Our school council meeting for the month of January will take place on:

Wednesday, January 18th, 2017

Thank you in advance for supporting our school council and all are welcome to attend.


Parent Information

Keeping You Informed

Michael Cranny ES is starting a Blog!

Our school is proud to announce that Michael Cranny Elementary School has started a Blog this Fall! We will post news, notices, reminders and school happenings on a regular basis on the blog eventually eliminating the need for a newsletter. All you have to do is log in once, add your email address and it will automatically email you every time something new has been posted. The **blog also features Google translate which allows you to access the information in your first language.**

MICHAEL CRANNY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



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School Information

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Add your email address here and hit submit! Do this one time and get every post emailed straight to you!

Dress Warmly for Cold Weather

According to TIME magazine, research shows that the average person spends 87 percent of their time in enclosed buildings and 6 percent of their time in enclosed vehicles. That's a total of *93 percent* of your life spent *inside*. So at Michael Cranny ES, we believe everyone needs to get more fresh air by spending more time outdoors – and there are *many* benefits you'll receive by doing this, above and beyond the fresh air. The benefits are so great that you should strive to get outdoors virtually every day – even if it's winter and the temperatures are low. Some of the benefits include boosting creativity and focus and improving your mood and self esteem. So come prepared to BE OUTSIDE!

All our students will be expected to be outside before, during and after school in all weather conditions (i.e., rain or shine, snow or heat). Students need to come to school dressed to play outside during recesses. Boots (for rain or snow), rain jackets, hats, mitts, scarves and snow pants will help make recess an enjoyable time. It is advisable for children to keep extra pants and socks at school in case they get wet. To avoid adding to our clothing collection in the Lost and Found Bin, please be sure to label all articles of clothing.



Parent Information

MCES is now accepting School Cash ONLINE

School Cash ONLINE
www.schoolcashonline.com



[Disclaimer](#)

Step 1: Register

- Click on the School Cash Online button on our school's website at <http://michaelcranny.es.yrdsb.ca/> and select the "Get Started Today" button.
- Complete each of the three Registration Steps

***For Security Reasons your password, requires 8 characters, one uppercase letter, one lowercase letter and a number.**

School Cash Online

Paying school items just got easier!
Sign up to get started today.

What is School Cash Online?
School Cash Online is an easy-to-use, safe way to
pay for school items online.

[Get Started Today](#)

[Sign Into Your Account](#)

Step 2: Confirmation Email

A registration confirmation email will be automatically forwarded to you. Click on the link provided inside the email to confirm your email and School Cash Online account. The confirmation link will open the School Cash Online site prompting you to sign into your account. Use your email address and password just created with your account.

SchoolCashOnline.com

Hello Parent,

Please click the link below to confirm your email address.

<http://cedarrapidsschoolcashonline.com/Registration/ConfirmConfirmationEmail/11675483-7202-49a9-b27e-7dce0d1d4113>

Copy the link and paste it into your web browser, if the link doesn't work.

Contact support at 1-866-961-1803 or email parenthelp@schoolcashonline.com.

Thank you,

Your School Cash Online Support Team

Step 3: Find Student

NOTE: A STUDENT NUMBER IS REQUIRED

This step will connect your children to your account.

- Enter the School Board Name
- Enter the School Name
- Enter Your Child's Student # and Last Name
- Select **Continue**
- On the next page confirm that you are related to the child, check in the Agree box and select **Continue**
- Your child has been added to your account

Find Student

1. Type in the School Board name and select one from the list

York Region District School Board

☐ Change school board name

2. Select a school

Select school

3. Enter student information

Student Number

Last Name

[Continue](#)

[\(No students? Click here\)](#)

Step 4: View Items or Add Another Student

If you have more children, select "Add Another Student" option and repeat the steps above. 5 children can be added to one parent account.

If you do not wish to add additional children, select "View Items For Students" option. A listing of available items for purchase will be displayed.

NEED HELP?

If you require assistance, select the **GET HELP** option in the top right hand corner of the screen or contact School Cash Online – Parent Help Desk at 1-866-961-1803 or parenthelp@schoolcashonline.com.

Parent Information

Norovirus Information



For **your**
information

November 28, 2016

Norovirus illness is common at this time of year

Over the past few days, media has reported a number of norovirus-like outbreaks with symptoms of vomiting, diarrhea and nausea. Norovirus, often referred to as the “stomach flu”, is a very contagious viral illness that is usually not severe, comes on quickly and normally resolves in 24 to 48 hours.

York Region Public Health can confirm that two York Region schools, one in the Town of East Gwillimbury and one in the City of Markham, have tested positive for norovirus. York Region Public Health actively works with facilities experiencing outbreaks to implement control measures, such as increased cleaning and disinfection.

As seen with Thornhill Woods Public School, these control measures effectively reduced student absenteeism by 50 per cent over a few days.

To lower the spread of norovirus within our communities:

- Anyone experiencing symptoms should continue to stay home for at least 48 hours after symptoms stop
- Thoroughly wash hands with soap and water, especially after using the toilet or changing diapers and before preparing, handling and eating food
- Wear gloves when cleaning up vomit or diarrhea. Contaminated surfaces must first be scrubbed using detergent and water and then disinfected. To disinfect a contaminated surface, create a chlorine bleach solution by mixing one cup (250 ml) of bleach in nine cups (2.25L) of water
- Remove and wash clothes and linens that may be contaminated with vomit or feces
- Keep sick individuals out of areas where food is being handled or prepared
- Anyone who is sick should not handle or prepare food for at least 48 hours after symptoms stop

Parent Information

Norovirus Information

Norovirus and influenza are different

Norovirus is not related to influenza, or “the flu”, a respiratory illness caused by the influenza virus which commonly starts circulating during the fall and into spring.

Symptoms of influenza include:

- Sudden onset of headache
- Fever (over 38 degrees Celsius or 100 degrees Fahrenheit)
- Muscle aches and fatigue
- Loss of appetite
- Runny nose
- Chills
- Sore throat
- Cough

Most people recover from the flu within a week to 10 days, but some people, including those 65 years of age or older, healthy pregnant women and adults and children with chronic health conditions are at greater risk of becoming ill and developing severe health problems such as pneumonia.

You and your family can reduce your chances of getting the flu by:

- Washing your hands often with soap and water or using an alcohol-based hand sanitizer when soap and water are not available. Handwashing is especially important after coughing, sneezing or blowing your nose
- Coughing and sneezing into your sleeve or a tissue, not your hand and throwing away used tissues immediately
- Getting the seasonal flu shot for anyone six months of age or older. It is especially important for people 65 years of age or older, healthy pregnant women and adults and children with chronic health conditions
- Avoiding close contact with people who are sick
- Not touching your face
- Regularly cleaning and disinfecting common surfaces

For more information, please read York Region’s [norovirus](#) and [flu](#) fact sheets.

Should you have any questions, please contact York Region Public Health at 1-877-464-9675 ext. 73588.



1-800-361-5653
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