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## FROM THE ADMINISTRATION

# Math @ Cranny

The Board Improvement Plan for Student Achievement and Well-being makes clear our commitment to improve student experiences and outcomes in each of our identified focus areas: **Modern Learning, Mathematics and Mental Health**. The foundational practices of **Equity, Innovation, and Leadership** are evident throughout the actions of each strategy.

The York Region District School Board along with MCES recognizes the importance of mathematics as a critical life skill for students. The past few weeks, staff have had focused Professional Development around Mathematics. We have been reading about, engaging in and playing with hands on activities in Mathematics.

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## Peanut-Free Classroom



Please do not bring any peanuts or products containing peanuts into classroom.

Thank you for helping to keep our children safe.



While we take every step to create a safe environment, school staff and parents can take important steps to minimize potentially fatal allergic reactions as there are implications for the whole school, not just individual classrooms. Several of our students have severe allergic reactions if they come in contact with certain allergens. Even a trace amount or airborne particles can trigger a reaction. **Please ensure that your child does not bring in any nut snacks.** Thank you for your cooperation.

## School Information

### Michael Cranny ES has 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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### A Message from our Trustee

With spring approaching and the hours of daylight increasing, now is a good time to enjoy the outdoors and our natural environment. Did you know that our Board has five [outdoor education centres](#), and students have opportunities to visit them and other outdoor learning spaces throughout their schooling? This is part of our commitment to giving students an opportunity to learn in and about the natural world. This learning supports students in gaining a deeper appreciation for nature and the importance of environmental sustainability.

“Modelling continuous environmental sustainability” is one of the goals outlined in our [Board of Trustees’ Multi-Year Plan](#). We believe that we all have a role to play in reducing waste and protecting our environment. Our students, staff members and families continue to show leadership when it comes to supporting student learning and initiatives to reduce our ecological footprint.

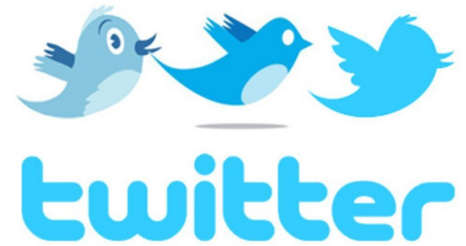
Spending time outside as a family also provides a great opportunity to support and enhance your child’s learning outside of school. Whether visiting a park or museum, reading with your child in your home language or asking questions about their day at school - know that there are many ways you can support their education and that you are making a difference.

I hope you all have a happy and safe March Break and enjoy the warmer weather ahead.

## Parent Information

### 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



### Chess Club

On March 2nd, members of Michael Cranny's Chess Club had the opportunity to participate in the 2017 Vaughan Regional Chess Challenge. Congratulations to the following students for winning medals at the tournament. Winning bronze medals in the grade 5&6 divisions were Jerry G. and Seayrohn S., and after an intense tie breaking round, coming in first place with a gold medal was Alan L. Thank you to all students who participated and showing great team spirit at the tournament.



### 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**

**Charles Menezes**

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

**Tuesday, March 21st, 2017**

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

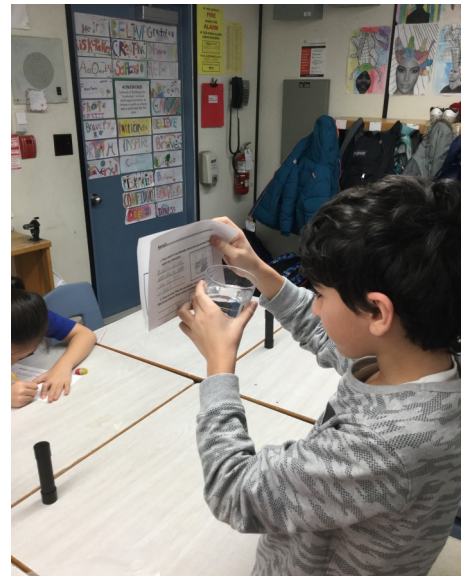
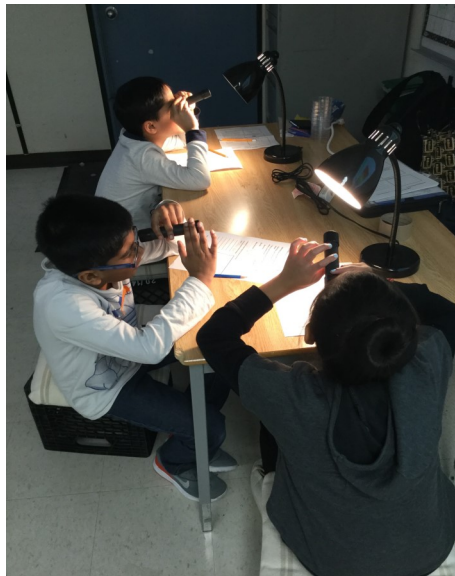
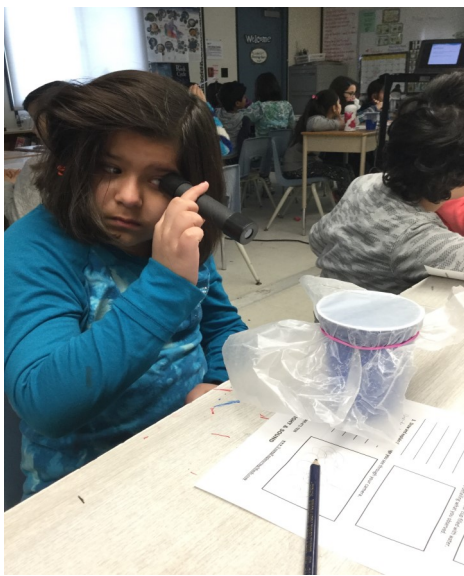


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### Grade 4 Light and Sound Workshop - Young Engineering Minds

The Light and Sound Workshop was very interesting and fun. We learned many new things about light like refraction, transparency, translucency, and opaque. While we were learning about light we did some experiments. For example, we put a pencil in a jar half-filled with water and we saw that the pencil was bending (that was a form of refraction). Another experiment was using a spectrometer to see the spectrum of colours. Then, we moved on to sound. We learned that sounds are caused by vibrations. We also learned that sound travels in waves. We then made a musical instrument out of straws. First, we had to make the part that we were going to blow on flat. Then, we had to make slits down the middle of the straw to make different notes, so we could include pitches in our instrument. This is what we did in the Light and Sound Workshop.

By: Jeshan



### Computer Science and Coding Club

Mr. Milette is happy to begin another year of the Computer Science and Coding Club. The club takes place each Thursday in Room 210 from 2:35pm to 4pm for students in Grades 6-8.

Students can explore Lego Mind-storms kits, Raspberry Pi resources, Scratch and Python software, among other engaging modern technologies. The club is strictly for learning together, building collaborative skills, and challenging students in these areas, and is certainly not a "gaming" space.

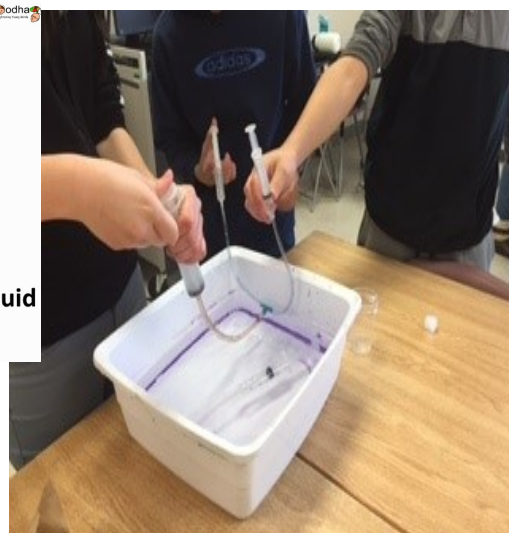
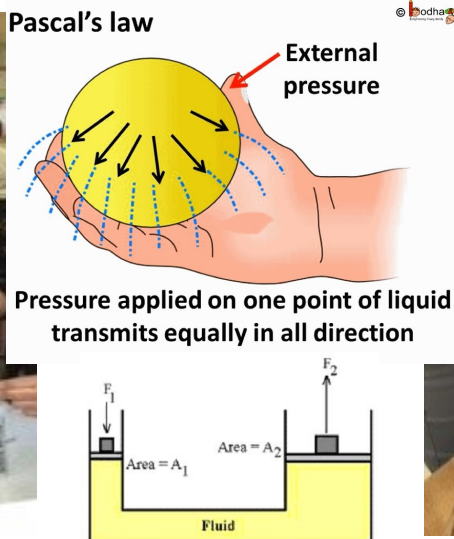
If any parents or other community members wish to know more about the club or help elicit guest speakers, please contact Mr. Milette directly at 905-832-4922 xt.210.



## Parent Information

### Grade 8's Explore with Science Fluids (Pascal's Law)

Michael Cranny's Grade 8's had a hands on opportunity to investigate with fluids and hydraulics during their Science Classes. Students had a chance to explore and expand their learning from our fluids science unit and see in action how various fluids react to pressure, and how we can apply and use that to make work easier with real life applications).



### Boys and Girls Basketball

Congratulations goes out to the Intermediate Boys and Girls Basketball Teams on their wonderful seasons. Both teams practiced hard two days a week after school and once a week at lunch and also played some exhibition games. On February 23rd & 24th both teams competed at their respective area tournaments, where both teams played with a lot of passion and showed exceptional sportsmanship. The boys were able to win their bracket and move on to the quarterfinals. Once again a huge congratulations to both teams and thank you for the amazing job you did representing Michael Cranny.





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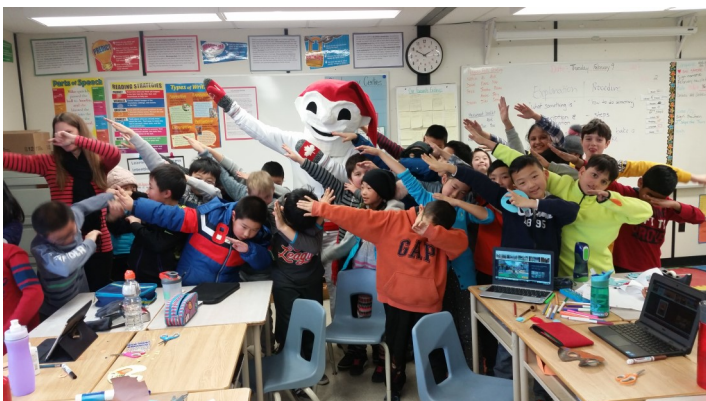
### Grade 8's Celebrate Canadian History

For the past 3 months, Michael Cranny's grade 8 classes have been working on a theatrical rendition of Canadian history. After writing their own scripts, creating props and backdrops, as well as working on their dramatic prowess, they performed their hard work in front of the school and their families. The play — Canadian History; A Living Timeline — dealt with Canada's more than 150 years of history, from pre-confederation to modern day. The overall result was a brilliant presentation by the graduating class of 2016/2017.



### Carnaval 2017

This year's Carnaval was a great success! We had many students who participated in our daily Spirit days and were excited to listen to the Bonhomme draw every morning. The final day of the Carnaval week was the best day. Students got to participate in many fun and interactive activities. At the end of the day, Bonhomme Carnaval visited classes in his joyful manner as he does every year, while the students enjoyed their croissants and hot chocolate. During this time, the students made masks for an entrance to the Class Mask Contest. The winners of this contest got a pizza party. Carnaval was really fun and we all enjoyed it a lot.



## Parent Information

# MCES is now on School Cash ONLINE

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### 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.**

### 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.

### 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

### 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](mailto:parenthelp@schoolcashonline.com).

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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](mailto:parenthelp@schoolcashonline.com).

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Select school

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Student Number

Last Name

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## Parent Information

### Public Health Announcement - Respiratory and Enteric Illness

Student absences have increased recently within several schools in York Region, related to illnesses with respiratory and enteric symptoms.

#### To protect staff, students and families from getting ill, remember to:

- Stay at home when you are sick, and keep your child home if they are sick
- Keep healthy by eating healthy foods, being physically active and ensuring your immunizations are up-to-date, including the seasonal flu shot
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick
- Wash your hands often with soap and water or using an alcohol-based hand sanitizer when soap and water are not available
- Cough and sneeze into your sleeve or a tissue, not your hand, and throw away used tissues immediately
- Avoid touching your face
- Clean and disinfect common surfaces

#### Symptoms of respiratory and/or enteric illness can include:

Headache  
Chills  
Fever (over 38 degrees Celsius or 100 degrees Fahrenheit)  
Muscle aches and fatigue  
Runny nose  
Sneezing  
Sore throat  
Watery eyes  
Loss of appetite  
Nausea and vomiting  
Diarrhea



If you or your child are sick and do not improve, contact your health care provider.

Many viruses are commonly active at this time of year, for example norovirus and influenza (flu). Both viruses are very contagious and can be spread by contact with contaminated surfaces, such as door knobs or eating utensils. For more information, read the norovirus and flu fact sheets online at the following links:

[Norovirus fact sheet](#)

[Flu fact sheet](#)

