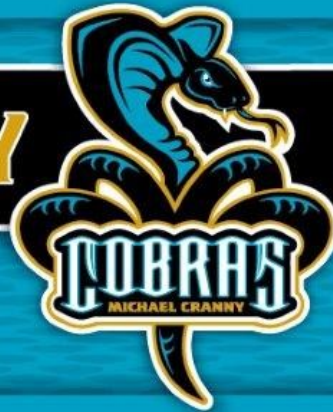


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MICHAEL CRANNY
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



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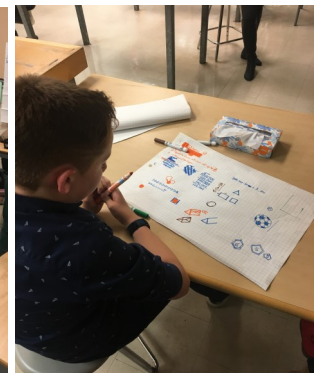
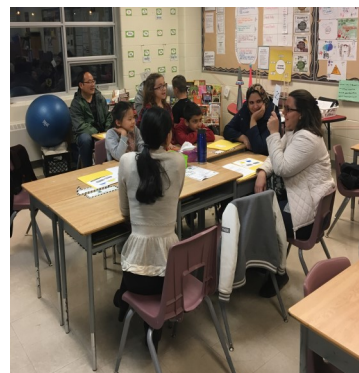
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Family Math Night
discover the wonders of math...together

On Thursday, October 26th, Michael Cranny Elementary School proudly hosted a Family Math Night! This evening provided an opportunity to build and strengthen positive relationships among home, school and community. Not only that but children of all ages (mommies and daddies too) got a chance to see math as an inclusive, playful, and engaging activity that can be done at home or anywhere. Games give students opportunities to explore fundamental number concepts, such as the counting sequence, one-to-one correspondence, and computation strategies. Engaging mathematical games can also encourage students to explore number combinations, place value, patterns, and other important mathematical concepts. Further, they also provide opportunities for students to deepen their mathematical understanding and reasoning.

Thanks to our Cranny families who joined us!



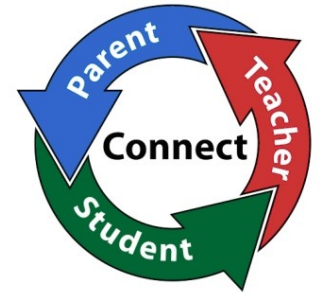
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Parent Information

Parent Teacher Interviews

On November 22nd Progress Report Cards will be sent home with your child(ren). You will have an opportunity to meet with your child's teacher on the evening of November 23rd and during the morning of November 24th. An email has gone out to the community with instructions on how to book an appointment with your child(ren) teacher(s).



Remembrance Day - "Lest we forget"

Every year on November 11th, Canadians pause in a moment of silence to remember the men and women who have served, and continue to serve our country during times of war, conflict and peace. We honour those who fought for Canada in the First World War (1914-1918), the Second World War (1939-1945), and the Korean War (1950-1953), as well as those who have served since then. More than 1,500,000 Canadians have served our country in this way, and more than 100,000 have died. They gave their lives and their futures so that we may live in peace. By remembering their service and their sacrifice, we recognize the tradition of freedom these men and women fought to preserve. On Remembrance Day, we acknowledge the courage and sacrifice of those who served their country and acknowledge our responsibility to work for the peace they fought hard to achieve.



At MCES, we will be holding a **Remembrance Day assembly on Friday, November 10th from 10:15 - 10:45 a.m.** to commemorate this day. We kindly ask students to **bring in a \$2.00 donation** for a poppy. **Parents are welcome to attend.**

Coming Soon...Roots of Empathy

The Roots of Empathy program will be starting this coming month of November in one of our Intermediate classrooms at Cranny! Roots of Empathy focuses on raising levels of empathy, resulting in more respectful and caring relationships and reduced levels of bullying and aggression while working and caring for a baby. Part of our success is the universal nature of the program; all students are positively engaged instead of targeting bullies or aggressive children.

The goals of the program are;

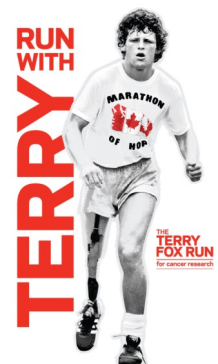
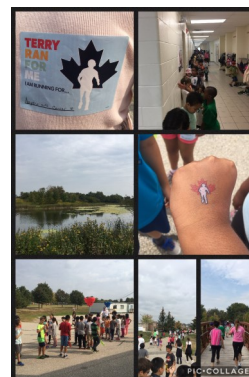
- To foster the development of empathy
- To develop emotional literacy
- To reduce levels of bullying, aggression and violence, and promote children's pro-social behaviours
- To prepare students for responsible citizenship



Roots of Empathy
Racines de l'empathie

Terry Fox Run/Walk

On September 19th, Michael Cranny ES had their annual Terry Fox Walk. Kindergarten to Grade 8 students raised close to 800 dollars for Cancer Research. We as a school honoured and reflected on those who have and continue to battle cancer. We would like to give thanks to the Terry Fox team for organizing this event. A huge thank you to all the Staff and Students of MCES for your spirit, enthusiasm and, participation.



Parent Information

Dress Warmly for Cold Weather

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.



School Council 2017-2018

Our school council meetings for the 2017-2018 school year will take place on:

Our November/December meeting is to be determined.

Wednesday, January 17th, 2018

Thursday, February 22, 2018

Wednesday, April 4, 2018

Thursday, May 17, 2018

**All Parents are welcome to join us
in the library at 7:00 p.m.**



"SMILE... SAY CHEESE"

Class pictures and retakes
will be on **November 6th,
2017.**



Dental Screening is coming to MCES
for our students in JK/SK, Grade 2
and Grade 8.

If time permits, they will be examining
other grades in the school.

Thursday, December 7th

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



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.



Michael Cranny Elementary School along with our School Council hosted Jungle Sport October 9th to October 20th in our school gym. Jungle Sport delivered a fun and exciting in-school adventure for our students in Kindergarten to Grade 8. Our students were introduced to a different challenge each visit which consisted of climbing ropes, a zip line, and even rock walls. Students climbed, crawled, swung, leaped, balanced and always had a smile on their face during the two weeks Jungle Sport was here. Students learned the basics of climbing on the rock walls and other vertical challenges. They built self-confidence and an awareness of what their bodies can do. Oh the fun...



Parent Information

Islamic Heritage Month

In 2007 the Government of Canada declared the month of October as Canadian Islamic History Month. The province of Ontario passed the Islamic Heritage Month Act (2016) to recognize and affirm the important contributions that Muslims make in Ontario as part of the vibrant social, economic, political and cultural fabric of our province.

This month affords an opportunity to reflect, celebrate and learn about the rich and longstanding contributions of Muslim Canadians to this nation. Affirming Muslim identity for our students is critical in combating Islamophobia in our schools and further challenging systemic barriers that impede the inclusive climates necessary for student well-being and achievement.

In order to support staff and students, MCES has invited the Baitul Islam Mosque (on Jane St.) to come to Cranny and set up an information display in the library. A representative was available in the library to answer questions staff and students had.



Grade 4 & 5 - Blades of Glory

Gr. 5 Blades Of Glory was super fun!!! It was educational and entertaining at the same time. We learned about the first Europeans to come to Canada. Before we had the Blades of Glory, I had always thought that Christopher Columbus was the first European to discover Canada. Then, we were taught that it wasn't him, it was a Viking named Leif Eriksson. We also were taught about the "slang" terms for some tribes. Have you heard of the "Eskimos"? It actually means "Eater of Raw Meat". That is a very false and insulting name. They did eat a bit of raw meat, but their real tribe name is the "Inuit". We just assume they are "Eskimos" because that's what we were all taught. Additionally, we learned about the fur trade across First Nations and the early settlers. They traded a lot of rabbit hides because they were so common, but the beavers, on the other hand, were almost hunted to extinction in other countries. The settlers were in for a big surprise when they came to Canada and found many large beavers to hunt. People could wear beaver pelt top hats, which were considered quite valuable. They also hunted many other animals, such as seals, coyotes, bears, and minks. We looked at the evolution of weapons, from simple wooden hammers, to metal axes and match locks. In between, we learned about knives and spears made of ivory, bones, stones, and flint. Overall, the experience was an exciting one, and we are sure that the other students in our grade would definitely agree with us!

-Allison T and Avery L.

In Blades Of Glory, we learned about Romans and their inventions that help us today. We also learned that they invented public washrooms, toilet paper, and other useful things. It was very fun because they made pretty much the whole thing a play. They even showed us the process of mummifying and the tools they used and what they were used for. One of the coolest things we learned about is the gladiators strategies like wearing no armour but having quickness or having a lot of armour and protection but being slow and solid. Another thing that was cool was the different group's equipment and what they were made out of. At the end, all of the students were able to touch the artifacts as the presenters explained what they were used for.

-Ryan H.



Parent Information

Will your child be late or absent?

Be sure to call the school before 8:10 a.m. to let us know.

You can also leave a
message anytime at

(905) 832-4922

in the attendance mailbox.

SAVE THE DATE

Michael Cranny's
School Council Presents...

Family Movie Night
Featuring
The Nut Job 2

Thursday, December 7th at 6:30 p.m.

In the gym

Doors open at 6:00 p.m.

More information to follow...



Parent Information

Free Parent Workshop



Blue Willow Public School

Invites all parents and caregivers to join us for a free parent presentation

A Simple Gift: Emotional Regulation

For parents of children birth to 12 years of age

Negative emotions (e.g., anger, sadness, fear, jealousy) and the difficult behaviours that may follow (e.g. temper tantrums, whining) are normal in young children. Not learning to manage negative emotions in the early years may result in later problems. This presentation will provide information and practical strategies to help families.

You will learn about:

- What is emotional regulation
- Long term implications of negative emotions
- The importance of learning about your child's unique temperament, strengths and areas of improvement
- Triggers that set off emotions
- The 8 principles of emotional regulation and how you can teach you child to identify and cope with their feelings

Location: Blue Willow Public School
250 Blue Willow Dr. L4L 1E1

Date: Thursday November 9, 2017

Time: 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

To register please contact:
Oksana Majaski, Community Resource Facilitator
Oksana.majaski@yrdsb.ca or 416-568-2252

Parent Information

IB Information Night

Save the Date

Are you interested in the International Baccalaureate Programme?

The International Baccalaureate (IB) Programme is student-centred with a focus on developing intellectual, personal, emotional and social skills for students who live, learn and work in a rapidly changing world. The Programme emphasizes critical, compassionate thinking, community involvement and intercultural understanding. It is founded on international standards and assessment. Students who complete the Programme earn both an Ontario Secondary School Diploma and an IB Diploma.

We invite students who will be starting **Grade 8** in September to find their area IB School or Candidate School on the YRDSB School Locator (<http://www.yrdsb.ca/schools/pages/school-locator.aspx>) and join us for an information evening to discover what we can offer.



IB Information Evening

Tuesday, October 17, 2017

Students and their families interested in York Region District School Board's IB Programme are invited to attend an information session at their area school to learn more about the Programme and application process.



Assessment Days

Saturday, November 18, 2017
Tuesday, November 21, 2017

Admission to the York Region District School Board IB Programmes includes an assessment at your area IB School or Candidate School. At the time of application, students will select to write in either the morning on Saturday, November 18 or in the evening on Tuesday, November 21. There is a \$35 fee to apply.



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For more information, please visit www.yrdsb.ca/IB

