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Welcome everyone to the 2015-16 school year! We are excited to start a new year together and hope that each of you had a chance to enjoy some time over the summer. We are anxious to get to know our new students, and to continue to build relationships with our returning students and families. On behalf of the Michael Cranny staff, we welcome you back to school!

As a school, we will continue to focus critical thinking across the curriculum, literacy, mathematics, the environment, well-being and healthy schools. We are confident these areas of foci will continue to foster student learning and engagement.

The school start-up package will be sent home on the first day of school, as well as a student agenda for students in grades 1-7. Grade 8 students will have the option of using a school agenda. Our start-up package includes important information and consent forms. Please take the time to review, sign and return all applicable forms by Monday, September 14th.

We would like to welcome the following new staff members to Michael Cranny; Ms. Ciufo, Ms. Brown and Ms. Chong will join our kindergarten team, Ms. Sharpless will join our support staff, Ms. Sebamalai, Ms. Asimakopoulos and Ms. Sikakane will join our junior team, and Ms. Gohil and Ms. Figueroa will join our ACCESS team. As well, we welcome Mrs. Cristinziano as a part of our office staff here at Michael Cranny.

We would like to take a moment to extend a huge thank you to our caretaking staff, Mr. D'Andrea, Mr. Canale and Mr. Lounsbury who worked very hard over the summer to ensure that our school looks fantastic! Our office staff, Mrs. Kaufmann and Mrs. Cristinziano worked diligently to ensure that all students have been registered and that the start-up packages are ready for distribution. Finally, we want to thank the teachers, educational assistants and designated early childhood educators, as they have been planning, preparing and working very hard so that intentional and meaningful instruction begins promptly during the first week of school.

Our first School Council Meeting will be held during the evening of Wednesday September 30th at 7:00 p.m. Please refer to your school start-up package for additional school council information, such as the nomination form. All parents are welcome to attend and join our school council - we hope to see many new and returning faces!

In closing, we wish everyone a smooth transition into the 2015-2016 school year and please contact us should you have any questions.

Dennis Rossi  
Principal

Orlie Soroka  
Vice-Principal

### Distribution of the Newsletter

Please note this will be the only hard copy of the Cranny Chronicle that will be distributed to all families. Newsletters will be posted monthly online. Visit our school website to subscribe to the online newsletter. If you prefer to receive a paper copy, please complete and return the slip on page 6 of this newsletter.

## School Information

Staff Name	Position
Risa Tencer	JK/SK-A
Laura Ciufo	JK/SK-B
Michelle Reyes	SK/1A
Stacey Diament	Gr. 1/2A & Reading Recovery
Sheri Lennox	Grade 1/2A
Pamela David	Grade 2A
Angie Herdman	Grade 3/4A and Literacy
Erminia Viterbo	Grade 3/4B
Angela Asimakopoulos	Grade 4A
Arthur Nemirov/ Tammy Sikakane	Grade 4/5A and ELL
Mary Sebamaalai	Grade 4/5B
Megan Amedeo	Grade 5/6A
Emily McLeod	Grade 5/6B
Daniela Marchese	Grade 6/7A
Keith Milne	Grade 7A
Jonathan Milette	Grade 7B
Tamar Gahiri	Grade 8A and ELL
Beth Fairbarn	Grade 8B
Judy Belligero	SERT/SSC
Fil Ferrari	Library/SERT/Literacy
Linda Vigna	SERT
Jennifer Evangelho	SERT
Amanda DiMarco	SERT
Katherine Valkanas	Music/Arts
Marci Vexler	PREP/Arts
Nancy Russo	French
Cheryl Fernandes	French and PREP
Camille Corriah	DECE
Elizabeth Chong	DECE
Camille Brown	DECE
Natasha Acquaviva	Support Staff
Kishwer Chaudhry	Support Staff
Lucy DiPaola	Support Staff
Jennifer Sharpless	Support Staff
Mary-Jo Manganaro	Support Staff
Claudia Naccarato	Support Staff
Zdenka Horky	Support Staff
Olga Cioci	SERT/Jr./Int. ACCESS
Krishna Gohil	SERT/Primary/ Jr. ACCESS
Taneisha Commock	CYW/Primary ACCESS
Maria Figueroa	CYW/Junior ACCESS
Keith Wooley	Braillist
Stephanie Weaver	Vision Teacher
Anne Kaufmann	Office Admin Assistant
Anna Cristinziano	Office Admin Assistant
Renato D'Andrea	Lead Caretaker
Fred Canale	Caretaker
Chris Lounsbury	Caretaker
Orlie Soroka	Vice-Principal
Dennis Rossi	Principal

This is our tentative school organization  
for the 2015-2016 school year.

Please note that due to enrolment changes and Ministry of Education class size compliance, we may need to reorganize classes later in September.

### 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 28, 2015

Friday, November 27, 2015

Friday, January 15, 2016

Monday, February 1, 2016

Friday, June 3, 2016

Friday, June 29, 2016 (pm)

### School Holidays

Labour Day	Monday, September 7, 2015
Thanksgiving Day	Monday, October 12, 2015
Christmas/	Monday, December 21, 2015 to
Winter Break	Friday, January 21, 2016 inclusive
Family Day	Monday, February 15, 2016
Mid-Winter Break	Monday, March 14, 2016 to
	Friday, March 18, 2016 inclusive
Good Friday	Friday, March 25, 2016
Easter Monday	Monday, March 28, 2016
Victoria Day	Monday, May 23, 2016

## Parent Information

### School Start-Up Packages

The school start-up packages will be sent home with students on the first day of school. Our start-up package includes important information and consent forms. Please take the time to review, sign and return all applicable forms by **Monday, September 14th**.

As well, students will receive an agenda for a voluntary cost of **\$5.00**. A school agenda is an excellent resource to help students record their homework, organize their work, set goals for improvement and can be used for parent-teacher communication.

### Attendance and Safe-Arrival Procedures

#### Reporting your child's absence:

- 1) Parents/guardians must telephone the school at 905-832-4922 before 8:00 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.



### Student Registration Verification Forms

During the month of September each student will receive a computer generated Student Registration Verification Form which is used to confirm and/or update personal information.

The information on these forms is essential should you need to be contacted by the school. Please check the accuracy of your child's form, make all necessary changes, sign and date the form and return it with your child's teacher ASAP.

**Note: Doctor information and Health Card numbers are not required**



### **"SMILE... SAY CHEESE" ...**

It's Picture Day on **Friday, September 18<sup>th</sup>** for Individual photos only. Class pictures and retakes will be on **November 9th, 2015**.



## 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](http://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.

### 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.

### Being Prepared - Helpful Tips

Here are some additional items that are very helpful for parents to consider:

- Send an inexpensive pair of indoor shoes to be kept at school and to ensure your child's feet are dry and clean. This will also assist in maintaining cleanliness of the school.
- For Kindergarten and Primary Students, send an extra set of clothing (i.e., undergarments, pants and tops) in a labelled, clear bag. This goes a long way in the event of accidents or wet weather.
- A bag or backpack and reusable lunch bag will allow your child to bring important school notices and homework back and forth to school in good condition.
- Labelling your child's clothing would be helpful. Our lost and found is often full with unclaimed items. Lost items are kept in our Lost and Found box in the front hall.

### Michael Cranny School Council

Our school council is comprised of parents and community members who share in supporting our students and school community. Council members meet about once a month to provide input and receive updates about our students and school initiatives. As well, our school council is instrumental in planning fundraising opportunities to benefit the school.

If you wish to become a member of the Michael Cranny School Council, please complete the nomination form in the school start-up package and return it to school by Friday, September 25th.

Our first school council meeting of the year and elections will take place on:

**Wednesday, September 30th, 2015**

Thank you in advance for supporting our school council.

## Parent Information

### Creating Safe and Healthy Schools for Children with Allergies

School staff and parents are responsible for creating safe and healthy environments for students. Our school has a number of students and staff with food allergies, some of which can be life-threatening. While we take every step to create a risk-free environment, school staff and parents can take important steps to minimize potentially fatal allergic reactions. It is especially important that parents communicate a life-threatening allergy to the school as soon as they are aware of it. Please notify the principal and your child's teacher so that we take the steps to create accurate records and inform staff of the established protocol. Parents will also be required to fill in a medical form.

Parents, **do not send any food items** to celebrate a birthday, as they will not be distributed, both in support of our anaphylaxis policy and healthy schools policy. Please refer to the Healthy Schools insert in the School Start-Up Package for more details.

#### —Medical Forms—

If your child requires any other type of medication, please see the school office where you will be required to fill in a medical form. Students may not keep medication with them in their desks, lockers or schoolbags, with the exception of puffers and epi-pens.

#### 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.

#### September Eco-Focus: Litterless Lunches

**Pack your child's lunch with reusable containers to help reduce our carbon footprint!**  
**Don't forget a reusable water bottle as well! If interested, Cranny Cobra aluminum water bottles can be purchased for \$7.00**



# September 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7 Labour Day No School	8 First Day of School	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18 Picture Day Individual photos will be taken	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28 PA Day No School	29 Safety Awareness Week!	30 Terry Fox Run School Council and Elections 7pm			

## Newsletter Distribution

I would like to receive a hard copy of the school's newsletter, which will be sent home with my youngest child registered at Michael Cranny. Please return this slip to the school by Sept. 14th

Name of Child: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

## 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.