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Message from the Principal and Vice Principal

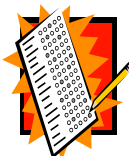
Happy Spring everyone! Welcome to spring and we hope that all of our families enjoyed some time together during the March Break. April will certainly prove to be another busy month so please take the time to read over the newsletter to keep informed about what is happening at MJPS.

We are excited to offer our second Parent Engagement Workshop which will be presented by several of our staff members on Thursday April 3rd. A flyer went home already and babysitting will also be offered. Please do not forget to RSVP. Workshops will focus on home strategies to enhance critical thinking skills and math educational games you can play at home with your children. We hope to see many of you there.

We are very proud of our Eco-Club which has been working diligently to promote eco-friendly practices at our school. Once again we will be applying to be an Eco-Certified school and we believe we will be successful as a result of our recycling efforts, and lights out campaign. Bravo to our staff and students for all their diligent efforts in reducing our ecological footprint. Many thanks again to our Eco-Club!

EQAO Testing

Our EQAO grade 3 testing is tentatively scheduled to be held from May 26 to June 5. Please do not schedule any medical appointments during this time. Information is available at www.eqao.com and additional information will be sent directly to our grade 3 parents. We encourage these parents to explore the website. EQAO resources will also be shared with the students in preparation for the assessments.



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Inspire Learning!

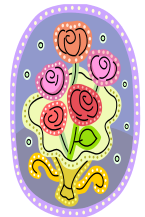


Spring Concerts

We are once again pleased to bring you two more concerts this year so that each student at our school will be able to participate in a performance. We are thankful to our staff who will be preparing our students closer to these dates. Performances will begin at 6:30 pm and due to space limitations and fire code regulations, each child will be able to bring only two guests. More information will be forthcoming in future correspondences.



Thursday, April 10th, 2014	Thursday, May 8th, 2014
Mme Yum	Mme Bawab
Mme Prabakaran	Mme C. Lee
Mme Mannell	Mme Gray
Mme Brunet	Mme Kim
Mme Hill	A. Lee
Mme Barr	Mme Kamyab
Mme Safar	Mme Bessette
Mme Bernard	Mme Darvish
	Mme Ryan

**Popcorn for Sale**

To support ongoing school initiatives and local charities (Epilepsy York Region), we will be selling popcorn during the month of April and May. We will sell the popcorn with the help of our grade 2 students who will come around to each class and sell them until we sell out. Each individual popcorn bag will sell for \$1.00 each. They are made in a nut free facility and are supplied by Gluten Free Wholesale.

**Are you Moving?**

If you are planning to move and your child will not be returning to M.J.P.S. in September 2014, please let the school know as soon as possible as this will assist us greatly with staffing, determining numbers and class placement.

**Pink Day**

April 9, 2014 is the *Day of Pink* which is the International Day against bullying, discrimination, and homophobia in schools and communities.

It is an annual day in April where communities around the world wear pink to show respect for diversity and to demonstrate support for learning and working environments that are safe and inclusive of people regardless of their social identities.





Director's Cut



Le Lapin de Velours



Le Lapin de Velours: students were engaged in a wonderful interactive performance based on the story "The Velveteen Rabbit" which they discussed in class as well.

Epilepsy Awareness

Many students at MJPS promoted Purple Day for Epilepsy by wearing purple to raise awareness for the cause. Students also learned more about this disease and how it affects people.



School Procedures and Information

Late Arrival Impacts Student Learning

Too many students have been arriving habitually late and this has huge negative impacts on learning. Tardiness promotes a lack of respect of others. When a student continually enters the classroom late, not only does the student miss valuable instructional time, but it also interrupts the office staff, teacher and the entire class. In addition, it causes unnecessary congestion in our parking lot. For parents wishing to drop off children, please be reminded that supervision begins at 7:45 am and students can wait for the bell to ring and participate in regularly morning routines with their classmates. By driving your child late to school, you also run the risk of being caught in unnecessary congestion in the morning. All this can be avoided by coming to school earlier and providing the opportunity for your child to begin the day successfully.

LUNCHES AND ALLERGIES AWARENESS

Please remember that we are a Nut Free School. We have many students with severe allergies to nuts and nut by products. Do not send any food items with your child(ren) that contains or may have come in contact with any nut or nut byproduct.



Scholastic Book Fair

The Scholastic Book Fair is at MJPS! This annual event allows students and parents to discover and purchase the latest and greatest in new books to add to their collections and home libraries. This is primarily an English Book Fair but there will also be French books available.

The Book Fair will take place from **March 31 to April 3**. On **March 31** and **April 1**, students will have an opportunity to view the books. On **April 2 and April 3**, students will have the opportunity to purchase books. The Book Fair will be open on **Wednesday, April 2 until 4:00 p.m.** and on **Thursday, April 3 until 6:30 p.m.** for family purchasing. There will be a special draw (win \$25 worth of books, plus \$25 in books for your child's classroom) for every family that visits the Book Fair.

See you at the Book Fair!

Summer Institute Programs - Registration Now Open

This program is run by YRDSB from June 30 to August 8 and offers academic and recreational programs that are aligned to the Ontario Curriculum. The program is for students in JK- 8. If you are interested, please refer to the following website for more information, fees and locations.



<http://www.yrdsb.edu.on.ca/page.cfm?id=IIP000101>

MILK BAG PROJECT

At Michaëlle Jean Public School, we are encouraging our students and community to "Recycle-Reduce- Reuse". We are excited to launch a new initiative. We will be recycling the outer printed milk bags. There are groups who are making mats from these bags and donating them to persons of need in Haiti. These plastic bags are UV resistant and bug resistant, making them suitable for domestic usage as mats, shopping bags, or even beds! All we need from you is to send the clean, dry bags to school with your child. We will provide the bags to the organization



We only need the outer bag and not the inner milk bags.

Turn the bag inside out and let it dry in your home for a few days.

Turn it back the normal way and flatten it out.

Send the bag(s) to school with your child.



When a few hundred bags are collected, we will deliver them to a place where they will be cut into strips and crocheted into sleeping mats.

The sleeping mats will be sent to Haiti.



A Haitian child is sleeping on such a mat.

These mats are bug resistant and last a long time, as they are resistant to the ultraviolet rays of the hot sun there.