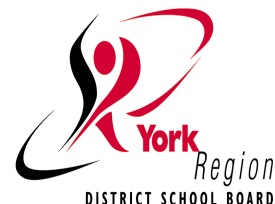


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Upcoming Dates

April 2	World Autism Awareness Day— Wear light blue
April 3	School Council 7 p.m.
April 4	MJPS Spring Concert
April 9	Grade 1 Dairy Farmers Of Canada
April 10	Teacher Appreciation Luncheon Grade 1 Bricks4Kidz
April 15	Duffelbag Theatre La Belle au bois dormant
April 19	Good Friday ◇ Pesach/Passover begins
April 22	Easter Monday ◇ Earth Day
April 24	Gr. 2 Anne of Green Gables
April 25	Gr. 2 Dental Screening
April 29	Jou Tou (Silk Rd. Show)

Message from your Administrator

April showers bring May flowers! We can't believe how quickly the year has gone by. Coming up this month students will enjoy two presentations sponsored by School Council. The first is a fairy tale in French and the second, Jou Tou, a performance that delivers a sampling of how French culture has mixed with musical traditions around the world, from Vietnam to Madagascar and the Americas, to create spellbinding new arrangements.

Thank you to all who have contributed to our fundraising initiatives through School cash online. We have ordered our technology and will be adding significantly to the resources that we already have in the school. Within the next few weeks, we should receive our new iPads and Chromebooks that students will be able to use in class, in order to enhance their learning. We really appreciate all your contributions!

As we approach the final months of school, we begin our process for class placements for the 2019-2020 school year. Please refer to the insert in the newsletter for more information regarding this process. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding as we work together for the well-being of our students. Enjoy the warmer weather!

Lockdown Safety Drill

We will be doing a second simulation of our "Lockdown Drill" on April 2. For this emergency procedure, students will be directed to stay, with their teacher, in their locked classroom or in another secure location within the school, and remain quiet. The drill will take between 5-10 min. In an emergency situation in which there is an immediate threat at the school, this "Lockdown" procedure is used in all York Region schools. If you have any questions, please call the school office for more information.



IS YOUR CHILD GOING TO BE ABSENT? Please call the office!!

It is the policy of the York Region School Board to report on the safe arrival of our students. If you know that your child will be absent, please send a note to your child's teacher and/or call the school at (905) 770-6507. If we do not know why your child is absent, we will under policy #665 do the following:

1. Call the home and business numbers provided
2. Call the emergency numbers provided
3. If the above are unsuccessful, **we will call the York Region Police to report you child as missing.**

We are regularly admitting 10-15 students each day who arrive late to school. Out of respect for the learning for all, please ensure your child arrives on time to avoid disruptions to the class at the beginning of the day.

Your support in following the procedure above is important and greatly appreciated in ensuring the safe arrival of our students. Thank you.

School Assistants Needed for

Lunch Supervision!

We are always looking...

We are always looking for individuals who are willing to work as SCHOOL ASSISTANTS, supervising the students indoors while they eat lunch and then outdoors while students are on the school yard. We require helpers who are available from 11:40-12:40 at Michaëlle Jean P.S. If you are interested, please call Mme Gaston as soon as possible. Please note that these are paid positions and that you do not have to commit to working every day. If you can provide some time, even one hour a week, we would be pleased to have you join our team.

Thank you!

April Eco Theme

Reusable Containers

The spotlight this month is on **Reducing** waste by promoting the use of Reusable containers. Empower our students and staff to make positive changes for our planet by packing food and beverage in reusable containers.



PLEASE REPORT TO THE OFFICE

The Board has a Visitor's Policy that requires ALL visitors to report to the office upon entering a school. Parents must also report to the office before meeting or their children in order to sign them out. We request that parents not go directly to the classroom. Please meet your child/ren in the front foyer or at the main office.

**Visitors
Welcome!!**

STAFFING UPDATE

As you may be aware, we have two teachers on maternity leave. Congratulations to Mme Afonina and Mme Valente! Please welcome Mme Lim who is replacing Mme Afonina and Mme Kumar who is replacing Mme Valente during their maternity leave.

SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING



Our next School Council meeting is on April 3rd at 7 p.m. in the school library.

Everyone is welcome to join!

Late? Please arrive at school 5 minutes earlier.



We continue to have large numbers of late students in the front hall every morning. If each of these late students would leave 5 to 10 minutes earlier this would reduce our lates by nearly 90 % each morning. A child is late to school if they are not in their classrooms by 8 a.m. Students who are still in the halls at 8:05 a.m. are late to school! Therefore, we are asking that parents help us make sure our students arrive at school by 7:50 am. If students are at school before the bell rings they will then be able to line up quickly at the rear of the school and come inside with their peers so that they are ready to start the instructional day when the bell rings at 8:00 am. This avoids late students who can be disruptive to other classes, their class and themselves. The school day officially starts at 8:00 a.m. So, we are looking for your support in getting your child(ren) out the door 5 to 10 minutes earlier and making sure we set them up for a successful day. If your child(ren) are late for school, please instruct them to go to the office for a Late Slip. Thank you!

2019 Pause to Play Challenge

Put down those screens and get active – it's time to pause to PLAY!

Running from April 8 to April 12, 2019, the annual pause to PLAY challenge encourages students to put their TVs, gaming devices, tablets, cell phones, and computers on pause for one full week and become more physically active through play.

In partnership with York Region Public Health, many classrooms will be participating this year, and parents can also participate with their kids at home! The Canadian Physical Activity Guidelines recommend that Canadian children aged 5–17 accumulate at least 60 minutes of moderate-to-vigorous-intensity physical activity each day. The Canadian Sedentary Behaviour Guidelines state that children should spend no more than two hours of screen time per day.

According to the 2018 ParticipACTION Report Card, 51% of 5 to 17 year-olds are engaging in more screen time than is recommended by the Canadian 24-Hour Movement Guidelines on recreational screen time. Only 35 per cent of Canadian kids aged 5–17 are reaching their recommended Physical Activity levels as outlined in the Canadian 24-Hour Movement Guidelines.

Health benefits

Exercise that gets your heart rate up has many health benefits.

Being active for at least 60 minutes daily can help children:

- ◆ Improve their physical and mental health
 - ◆ • Do better in school
 - ◆ • Improve their fitness, grow stronger and maintain a healthy body weight
 - ◆ • Have fun playing with friends and feel happier
 - ◆ • Learn new skills and improve self confidence
 - ◆ • Alleviate social and academic stress
- Get ready to put down your video games, tablets, turn off your TVs and screens to pause for one week. **Spend your time outside, get active and PLAY!!**



Our Grade 3 students will be participating in the annual EQAO provincial testing May 21-June 3 French Immersion students in grade 3 write only the Mathematics portion of the test which is administered in French. The objective and reliable facts obtained from these tests add to the current knowledge about student learning and are an important tool for improvement at the individual, school and provincial levels.

If your child is in Grade 3, we are asking that you do your best to ensure that they are in attendance for the duration of the testing from May 21-June 3, 2019. Results of the tests will be sent home with each child in September 2019. If you have any questions regarding the tests, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher or the Administration. There is no additional preparation required for the testing as it is based on the Ontario Curriculum that students work with on a daily basis. For more information, we encourage you to visit the EQAO website and click on the link for Parent Resources. www.eqao.com

School Organization for 2019– 2020

As our school begins the process of organizing classes for September 2019, it is valuable for parents to understand the procedure used in student placement decisions. The ultimate goal in all our efforts at Michaelle Jean P.S. is to enhance student learning. We attempt to place students in the most positive learning environment possible; given each individual pupil's skills, knowledge, attitudes, and work and social habits. A great deal of time is spent ensuring that each student's academic and social needs are met.

Classes at each grade level are formed using the following criteria:

- ♦ class sizes consistent with Ministry and Board guidelines;
- ♦ a gender balance in each class;
- ♦ a range of performance levels within each class;
- ♦ matching pupil learning styles with teaching strategies wherever possible;
- ♦ promoting positive social relationships while minimizing unproductive associations

Please be aware that staffing is unclear at this point due to enrolment fluctuations, teacher transfers and leaves, and reallocation of teachers to different grade levels. As we near the end of the school year, decisions will be made based on the aforementioned criteria. It is important to recognize that while we try to place each child in the optimum learning environment, all final decisions regarding pupil placements remain the responsibility of the school principal. If you have any information about your child that you feel would be pertinent in the placement process (conflict with other students, learning styles, twins' placements), please inform the Principal in writing by **TUESDAY, APRIL 30TH, 2019.**

We have found in the past that requests for specific teachers have created, for certain classes and teachers, an undue burden of student behaviour, imbalance of student performance, as well as pressures with parent communication. In order to assist us in our efforts to create balanced classrooms, we respectfully ask your assistance in not making such specific teacher requests. Thank you for your cooperation.

It's time to remind children about being safe in our community.

It's a good time for parents to remind children about personal safety.

Here's what children need to know:

- Their name, age, telephone number, address, city and province.
This can be done through rhyme or song.
- How to contact their parents at any time, by memorizing cell or work numbers.
- How and under what circumstances to call 911.
- To never approach or enter a stranger's vehicle. A responsible adult would never ask a child for directions or any other question for that matter.
- Make sure they know they have a right to say "no" to an adult, especially when the adult is asking them to do something they have been taught is wrong or feels uncomfortable. Reminding children of this right is important because children are taught from a young age to respect adults.
- To always tell parents where they will be and to never enter someone's home without their parent's permission.
- If home alone, never admit it when answering the phone. Never answer a knock at the door or speak through it. Adults can be very persuasive. Teach your child to call you if there is a knock at the door and if they fear for their safety, teach them to call 911. Make sure they know that police officers are there to help them and would not get mad if it were a false alarm.
- If they think they are being followed or are in danger they should run home or to a public place. If someone grabs them, they should try to get away, yelling and screaming while doing so.

It is important to play in safe areas, never take shortcuts and stick with a buddy whenever possible. It is never too early or too late to teach children the importance of personal safety. Common sense, communication and consistency are the keys. Remind children to alert a responsible adult if something strange happens that makes them feel uncomfortable. Remember, crime prevention is everyone's responsibility.

For more information on this subject, visit www.yrpp.ca.

Triple P Tip of the Month

~APRIL ~ Stealing

Many parents are faced with the problem of money and other items going missing at home. Many children will experiment with stealing at some time; however most do not develop a persistent pattern of stealing. Stealing can lead to problems at school and in the community.

KEY STEPS:

Supervise your child and involve them in activities that have adult supervision

Let your child earn pocket money for doing chores and encourage them to save

Discuss with your child what stealing is and why it is a problem

Talk about consequences for stealing

Give your child opportunities to show they can be trusted

Praise your child for being honest and trustworthy

Act immediately if you suspect your child of stealing

Tell your child to return what was stolen and apply a consequence for it

Don't forget to check out the new Triple P Ontario website for online resources and podcasts for parents of children from birth to teens.
www.triplepontario.ca



*Will you be
moving
this summer?*

If you have not done so already, please let us know as soon as possible if your children will **NOT** be returning to Michaelle Jean next September. This will help us plan for our classroom organization and prepare class lists. Please call the main office (905)770-6507 if your child will **NOT** be returning to Michaelle Jean P.S. P.S. for the 2019- 2020 school year.

Please note that this request applies to students who would typically be returning to MJPS in the Fall but who may be moving out of the MJPS boundary.

Thank you for your cooperation!



Summer Institute Registration Opens on March 6, 2019 at 4:00p.m.

The York Region District School Board's **Summer Institute** offers academic, recreational and athletic programs and activities with intentional links to the Ontario Curriculum for children and youth entering Senior Kindergarten to Grade 8.

We are pleased to offer online registration this year. Please [visit the Summer Institute registration page](#) on or after March 6 for the online registration link.

Families can continue to register in person or by mail on or after March 6.

Celebrating our Diversity

April Holidays and Observances

BAHA'I FAITH	BUDDHISM
<p>April 21- ◇ Ridvan. Baha'u'llah, the founder of the Baha'i Faith, declared his mission as the most recent messenger of God. Baha'is observe the first, ninth and twelfth days of this period. The actual event occurred in a garden, called Ridvan (Paradise) in Baghdad, Iraq in 1863 C.E. Work and academic studies are suspended on this day.</p>	<p>April 13-14- Saka (New Year's Day). This is New Year's Day according to the Saka calendar. This day is both a religious and cultural celebration</p>
CHRISTIANITY	HINDUISM
<p>April 14- Palm Sunday. The Sunday before Easter, the beginning of the Holy Week celebrating Jesus' entry into Jerusalem. (Western Calendar)</p> <p>April 18- Maundy Thursday (Holy Thursday) is the commemoration of the institution of the Lord's Supper (Western Calendar).</p> <p>April 19- ◇Good Friday commemorates Jesus' death by crucifixion (Western Calendar)</p> <p>April 21- Easter Sunday celebrates the resurrection of Christ. It is the most important festival in the Christian year (Western Calendar).</p> <p>April 26- ◇ Holy Friday commemorates the passion of Jesus Christ, i.e. his submission to death by crucifixion. The Eastern churches focus on his burial (Eastern Calendar).</p> <p>April 28- Easter Sunday in the Orthodox churches. The church calendar year begins with Pascha (Eastern Calendar)</p>	<p>April 5-13- Navaratri (Spring) is a nine-day celebration of the Divine Goddess for good health, happiness and knowledge.</p> <p>April 13- Ramanavami On this day Lord Rama the 7th incarnation of Lord Vishnu is said to have been born</p> <p>April 14- Chaitra/Chithirai New Year. The first day of the Solar year is an agricultural festival celebrating the harvest. This day is also celebrated as the Tamil New Year, Varusha Pirappu, Vishu, Ugadi, Rongali Bihu and Naba Barsha.</p>
JANISM	JUDAISM
<p>April 9- Mahavir Jayanti is the celebration of the birth-day of Lord Mahavira (meaning the Great Hero) of Jina (the Conqueror).</p>	<p>April 20-27- Pesach (Passover) is a "Festival of Freedom" that commemorates the exodus of the Jews from slavery in Egypt. ◇ (April 20) Symbolic foods, such as matzo, are eaten and leavened products are prohibited. First Seder is on the evening of April 19th. Although the second and last two days of Pesach are not identified as Diamond Days, they are also observed as full holy days by Jews. Staff are asked to take this into consideration when scheduling P.D. sessions, meetings, and other activities as some staff members may not be able to attend.</p>
ISLAM	SIKHISM
<p>April 3- Miraj-un-Nabi commemorates Prophet Muhammad's (pbuh) famous night journey (al-lsra) from Mecca to Jerusalem and his subsequent ascension (al-Miraj) to paradise.</p> <p>April 21- Nisfu-Shaban is known as the Night of Forgiveness or repentance. Many Muslims spend the preceding night in prayer seeking God's guidance.</p>	<p>April 13- ◇ Vaisakhi. This day celebrates the founding of the Khalsa order (Sikh religion) in 1699 C.E. by Guru Gobind Singh Ji. Many Sikhs choose to be baptized into the Khalsa Panth (Brotherhood of the Pure) on this day. Also on this day, male Khalsa Sikhs are named Singh (lion), female Khalsa Sikhs are named Kaur (princess). It is the most important holy day of the year for Sikhs.</p>

انستیتو تابستانی

آیا در جستجوی فعالیت های سرگرم کننده و آموزشی تابستانی برای دانش آموزان پیش دبستانی تا کلاس هشتم هستید؟ انستیتوی تابستانی [Summer Institute](http://www.yrdsb.ca) فعالیت ها و برنامه های آکادمیک، تفریحی و ورزشی ارائه می دهد که مرتبط با برنامه درسی انتاریو می باشند.

این برنامه به مدت شش هفته در ماه های جولای و آگوست انجام می شود و در یازده مکان تحصیلی در ناحیه یورک ارائه می گردد.

برای اطلاعات بیشتر در خصوص تاریخ، برنامه ها و مکان ها، لطفا از صفحه انستیتوی تابستانی [Summer Institute](http://www.yrdsb.ca) در وب سایت www.yrdsb.ca بازدید نمایید.

خانواده ها می توانند به صورت آنلاین، یا مراجعه حضوری و یا از طریق پست ثبت نام نمایند.

هزینه ثبت نام هفتگی پایه:

دانش آموزان هیئت مدارس منطقه ای ناحیه یورک: ۱۱۰ دلار (۴ روز در هفته) ۱۲۵ دلار (۵ روز در هفته)

دانش آموزان بیرون از هیئت مدارس منطقه ای ناحیه یورک: ۱۳۵ دلار (۴ روز در هفته) ۱۶۰ دلار (۵ روز در هفته)

ग्रीष्मकालीन संस्थान (Summer Institute)

क्या आप सीनियर किंडरगार्टन से लेकर ग्रेड 8 में प्रवेश करने वाले छात्र/छात्राओं के लिए ग्रीष्मकालीन शिक्षा और मजेदार गतिविधियों की खोज कर रहे/रही हैं? ग्रीष्मकालीन संस्थान (Summer Institute) ऑटोरियो पाठ्यक्रम के साथ साभिप्राय रूप से जुड़े हुए शैक्षणिक, मनोरंजक और खेल-कूद कार्यक्रम और गतिविधियाँ प्रस्तुत करता है।

यह कार्यक्रम जुलाई और अगस्त के दौरान छह सप्ताह तक चलता है। यह यॉर्क क्षेत्र के आस-पास 11 स्कूल स्थलों में प्रस्तुत किया जाता है।

तिथियों, कार्यक्रमों और स्थानों के बारे में और अधिक जानकारी के लिए कृपया वेबसाइट www.yrdsb.ca पर ग्रीष्मकालीन संस्थान (Summer Institute) के पृष्ठ पर जाएँ।

परिवार ऑनलाइन, और साथ ही साथ व्यक्तिगत रूप से या मेल द्वारा पंजीकरण करा सकते हैं।

आधारिक पंजीकरण साप्ताहिक शुल्क:

यॉर्क क्षेत्र जिला स्कूल बोर्ड के छात्र/छात्राएँ: \$110 (सप्ताह में 4 दिन) \$125 (सप्ताह में 5 दिन)

गैर-यॉर्क क्षेत्र जिला स्कूल बोर्ड के छात्र/छात्राएँ: \$135 (सप्ताह में 4 दिन) \$160 (सप्ताह में 5 दिन)

暑期研究所

正在为幼稚园高年级到八年级学龄的孩子寻找有趣又能够学习的暑期活动吗？

暑期研究所([Summer Institute](#)) 提供与安省课程相关的学术，休閒，和运动的项目和活动。

此项目为期六个礼拜，从七月开始至八月结束，位于约克区 1 1 所学校。

如需了解更多关于日期，项目和地点的信息，请上我们[暑期研究所\(Summer Institute\)](#)的网站：
www.yrdsb.ca.

注册方式:家人可以 线上，亲自登记，或邮寄。

基本注册费用(一周):

约克区教育机构学生(York Region District School Board students): **\$110 (每周四天)**
\$125 (每周五天)

非约克区教育机构学生(Non-York Region District School Board students): **\$135 (每周四天)**
\$160 (每周五天)

Летний Лагерь

Ищете летний лагерь с обучающими и развлекательными программами для учеников в возрасте от старшего детского сада до 8 класса?

Summer Institute Наш летний лагерь предлагает академические, развлекательные и спортивные программы и мероприятия связанные с Онтарийской школьной программой.

Летний лагерь будет работать в течение шести недель с июля по август. Лагерь будет располагаться в 11 школах в York Region.

Для получения дополнительной информации о датах, программах и местах расположения лагеря, пожалуйста, посетите страницу **Summer Institute** на сайте www.yrdsb.ca.

Семьи могут зарегистрироваться онлайн, а также лично или по почте.

Стоимость недельной оплаты:

Ученики York Region районного школьного совета:

\$110 за 4 дня, и \$125 за 5 дней.

Дети не являющиеся учениками York Region районного школьного совета:

\$135 за 4 дня, и \$160 за 5 дней.

கோடைகால நிறுவனம் (Summer Institute)

முது நிலை பாலர் பள்ளி தொடக்கம் எட்டாம் வகுப்பு வரையான மாணவர்களுக்கான கோடைகால கற்றல் மற்றும் வினோத செயற்பாடுகளை தேடுகின்றீர்களா? Summer Institute ஆனது கல்வி, பொழுதுபோக்கு மற்றும் தடகள நிகழ்ச்சிகளையும் செயற்பாடுகளையும் ஓன்டாரியோ மாகாண கல்விதிட்டத்திற்கு இசைவாக வழங்க ஒழங்கு செய்துள்ளது.

இந்த நிகழ்ச்சியானது ஜூலை தொடக்கம் ஆகஸ்ட் மாதம் வரை 6 வாரங்களுக்கு நடத்தப்படும். இந்நிகழ்ச்சிகள் யோக் பிராந்தியத்திலுள்ள 11 பாடசாலை வாளாகங்களில் நடைப்பெறும்.

திகதி, நிகழ்ச்சிகள், மற்றும் இடம் போன்ற மேலதிக தகவல்களுக்கு தயவுசெய்து www.yrdsb.ca என்ற இணைய முகவரிக்கு சென்று Summer Institute பக்கத்தை பார்க்கவும்.

குடும்பங்கள் இணையவழியாகவும், நேரடியாகவும், மற்றும் தபால் மூலமும் பதிவு செய்து கொள்ளலாம்.

அடிப்படை வாராந்த பதிவு கட்டணம் :

யோக் பிராந்திய பாடசாலை குழு மாணவர்கள் : \$110 (வாரத்திற்கு நான்கு நாட்கள்)
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سمر انسٹی ٹیوٹ (Summer Institute)

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