



# MICHAËLLE JEAN PUBLIC SCHOOL

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Carol Chan

Superintendent  
Trustee



December	Events
3	Karate Kids
3	School Council Meeting
4	Pizza Lunch
7	Sub Lunch
7-11	Grade 3 Gifted Screening
10	Karate Kids
11	Progress Reports Go Home
14	Sub Lunch
16	Karate Kids (grade 2's and 3's)
13	Pizza Lunch
16	Holiday Concert (6:30 pm)
17	BAPS Concert at MJPS (a.m.)
17	Karate Kids
17	Gingerbread House Draw
17	Last Day for the MJPS Giving Tree
18	Pizza Lunch
19	Happy Holidays

## Message from the Principal and Vice Principal

As we begin to look forward to the holidays in December, we would like to take this opportunity to thank the many people at Michaëlle Jean Public School who have helped make this school a great place to learn.



On December 11<sup>th</sup>, you will receive your child's Progress Report. These reports indicate how your child has adjusted to school and to the expectations of the grade. Your children are still working toward achieving curriculum expectations that will be measured by the end of Term One. You will receive a Term One Report Card the week of February 15-19. As always, if you have any concerns around your child's level of academic achievement, please do not hesitate to contact his/her teacher.

At this time of year, we have the privilege of celebrating diversity and recognizing different cultures. This month families will celebrate Chanuka, Christmas, and Kwanzaa. As we draw nearer to the Winter Break, on behalf of the Michaëlle Jean staff, we would like to wish our families the very best of the festive season and express our gratitude for sending your children our way to enjoy each and every day.

All the best in 2016!

*N. Russiello*

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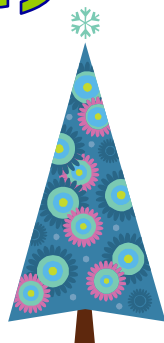
Principal

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Vice-Principal

**Welcome Back**  
**January 4, 2016**



## Michaëlle Jean Giving Tree

This year we are continuing our tradition of helping those in need through a school Giving Tree. Please send in **new** mittens, gloves, hats or scarves to add to our tree in the school office. We will be collecting these items until Thursday, December 17<sup>th</sup> and they will then be donated to a local charity.

## Great Happenings at MJPS

Winter Scenes



Technology Tools at work



**Thank you to our wonderful volunteers for providing Pizza Lunches for our students. Much appreciated!**



Science is alive at Michaëlle Jean!

 **School Cash Online**

**On Line Payment will be coming soon!**

Our school will be accepting online payments through School Cash Online. School related expenses such as the milk program, field trips and fundraisers will be online soon for you to make payment easily. Information about how to register will be coming home in with your child's Progress Report on

**December 11, 2015.**

### **SPOONS AND FORKS**



Parents, please remember to pack a spoon or a fork in your child's lunch as we do not provide cutlery.

*Message From Our Trustee, Carol Chan*

It is that time of year when our schools brim with energy and excitement for the many diverse celebrations taking place across our region. I am always happy to join the festivities happening in our schools and appreciate the efforts of our students, staff and community members to bring the holiday season alive.

As we wind down 2015, I would like to take this opportunity to thank our parents and guardians for their support of our students and staff over the past few months. A school community is only as strong and welcoming as the people who make up that community. Our students, staff and community members have continued to demonstrate respect, character and commitment in their work and interactions over the last few months. As a trustee, I consider myself very fortunate to work with such supportive community and staff members.

On behalf of all of the trustees and staff of the York Region District School Board, I would like to wish you and your families a very happy holiday season.

All the best for 2016!

## **French Immersion Information Sessions and Registrations**

**Information sessions for the French Immersion (FI) program  
will take place at MJPS  
January 14, 2016 at 7 p.m.**

Please visit YRDSB's website in January 2016 (<http://www.yrdsb.ca/Programs/fi/Pages/Program-Locations.aspx>) to find the FI program location for your elementary school location.

**FI registration will begin January 15, 2016 at MJPS at 8:30 a.m.**

Parents or guardians of Senior Kindergarten students entering Grade 1 in 2016, and wishing to enrol in the FI Program, can visit or call the school office and request an *Office Index Card - short version*.

The Office Index Card must be signed by the principal of the home school. Parents or guardians then take this form, along with one piece of identification showing their address to the designated FI program location to register between January 15 and February 12, 2016.



# Celebrating Our Diversity

Holidays and Observances for December 2015 and January 2016

<b>Kwanzaa</b> <b>December 26:</b> Named after the Swahili word for 'FIRST FRUITS'. It is a seven day cultural celebration initiated by African Americans starting December 26 <sup>th</sup> . Each day a candle is lit and placed in a seven-day candelabrum called a kinera that sits on a straw mat adorned with fruits and vegetables.	<b>Christianity</b> <b>December 25:</b> Christmas (Western calendar) ♦ Celebrates the birth of Jesus about 2000 years ago in Bethlehem. <b>January 6<sup>th</sup>:</b> Epiphany: The 12 <sup>th</sup> day of Christmas and the end of Christmas season <b>January 7:</b> Christmas (Eastern Calendar) ♦ <b>January 19:</b> The Eastern Church associates the date with the baptism of Jesus by John and the miracle of Cana in which Jesus turned water into wine.
<b>Judism</b> <b>December 7-14:</b> Chanukah (festival of Lights) celebrates religious freedom by commemorating the victory of the Jews over Antiochus who tried to outlaw the practice of Judaism.	<b>Sikhism</b> <b>January 5:</b> Birthday of Guru Gobind Singh Ji. The tenth guru was the final master who created the Sikh Brotherhood. <b>January 13:</b> Maghi commemorates the forgiveness shown by Guru Gobind Singh to forty deserters who returned to fight the mughal army and sacrificed their lives under the leadership of a brave Khalsa woman named Mae Bhaago.
<b>Jainism</b> <b>December 21:</b> Maun-agiyaras is a day of fasting, silence and meditation.	<b>Islam</b> <b>December 23:</b> Mawlid-un-Nabe celebrated the birth of the Prophet Muhammad (pbuh)
<b>Zoroastrianism</b> <b>December 26<sup>th</sup>:</b> Death of Prophet Zarathustra who was the founder of the Zoroastrianism faith.	



# School Council Newsletter



<http://www.michaëllejean.ps.yrdsb.edu.on.ca/>

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*"The Michaëlle Jean Public School Council is a partnership of parents, staff, community and students. Its goal is to actively promote a positive learning environment in French, which will enhance the quality of the students' education and corroborates the goals as set out in the School Improvement Plan".*

## Upcoming Events

### School Council Meeting

**November 9, 2015**  
**@ 7:00 p.m.**

December

## Message from School Council Chair

*Sevda Kulieva and Merav Sharon*

On behalf of this year's Council, we would like to thank you for your support in all the fundraising campaigns. Your generosity in supporting our school and community is greatly appreciated. Without the overwhelming response for volunteers, we could not have had so many successful events. Thank you, thank you, thank you!

If you are interested in getting involved, please join us at the council meetings. All Parents/Caregivers are welcome to attend. If you have any comments, questions or suggestions for School Council, please feel free to send a message at [MJPSCouncil@gmail.com](mailto:MJPSCouncil@gmail.com).

We look forward to a fun filled New Year with many more great activities. On behalf of the Michaëlle Jean School Council, we sincerely hope that you enjoy the holidays with your family and friends.

## Student Success

Lunch time programs offered through the Town Of Richmond Hill are in full swing! Please remind your children to attend their classes each week. This Fall session of programs will run until December.

For Winter session, enrollment will be first opened up to those children on the wait-list. Once those children are enrolled, and if there are remaining spaces, enrollment will be open to the remainder of the school in January. Enjoy the holiday season!

## School Climate

Programs continue to run smoothly. Thank you to each and every one of our amazing volunteers.

Yes, we will continue to accept new orders for either pizza or sub. We would ask if you are ordering, please order for the remainder of the year, as there is a lot of work involved with processing each order.

Thank you for our continued support with this fundraiser. Anyone interested in running this program next year, please see Tracey.

**2015/2016****Parent Council Members****Chair***Sevda G. & Merav S.***Treasurer***Tara S. & Liliane A.***Secretary***Andrea P. & Randi M.***Communications***Miriam W. & Sepideh N.***Student Success  
Committee Chairs***Silvia M.***Parental, Family &  
Community Involvement  
Committee Chairs***Sally W.**Shelley B.***School Climate  
Committee Chairs***Tracey C.***Volunteer Coordinator***Li G. & Liang T.***Members-at-Large***Nikki M.**Marisa M.**Yannan Z.**Sabrina J.**Sophia T.**Chang I.**Zenobia S.***Administration***Mme Russiello**Mme Rudman*

## QSP Fundraiser

This year's QSP Fundraiser has begun! This year, magazines, including digital titles & custom photo products will be available for *online ordering only*. If you or other friends & family would like to place an order and support our school, please go to [www.qsp.ca](http://www.qsp.ca).

Please ensure to use our group ID #: **3741493**. You will also be asked to enter your student's name & teacher name for the order.

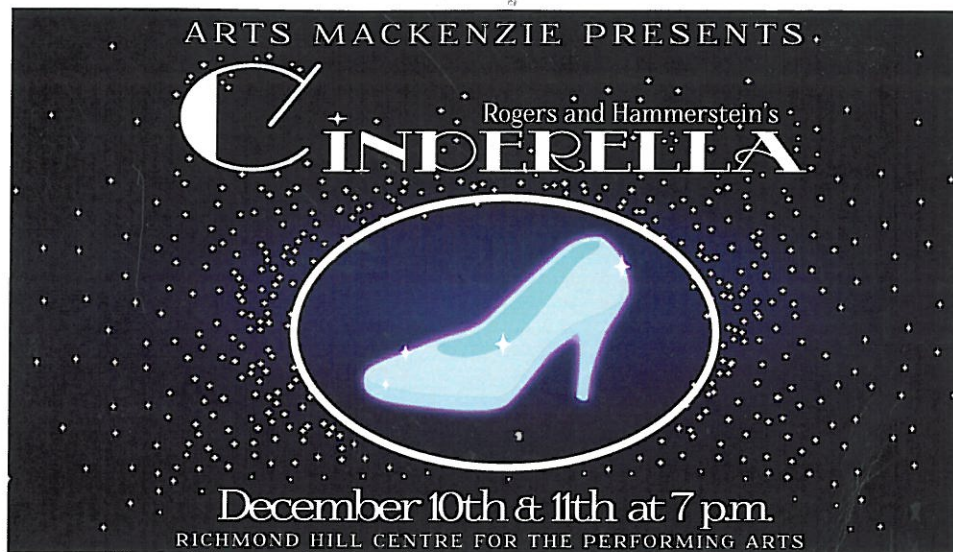
Any money raised will go directly towards activities and resources to enhance student educational experiences at MJPS. Thank you for your continued support!

## School Council Meeting Dates

Please mark your calendars, come, and join us for the upcoming School Council Meetings. We welcome and encourage all parents to attend. It is a great way to know what is happening at the school, meet other parents and get involved.

- December 3, 2015 @ 7:00 p.m.
- February 10, 2016 @ 7:00 p.m.
- April 7, 2016 @ 7:00 p.m.
- June 6, 2016 @ 7:00 p.m.





*"Impossible, Things Are Happening Every Day" - Fairy Godmother*



Alexander Mackenzie High School  
**AMHS**  
 ARTS

ARTS Mackenzie and Mackenzie Music presents Rodgers and Hammerstein's

# Cinderella

December 10 and 11, 2015

7 p.m.

Richmond Hill Centre for the Performing Arts

Adults 23

Students, Children and Seniors 17

[www.rhcentre.ca](http://www.rhcentre.ca)