



# Michaëlle Jean P.S.

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## Administrators' Message

We would like to thank everyone who made a donation to our Giving Tree. All gifts will be shared with families in our community through Central Cares. Central Cares is a program whereby schools in the Central area of our Board are supporting each other by collecting and distributing gift cards, clothes, toys and other items.



If you are experiencing difficulty during the winter months and could use some support, please reach out to Yvonne Kelly at 905-884-4477 at extension 345 or by email at [yvonne.kelly@yrdsb.ca](mailto:yvonne.kelly@yrdsb.ca).

On behalf of the staff at Michaëlle Jean Public School, we would like to wish everyone a safe and happy holiday.

*Mme Russiello et Mme Taglieri*

## Our Vision

At Michaëlle Jean P.S., we begin to lay the foundation to prepare our students to become lifelong learners as they learn to effectively communicate in French. We promote an environment of cooperation, and encourage problem solving, independence and risk-taking.

We demonstrate respect for each other through our thoughts, actions and words.

We are responsible for our learning and our behaviour and strive to be positive in our outlook and our interaction with others. It is through our individual and collective efforts that we achieve a vibrant learning community.



## Upcoming Dates:

**Dec. 25-Jan. 5** – Winter Holidays

**Jan. 8** – First Day back after the Break

**Jan. 18** – French Immersion Info Night (for students entering grade 1 in Sept.2018)

A reminder that **our school day begins at 8:00am**. Students should be in the yard by 7:55 so that they can enter the school with their class. If driving, give yourself a few extra minutes in the winter due to unpredictable road conditions.

## Pizza Fridays

If you ordered pizza through **School Cash Online**, please mark the following dates in your calendars.

**January 12 & 26 (2018)**



## Pita Mondays

If you ordered pitas through **School Cash Online**, please mark the following dates in your calendars:

**January 8 & 22**

**February 5**

## Safe Arrival

**If your child is going to be absent:**

- Call 1-855-203-2994 or go online [yorkrdsb.schoolconnects.com](http://yorkrdsb.schoolconnects.com) before 8:00 a.m.

By reporting your child absent in advance using the **Safe Arrival** toll free number or website, you will NOT receive a call.

**A confirmation number must be assigned once the absence is reported. Please do not hang up before the confirmation number is assigned.**

**Please contact the school office if you have questions.**

## French Immersion Information Sessions and Registrations

Information sessions for the French Immersion (FI) program will take place at French Immersion schools on January 18, 2018 at 7 p.m. Please visit YRDSB's website in January 2018 (<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 19, 2018.** Parents or guardians of Senior Kindergarten students entering Grade 1 in 2018, 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 19 and February 9, 2018. This eliminates the need to provide duplicate enrollment information or to pre-register.

YRDSB's FI Accommodation Plan provides long-term consistency and equity of access to all students in York Region and will enable YRDSB to continue to offer the FI program to all who wish to enrol. The FI program will be offered in Dual Track or Single Track settings, in a variety of configurations. In order to meet community needs and optimize available space in our schools, a community's Grade 1-8 FI program may be provided over more than one school during the course of a student's FI education. Space requirements at some schools may mean that siblings are in different schools for primary dual track French Immersion programs due to differing grade structures. Like any of our schools across the Board, changes to school boundaries, and/or the accommodation model for the French Immersion program may need to be considered when new schools open, a school experiences enrolment growth, and program changes occur. This will allow flexibility in addressing community needs and the opportunity to use existing space in schools.

More information is available on the Board's website: [www.yrdsb.ca](http://www.yrdsb.ca). Please note: Some of the FI accommodation plans will require facility modifications or the development of new schools and will require short-term transition plans that might include overflow while we work toward the long-term vision. Overflow refers to situations in which the Board directs students to attend a school other than their community school or optional program for a specific period of time, as defined in Policy #108.

### Kindergarten Registration Commences on January 19, 2018

Kindergarten registration will commence on January 19, 2018 for the 2018-19 school year. Registration forms are available on YRDSB's website: [www.yrdsb.ca](http://www.yrdsb.ca). Children who turn four or five years old during 2018, live within the school boundary and whose parents are public school tax supporters will be eligible to register for kindergarten. A kindergarten information session for parents is being planned for this spring. For more information, please visit the YRDSB website or contact your local school.



### Eco Corner



#### January:

Bring your old, dried out markers and pens to school to contribute to our recycling program. The plastic from these tools is recycled into other uses.

#### February:

We will be collecting milk bags (the plastic bag that holds the smaller milk bags) in February. These bags are weaved into a mat that is waterproof and given to those in need.



# **BUS CANCELLATIONS** **DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER**

## **SCHOOLS REMAIN OPEN**

During an Inclement Weather Day, the school is open and alternate programming may be provided depending on the number of students in attendance on this day.

## **PIZZA/PITA LUNCH & KIDS' KITCHEN**

If Pizza or Pita Lunches are scheduled on an Inclement Weather Day they will be **cancelled and rescheduled**.

All Kids' Kitchen orders will be delivered, unless cancelled by phone **before 8:00AM** on the day of delivery.

## **DROP OFF/PICK UP**

Students who come to school on a Snow Day may be dropped off and picked up through the parking lot loop. **Pick up will begin at 2:00 pm. Please pick up your child by 2:20 pm.**

### **School Bus Cancellation Notice**

To ensure the safety of students, school bus service may be cancelled due to inclement weather, extreme temperatures and/or poor road conditions. In these cases, parents and students should develop alternate care/transportation arrangements.

Cancellation decisions will only be made after thorough consultation with the Safety Officers of school bus companies servicing York Region and are based on several factors including precipitation, air temperature, road conditions and weather forecast.

Please note the following;

- A decision to cancel school bus service will be **region-wide** meaning all school buses, vans and taxis will not operate.
- **School bus routes may be cancelled when severe weather may not be affecting all municipalities in York Region.** Both the YRDSB and YCDSB operate many regional educational programs. Students attending these programs are transported over large attendance areas encompassing several municipal boundaries. This limits the ability to cancel bus service using a municipality or zone methodology.
- When bus service is cancelled all school tests and/or examinations will be cancelled and rescheduled.
- Student trips involving the use of school buses will also be cancelled.
- Unless otherwise stated, schools will remain open and parents can make arrangements to transport their children to and from school even if school bus service is cancelled. **If buses are cancelled in the morning, they will not operate in the afternoon. Therefore, students transported to school by parents will require the same transportation home.**

Parents, students and school staff are asked to access the following radio and television stations after 6:00 a.m. to receive bus cancellation information:

#### **RADIO**

590 AM	640 AM	680 AM	860 AM	1010 AM	1050 AM	1540 AM	1580 AM
88.5 FM	89.9 FM	92.5 FM	93.1 FM	94.9 FM	95.9 FM	97.3 FM	98.1
FM99.1 FM	99.9 FM	101.1 FM	102.1 FM	104.5 FM	100.7 FM	105.9	107.1 FM

#### **TELEVISION**

CITY TV	CTV Barrie	CTV Toronto	CP24	GLOBAL NEWS
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A bus cancellation message will also be available at [www.schoolbuscity.com](http://www.schoolbuscity.com) and by calling 1-877-330-3001, or by following @YRDSB and @YCDSB on twitter.

**Please note that school bus charters (trips) will not operate when home to school bus service is cancelled.**



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December 2017

Dear Parents,

As you know Parent Teacher Interviews were held at the end of November and we used a new tool to schedule meetings with teachers. With any new tool, there is new learning for both parents and school staff. Thank you for your patience and willingness to try something new and learn alongside us.

We have received feedback from parents and we have provided this feedback to the project team and our Information Technology Services Department who will continue to improve the Parent Teacher Interview online process.

We have also received some questions about Edsby and wanted to share some additional information with you.

Edsby is a cloud-based platform that will let families see what's happening with your child at school, and helps you play a more active part in your child's education.

York Region District School Board, in partnership with Edsby, has created a secure platform that protects the privacy of information for YRDSB families. Edsby will never ask you for personal information by email.

Edsby uses the email address you provided to the school to send you an invitation to create an account using this same email as your login. Two people will not be able to use the same email address to create an account. Using the link in the invitation, you will be asked to create a password and upon logging in to verify the information you have already provided to the school for the purpose of communication. If you do not wish to activate your account or receive further invitations, you may decline the invitation - although we do hope you join us in Edsby.

Once you have activated an account you can access Edsby at <https://yrdsb.edsby.com> or download the app from your app store to access it on your tablet or cell phone. If you use the app, we recommend having a password on your phone.

If you did not activate your Edsby account for (Parent Teacher Interview/Student-Led Conference) scheduling, you will have another opportunity to join Edsby in the near future.

Edsby offers many different features that YRDSB will be rolling out in the coming years, including:

- Reporting planned absences
- School Communications
- Program Registration (International Baccalaureate Program, Summer Institute)
- Accessing your child's schedule (including scheduled classes, assignments and group/school/class/personal events)

As our school moves forward with Edsby we will communicate updates and new features to be added.

Your partners in education,

N. Russiello  
Principal

L. Taglieri  
Vice-Principal



## **EQUITY AND INCLUSIVITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE CLASSISM SUB-COMMITTEE**

### ***Community Conversations***

### **Are you an advocate for those marginalized by low income and class-based discrimination?**

We are seeking passionate youth, families and community members to provide feedback regarding equity and inclusion for students in York Region public schools.

Please attend one of the five community conversations hosted by York Region District School Board's Equity and Inclusivity Advisory Committee.

- January 15**    **Maple Leaf PS, 155 Longford Dr, Newmarket, ON L3Y 2Y7**
- January 22**    **Sutton District HS, 20798 Dalton Rd, Georgina, ON L0E 1R0**
- January 29**    **Bayview SS, 10077 Bayview Ave, Richmond Hill, ON L4C 2L4**
- February 5**    **Maple HS, 50 Springside Rd, Maple, ON L6A 2W5**
- February 12**    **Milliken Mills HS, 7522 Kennedy Rd, Markham, ON L3R 9S5**

*All Community Conversations run from 7:00 - 9:00 pm*

Child-minding will be provided at all locations. *If you require child minding, please email Kristine with the number of children and their ages.*

**For more information or transportation support needs, please contact:**

Sub-Committee Chair – Kristine Carbis  
905-895-3126  
[k\\_carbis@hotmail.com](mailto:k_carbis@hotmail.com)



## EQUITY AND INCLUSIVITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE ANTI-BLACK RACISM SUB-COMMITTEE

### *Community Consultations*

You are invited to attend a community consultation regarding:

**Actions Taken by YRDSB following Ministry Review to Support the Learning of Students of African Descent and their Families**

#### *Agenda*

- An overview of the Ministry of Education's Review of YRDSB
- YRDSB Current Work and Response to the Ministry's Review on all levels (board, school and community engagement)
- Community Feedback Sessions in small group carousel format - *What is going well? What are you worried about? What needs to happen next?*
  - Board
  - School
  - Community Engagement
- Report Back and Next Steps

#### **Dates, times and locations**

Thursday January 18, 2018

6:00pm – 9:30pm

Milliken Mills High School, 7522 Kennedy Rd, Markham, ON L3R 9S5

*(Refreshments will be provided)*

Saturday January 27, 2018

10:00am – 2:00pm

Vaughan Secondary School, 1401 Clark Ave W, Thornhill, ON L4J 7R4

*(Lunch will be provided)*

#### **Registration**

Please register [online](#) by Friday, January 12, 2018.

If you have any questions, please contact Freyja Phillips [freyja.phillips@yrdsb.ca](mailto:freyja.phillips@yrdsb.ca).

Happy Holidays  
From the Staff of  
Michaëlle Jean Public School

Balark  
Valerio

Sabeeka :) Nicolita  
Mme Pape  
Mme Rajahmady

Mme Ryan  
Mme Bessette  
Mme Bonnie  
Mme !!  
Minkjian  
Mme  
Tau

Mme Kalfon  
Mme Taglieri  
Mme Lee  
Mme Simba

Mme Lizmar  
Mme Karchevskayan  
Monsieur  
Mohamed

Mme Manaim  
M. Segbor  
Mme Prabhakaran  
Mme Lee ♡

Mme Collins  
Mme Tadisi  
Mme Griffiths  
Mme Kin  
Mme Marjanovic  
Mme Xie ☺

Mme Bernard ☺  
Mme Jalar !!  
Mme Meseroux  
Mme Bar  
Mme Anina  
Mme Yumo

Joyeuses fêtes  
et  
Bonne Année !

Mme D'Agostino !!

Mme Bessette

