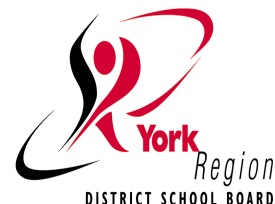


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Upcoming Dates

- Feb. 5 Lunar New Year
(wear red & gold)
- Feb. 6 School Council 7pm
- Feb. 13 Term 1 Report Cards
go home
- Feb 14 Red white and pink day
- Feb.19 Red and white day for
Carnaval
- Feb.20 Ceinture fléchée/Scarf day
- Feb.21 Tuque Day
- Feb. 27 Pink Shirt Day
- March 11-15 March Break



Message from your Administrator

It's always hard to come back to school after a long break. All the activities in which the students participated really helped to make the cold month of January pass quickly and the return to school go smoothly. Some of these activities included hockey for our Grade 3 students, Karate kids, Scientists in the School and Hands up for Health for our Grade one classes. In February, our Grade 1 classes will have the opportunity to participate in Karate Kids as well. Last week we had our very first movie night, held here in the gym of MJPS. What a fantastic turnout and a successful evening. Everyone had a wonderful time! Thank you to our School Council for organizing this fabulous event! The next School Council event will be our Winter Carnival held the week of February 19th for all our students. We are looking forward to participating in all the fun activities prepared by our Council.

Our teachers have been busy preparing our Term 1 Report Cards. While these are an important way to communicate your child's progress throughout the school year, they are only one tool in our ongoing efforts to increase student achievement and learning. We know all our teachers strive to let you know how your child is progressing in a variety of ways, all year long. We are so fortunate to have such a wonderful staff at MJPS! Your dedication and commitment to your child's education are also a vital connection, for which we are very grateful.

Our School Council has also sponsored an arts presentation entitled "La Belle au Bois Dormant" for all students. All of these events and many more would not be possible without the careful planning and dedication of our teachers, School Council, office staff and parent volunteers.

Thank you to everyone!





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 with your child, and/or call the school at (905) 770-6507 and press 1 to leave a message. 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 your 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 to 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!

February Eco Theme



Paper Towel Reduction

One Or Two Will Do

The Eco Initiative for February is *Paper Towel Reduction*. '**Just one or two will do**' for drying hands after washing. Our office staff are preparing Paper Towel Reduction labels for our dispensers and Eco Reps will be affixing them accordingly. Thank you to everyone for all their hard work!

How can you reduce paper towel use at home? In the kitchen, think of alternative ways to dry your hands or wipe up spills instead of using paper towels.

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 order to picking up children in 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!!**

LUNAR NEW YEAR



February 5, marks the Lunar New Year for members of the Chinese, Korean and Vietnamese communities. Lunar New Year is a cultural and religious celebration for many Chinese, Koreans and Vietnamese. This is the year of the Pig. People born in 1971, 1983, 1995, 2007, and 2019 were also born in the year of the "Pig". Many rituals are associated with this festive occasion. They include cleaning house, paying off debts, settling old arguments, and other means of making a "fresh start." To cele-

brate, people may light firecrackers, hang poetry, enjoy a family feast (oranges and apples are considered lucky fruits), exchange gifts (adults may give children laisee, red envelopes filled with money), and buy new clothes or new shoes.



UPCOMING SPIRIT DAYS

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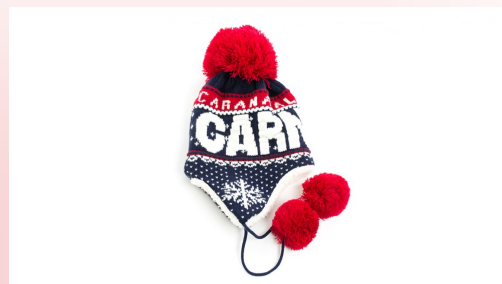
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Black History/African Heritage Month

Together We Make A Difference



Celebration of Black History/African Heritage Month has been part of society since the 1950's.

During the month of February, we deliberately reflect upon the legacy of African history in all its various forms, and we join all Canadians in celebrating Black History/African Heritage Month. By contemplating on persons of African Heritage, famous and not so famous, who have been of significant influence through their ideas, words and actions, we appreciate the place of African History in the history of the world.

Celebrating our Diversity

February's Holidays and Observances

BUDDHISM	BAHA'I FAITH
February 5 - Lunar New Year the day after the new moon, marks the beginning of the new lunar year. It is the year of the Pig. Irrespective of their religion or country, all Chinese, Vietnamese and many Koreans celebrate the cultural aspect of this day. This is the beginning of year 4717 in the Chinese calendar. It is a time for renewal and personal relationships, and pledges of prosperity.	Feb. 26 - March 1- Intercalary Days are four days (five in a leap year) that do not belong to any month. They are days of celebration, gift-giving, hospitality and charitable works.
HINDUISM	
Feb. 9 - Vasant Panchami is particularly celebrated in Northern India. This festival marks the advent of spring. Also known as Shri Panchami, it is a celebration commonly associated with Shri or Lakshmi (Goddess of Wealth). It is also commonly linked with the Goddess of Learning, Saraswati.	