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Trustee: Carol Chan

Administrators' Message

Although the month ahead is one of our shorter months, February is always an exciting time at school. First, we are happy to welcome back Mme Gray from her maternity leave and would like to thank Mme Xie for her work in Grade 2. We also welcome back Mme Brown who will replace Mme Valerio in Grade 2.

Winter Carnival, VORC (Vivian Outdoor Resource Centre) trip for Grade 2s, and Family Day, we have many activities to look forward to at school. At home, why not take in the Winter Olympics? These athletes are great examples of what it means to have a "growth mind-set". They have all faced many challenges and obstacles, yet for all of them, they kept on training and learning. The athletes from around the world, and especially our Canadian Team, can show us what it means to show sportsmanship, dedication, perseverance, team work, and the list could go on and on! Make some family time to watch some classics – hockey or figure skating – or create some new favourite sports like curling, speed skating, or ski cross. There really is something for everyone!

Our Term One Report Cards will also be distributed on February 15. Take the time to review the report with your child to celebrate successes and set some goals for next term. There is always room for improvement.

Your partners in education,

Mme Russiello et Mme Taglieri



Safe Arrival

If your child is going to be absent:

Call 1-855-203-2994 or go online

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.

February

Feb. 2 – PA Day

Feb. 6 – Winter Carnival Day – outdoor activities

Feb. 13 – School Council Meeting @ 7 pm

Feb. 14 – Red, White & Pink Day

Feb. 15 – Term 1 Report Cards go home

Feb. 19 – Family Day (No School)

Feb. 23 – Character Matters Assembly @ 8:30 am

Feb. 26 – March 2 - Jungle Sport

Feb. 28 -- Pink Shirt Day – Anti-Bullying

March Break – Monday March 12-Friday March 16

Please check the school website for more events.

Pizza Fridays

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

February 9, 16, 23

March 2, 9, 23

May 4, 11, 18, 25

April 6, 13, 20, 27

June 1, 8, 15, 22



Pita Mondays

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

February 5, 26* (*beginning of session 2)

March 5, 26

May 14, 28

April 16, 30

June 11, 25

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.

Character Award Recipients for January

Grade 1:

Mme Collin – Felix, Katie
 Mme Karchevskaya – Liam, Lily
 Mme Lee – Adley, Adlene
 Mme Manarin – Alyssa, Tianmin
 Mme Mknjian – Sheila, Ashmitha
 Mme Prabakaran – Ali, Nika
 Mme Yum – Elvis, Evelyn

Grade 3 :

Mme Barr – Yonathan, Zahra
 Mme Bessette – Ethan, Nour
 Mme Darvish – Salsabil, Emily
 Mme Griffiths – Will, Angus

Grade 2:

Mme Bourrie – Riley, Devin
 Mme Brown – Michael, Theresa
 Mme Kim – Isaac, Lucas
 Mme Marjanovic -- Artemis, Christina
 Mme Tadrissi – Ethan W., Addison C.
 Mme Tajahmady – Ethan, Cyrus
 Mme Xie – Nicole, Amelia
 Mme Yau – Claire, Andrew

Mme Messeroux – Justin, Ayaana
 M. Mohamed – Sydney, Astin
 Mme Ryan – Reita, Datis
 Mme Safar – Alex, Charlotte

L'honnêteté



Le caractère compte ... Character Matters!

This month, we focus on Respect – I will treat myself and others with consideration, high regard and dignity.

At home:

- Speak to children about the decisions they make daily and the impact these decisions can have on themselves, others and the environment.
- Remember the "Golden Rule" – Treat others how you would like to be treated.



Winter Carnival Button Design Contest Winner

Congratulation to Lillian in Mme Safar's class for her winning design.
 We would like to thank all of our students for participating and our parent volunteers for making every student a button for "Carnaval".



Eco Corner

February - Milk Bags – Send your milk bags to school. We will be donating the milk bags so that they can be weaved into waterproof mats.

Plastic bottle caps – Please send in your washed plastic bottle caps (from plastic soda bottles, water bottles, juice containers, milk cartons, etc.). We are planning an exciting art project for the school and need your help to start our collection.



Please keep us up-to-date!

If you have **new phone numbers or contact information**, please be sure to inform the school office. In case of an emergency, we want to be able to contact you. **This includes setting up your voice mail so we can leave you a message!** Thank you.

LUNCH ASSISTANTS ARE NEEDED

Are you able to spare 1 hour of time over our lunch hour? This is a paid position from 11:40 a.m. to 12:40 p.m. Our lunch assistants are invaluable members of our school team as they supervise while students eat, as well as during outdoor recess. Please call the school office if you can help.

Health Connections Social-Emotional Learning for Children

What we choose to say, how we say it and even how we play with words and language — create the kind of pleasant and welcoming environment that makes family dinner worthwhile. Here are some tips for choosing and using words for fun and conversation that will make everyone want seconds.

1. Food Poetry – take a bite of food and have your child give the most descriptive words that comes to mind – think about texture, taste, smell, etc.
2. Story by Sentence -- One family member begins a story and talks for no more than a minute. The story then moves on to the next family member, who continues the story. Some ground rules: Story themes must be about the choices people make, everyone participates, no one goes on for too long.

Click [here](#) for more Dinner Games.

Adapted from: www.smores.com

EQAO for 2017-18

At Michaëlle Jean, our Grade 3 students will be writing the Mathematics portion of the EQAO assessment later this year. Please do not book appointments or vacations during the period of May 22-June 4, 2018. More information for families will be provided as we approach these dates. Thank you for your cooperation.

ARE YOU MOVING??

If you will be moving by September 2018, please let us know as soon as possible. We are currently projecting our student enrolment for September 2018. These numbers help us hire sufficient staff and support personnel. It is important that we know as soon as possible if your child will not be attending Michaëlle Jean in September. This does not apply to our Grade 3 students, unless they will not be attending Beverly Acres P.S. Thanks for your assistance in preparing for the next school year. Please call our office with any information: 905-770-6507.



Kindergarten and French Immersion Registration continue

French Immersion Registration continues. Please note that only complete registration packages that are submitted prior to February 9th will be guaranteed a spot at our school (transfer requests not included). After February 9th, we will continue to accept registrations but students may be accommodated in a French Immersion program at another school for Grade 1.

If you have a child entering Kindergarten in September (born in 2014), please go to your local elementary school to register your child.

Message From Our Trustee Carol Chan

With report cards coming home, this is a good time of year to review your child's progress and to set goals for the rest of the school year.

As trustees, our goals are set out in the Board [Multi-Year Plan](#). In the coming months, trustees will be reviewing and updating this plan. This process will include opportunities for public input, and trustees will be out in the communities talking about this. More information will be shared about this in the spring.

Developing and reviewing the Multi-Year Plan is just one of our responsibilities as publicly elected officials. Trustee responsibilities also include hiring the Director of Education, setting [Board policies](#) and the [annual budget](#), and communicating with the public.

This is a good time to learn more about the [role of trustees](#) with the next [municipal election](#) taking place later this year on October 22, 2018. York Region District School Board has [12 trustees](#), elected by ratepayers. As a trustee, listening and communicating with families is an important part of my role. Students, families and members of the public are welcome to attend and observe any public Board, Advisory or Board Committee meetings and to share their views with us on policy and Board governance.

As we move into the second half of the year, I hope that you are seeing evidence of your child's learning and progress, and finding opportunities to get involved in their learning and the life of the school.

I wish you all the best for a successful second term.



Richmond Hill Winter Carnival



50th Celebration

Come out and celebrate our 50th anniversary at Mill Pond on **February 2, 3 & 4, 2018!**

With live entertainment, games, rides, activities, food, and *NEW* events, we have fun for the whole family.

Don't forget to follow us
#50yearsofwinterfun

 RichmondHillWinterCarnival
 @RHW Carnival
 richmond_hill_winter_carnival

Visit www.wintercarnival.net for more information.

2018 Winter Carnival (Feb 2-4) Photo Contest



RICHMOND HILL CAMERA CLUB

and the



Richmond Hill Winter Carnival



Committee

present the annual

Winter Carnival Photo Contest

Amateur photographers of all ages are invited to submit digital photographs taken at the [Richmond Hill Winter Carnival](#)

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You must [register](#) prior to submitting photos to this contest

For information or assistance, email carnival@rhcameraclub.ca

Contest Deadline is midnight, Wednesday, February 14, 2018

BUS CANCELLATIONS **DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER**

You must **notify** the **school** if your child will be **absent** due to **bus cancellations**.

PLEASE CALL 1-855-203-2994 or GO ONLINE
yorkrdsb.schoolconnects.com to notify the school.

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 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.**

2018 COMMUNITY CONSULTATIONS



SNAP® BACK

“ADAPTING THE SNAP® PROGRAM FOR BLACK AND AFRICAN CANADIAN KIDS”

WHAT IS THE SNAP® PROGRAM?

The SNAP® Program is a gender-sensitive, evidence-based early intervention program that teaches children with disruptive behaviour problems, and their parents, how to stop and think before they act and make better choices “in the moment”. Developed by the Child Development Institute (CDI), the Program helps children between the ages of 6 and 11 to learn self-regulation, self-control and problem-solving skills. Children who enter the program may have engaged in aggressive, anti-social behaviour, and / or have come into contact with authority figures at school or in the community. SNAP® is a multi-faceted program designed to assist middle years children and their families, including working with their school and community to help keep kids in school and out of trouble. SNAP® is not recommended for children on the Autism Spectrum or with significant developmental delays.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

Service providers, advocates, educators, social workers, parents and anyone else who has had experience with Black children aged 6 to 11 who have demonstrated or experienced challenges with self-regulation and/or disruptive behaviour.

WHAT WILL HAPPEN?

We will share an overview of the SNAP® Program. You will share your experience and knowledge about Black children age 6 to 11 and provide your input into how the program materials could be adapted from a cultural identity and anti-Black racism lens. Dinner will be provided.

FOLLOW THE CONSULTATIONS ONLINE:

@snap_backids #SNAPBack



FOR MORE DETAILS AND TO REGISTER VISIT:

www.snapbackids.weebly.com



ATTEND A SESSION NEAR YOU:

DURHAM REGION Monday, January 29, 2018

⌚ 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.

📍 Ajax High School, 105 Bayly Street East, Ajax

PEEL REGION Friday, February 2, 2018

⌚ 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.

📍 Fletchers Meadow Secondary School, 10750 Chinguacousy Road, Brampton

North York (Toronto) Tuesday, February 6, 2018

⌚ 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.

📍 Jamaican Canadian Association, 995 Arrow Road

WINDSOR Saturday, February 10, 2018

⌚ 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

📍 Mackenzie Hall, 3277 Sandwich Street West

Scarborough (Toronto) Monday, February 12, 2018

⌚ 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.

📍 Tropicana Community Services, 1385 Huntingwood Drive

HAMILTON Saturday, February 17, 2018

⌚ 4:00 to 7:00 p.m.

📍 Afro-Caribbean Canadian Association, 423 King Street East

YORK REGION Tuesday, February 20, 2018

⌚ 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.

📍 Markham Public Library, Milliken Mills Branch
7600 Kennedy Road, Unionville

Ottawa - French & English Friday, February 23, 2018

⌚ 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. French & English

📍 Catholic Centre for Immigrants, 219 Argyle Avenue



Snapbac.kids@gmail.com



647-981-5256

This project is funded by the Ontario Ministry of Children and Youth Services as part of the Ontario Black Youth Action Plan.

Celebrating Our Diversity

February's Holidays and Observances

Buddhism	Baha'i Faith
Feb. 16 – Lunar New Year the day after the new moon, marks the beginning of the new lunar year. It is the year of the Dog. 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 4716 in the Chinese calendar. It is a time for renewal and personal relationships, and pledges of prosperity.	Feb. 26-Mar. 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.
Christianity	Hinduism
Feb. 14 – Ash Wednesday (Western Calendar) is the beginning of Lent, the forty-day period (excluding Sundays) of prayer, repentance and self-denial that precedes Easter. It is a reminder of the days Jesus spent alone in the wilderness. Feb. 19 – First Day of Lent (Eastern Calendar), which is the great fast, is the last six weeks of a ten-week period before Easter. This day is also known as Clean Monday. Some Eastern Churches may start Lent a week before on February 12.	Feb. 14 – Mahashivaratri (or Shivaratri, "Great Shiva Night") is a special night of prayer. Devotees sing the praises of Shiva, one of the major Hindu deities.

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".



Message from School Council

Menav Sharon, Chair.

Each year School Council has organized a Carnaval week with many wonderful fun filled activities. Carnaval has been celebrated in Quebec City for over 100 years and our intention is to give the children an opportunity to experience a small part of this tradition and heritage. The Carnaval will take place between Feb 5- Feb 9, see below more details if you are available to volunteer. Parent Council will continue to subsidize the costs of these activities so that all students can enjoy this wonderful French tradition.

If you are interested in volunteering and getting involved, please join us at the council meetings or email us. All Parents/Caregivers are welcome to attend. For comments, questions or suggestions for School Council, please feel free to send a message at MJPSCouncil@gmail.com.

Student Success and Lunch Time Programs

Many thanks to MJPS staff and the Town of Richmond Hill! The winter Healthy Lunch Program list was submitted to the town, so that the town would be able to send the program registration forms to our school next week. The Winter Healthy Lunch program will start on Feb. 20th

Pizza Lunches and School Climate

Our fundraiser Friday pizza lunch program continues to run smoothly! We are pleased to announce that term 2 pizza lunches will be on every Friday! Please remember that if your child is away the pizza will not be saved. Also if buses are cancelled, pizza lunch will also be cancelled and then rescheduled for another day. Our volunteers are essential in helping to distribute pizza and juice to our eager students. Without their help, Friday pizza lunches would not be possible! THANK YOU SO MUCH TO OUR VOLUNTEERS! We continue to require more support from current and new volunteers for distribution of pizza. If you are interested to volunteer, please get your police check first, and then contact our volunteer coordinator, Oliver, radatian@hotmail.com. Our next pizza dates are February 9 and 16.

Volunteer Coordination

Several new volunteers have recently joined us to support Friday Pizza lunches. MANY THANKS to our current and newly joined volunteers who support us with their great effort and contributions. We are going to recruit more volunteers as we need more help to support distributing Monday Pita lunches. We also need volunteers to support our upcoming school events, such as Carnaval. If you are interested please email Oliver at radatian@hotmail.com.

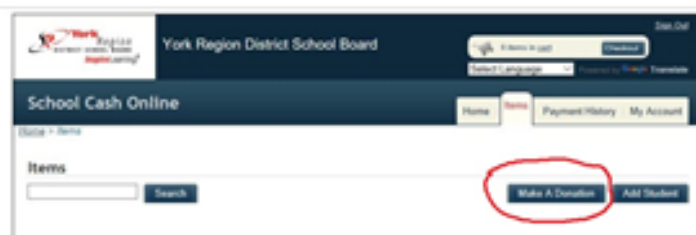
**2017/2018
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Administration
Mme Russiello
Mme Taglieri

Donation Drive: *Small Contribution Means A LOT to our Students.*

This year, our fundraising donation drive has been running smoothly on-line at Donation Website: www.schoolcashionline.com. We are so excited to share with you that through your overwhelming support, the School Council Donation Drive was able to raise over \$5000 for MJPS' outdoor classroom and other much needed resources!

A big **Thank You** to those Parents, who have already donated. Donations will be used towards student activity and general items such as lice check, agenda, field trips, science & technology and performances. We will greatly appreciate your continuous support and contribution along the way. You can contribute any time throughout the year, but the earlier the better.

Once you are signed into your www.schoolcashionline.com account, click on "Make A Donation" button (**Circled Red** in image below) to donate! Every dollar counts! Please take a moment and make your donation today! We need your support to fund upcoming school annual events such as ~~Carnival~~ and Fun Fair.


School Council Meeting Dates

Please mark your calendars, come, and join us for the following 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.

- Feb 13, 2018 @ 7:00 p.m.
- Apr 11, 2018 @ 7:00 p.m.
- Jun 7, 2018 @ 7:00 p.m.

