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Message from the Principal and Vice Principal

Welcome back and Happy New Year! We would like to extend our best wishes to everyone in the MJPS community for a wonderful, prosperous and healthy 2015. With the New Year comes a new beginning for us all. As we look back on 2014, it is a good time to reflect on our goals, to celebrate our successes and to review our commitment to excellence. New hope, new goals and new expectations are always a part of a resolution that many of us make. Students should be included - encouraged - to set academic and social goals for themselves. Setting high expectations is part of this process, but the expectations must be achievable as we move forward. As a staff, we also continue to reflect on our practice and set goals for improvement. In the next several months, we will be reviewing our school data and school improvement plan. We will continue our professional learning journey focussing on critical thinking and math problem solving. We are excited about consolidating our own professional learning to better meet the needs of our students. On behalf of the staff, we would like to wish you the very best for 2015.

Report Cards

On February 18, your child will be bringing home their Report Card. This report will communicate how well students have achieved the overall curriculum expectations for each subject and how they have developed the learning skills and work habits. Although there are no formal interviews scheduled as these took place in November, you can always contact your child's teacher if you have any questions.



Thank you for your generosity!

During the month of December, our school community was involved in several community outreach initiatives to support local needs. For our food and toiletries drive, we collected over 64 boxes to give to our local food bank and children's aid. Our boxes filled an entire school bus! We also raised over \$1000.00 for the Yellow Brick House in York Region. Many thanks to our staff who came together to create 16 wonderful gingerbread houses which were raffled off for this fundraiser. Once again, we appreciate how our school community rallies together to help those in times of need.



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Eco Club Update

At our Winter Tune Up Assembly we talked about the importance of minimizing waste and energy. Our school continues to participate in various initiatives as we strive to become eco-certified again this year. Last year we received Silver and we are striving for Gold this year. We continue to encourage students to bring litter-less lunches and students in each class continue to work on reducing, re-using and recycling. We continue to collect cleaned out Milk Bags which are sent to volunteer organizations who make sleeping and resting mats for children in need. Five hundred bags make one mat and to date we have sent over two thousand milk bags and appreciate your help with this endeavour.



French Immersion Information Sessions and Registrations

Information sessions for the French Immersion (FI) program will take place at Michaëlle Jean P.S. on **January 15, 2015 at 7 p.m.** FI registration will begin **January 16, 2015.**

In order to streamline the registration process, parents or guardians of Senior Kindergarten students currently attending a YRDSB school and entering Grade 1 in September 2014, who are wishing to enrol in the FI Program, can visit or call their current 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 Michaëlle Jean P.S. to register between January 16 and February 13, 2015. 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. 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.edu.on.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

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Important Bus Cancellation Information

School bus service may be cancelled from time to time due to inclement weather and/or poor road conditions. In these cases, parents and students should develop alternate care/transportation arrangements. Please remember any scheduled school lunches (pizza, Sub) will also be cancelled on snow days.

Since bussing schedules begin by 7:00 a.m. or earlier, all cancellation decisions must be made by 6:00 a.m. to ensure the safety of our students. Cancellation decisions will only be made after thorough consultation with school bus companies servicing York Region. Please access local media outlets after 6:00 a.m. to receive cancellation information.. **A bus cancellation message will also be available at www.schoolbuscity.com and by calling 1-877-330-3001.**

If buses are cancelled in the morning, they will not operate in the afternoon. Therefore students transported to school by parents will need to be picked up at the end of the day.

Safe Arrival

To report your child's absence please call 905-770-6507 and select...

Attendance Mailbox Option 1

All absences must be reported on a daily basis

Carnaval News

Mark Your Calendars

February 9—13

More information will be coming home soon!!



IMPORTANT REMINDER

P.A. DAY

January 16, 2015

NO SCHOOL!!

Cutlery and Snacks

Parents, please remember to pack a spoon or a fork in your child's lunch as we do not provide cutlery. Also, please remember to pack a morning snack for your child on hot lunch dates

Thank you



A Picture Says A Thousand Words !!

MJPS Winter Concert



BAPS musicians visit MJPS

Our Food Drive was a great success!!

