



# MICHAËLLE JEAN PUBLIC SCHOOL

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## Message from the Principal

We would like to express what an honour it is to work with such dedicated staff, such committed students, amazing parent volunteers and the entire school community of Michaëlle Jean.

Many thanks to our parent volunteers and Parent Council for their many contributions to the school. We look forward to your continued support and parent engagement next year.

We had a wonderful turn out for our Parent Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast. It is just our way to say Thank You for all the wonderful ways you help us with programs, fundraising activities and community events.

Our FUN FAIR was amazing with so many families and friends joining us! It was a pleasure to see all of our families together as a community enjoying the food and fun activities. These events could not happen without the steadfast dedication of our amazing parent volunteers who have spent countless hours collating orders, ordering food, wrapping prizes, setting up, organizing games, supervising stations, etc... These are memorable events our students, staff and parents will remember for many years to come. Once again, thank you for joining us and thanks to our parent volunteers for making this happen.

The school will reopen August 25th and the office hours will be 8:00 am to 3:00 pm. The 2014-2015 school year will begin on Tuesday, September 2nd. A final newsletter will also be sent out with the report cards to outline important reminders.

We still have a busy month ahead of us with trips, assemblies, Council meeting, report cards, Grade 1 Orientation and Grade 3 Transition Ceremony. Looking forward to a productive and busy June!

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## School Events and Activities

# Fun Fair at MJPS





## School Events and Activities Con't...

### Volunteer Appreciation at MJPS

We would like to extend a big thank you to all of our parent volunteers who have contributed so much to our school community. Our staff and students greatly appreciate how our parents continue to support so many different facets of school life.



### Grade 3 Workshops

#### Teaching Respect

Our school will be participating in a program offered through IBM. IBM DiscoverE programs have been designed by Destination ImagiNation, a not-for-profit organization, and provide activities focused on creativity, problem solving, and teamwork. IBM Teaching Respect programs focus on respect for the individual and are customized with age appropriate materials adapted from an educator focused program called No Name-Calling. Each program offers two and a half hours of activities. All of the activity leaders are tenured IBMers who have been trained by the Destination ImagiNation staff and diversity leaders. We are excited about this program and are looking forward to working with this IBM team.



#### Financial Literacy Workshops

Mr. Tomas Ohanessian has been coming to MJPS for the past three years to teach our grade 3 students about money and finance. We continue to enjoy these learning opportunities and thank Mr. Ohanessian for his continued support of our math literacy programs.



## School Events and Activities Con't...

### Grade Three Transition to Beverley Acres PS

This marks the last month our grade 3 students spend at MJPS. Our grade 3 students will visit BAPS on Tuesday, June 17th. The school will cover the costs for bussing and we thank the staff at BAPS for welcoming us to their school.



### Special Grade 3 Transition Ceremony

The Transition Ceremony will be on Tuesday, June 17th from **8:15am to 9:15am**. The ceremony is our special event to wish our students luck as they move on to grade 4 at BAPS. We hope to see you there.

**All parents of our grade 3 students are welcome to this special occasion.**

### Grade One Orientation

On June 10th, our new grade 1 students will join our school community and learn more about French Immersion and their future experiences at our school. The children will have an opportunity to take part in a grade 1 French class while their parents will receive an information package and gather in the gym to learn more about our school and our program. We look forward to welcoming our new families and students in our school community.



### Winit Celebration

Our Winit celebration/assembly will take place on Tuesday, June 24th. All students have received a Winit certificate in February where they affixed emblems to represent their contributions and different milestones they achieved so far during this school year. We will have another Winit celebration on June 24 and students will then bring home their wonderful certificates which commemorate so many activities they were part of this year.



### BAPS Suzuki Piano Concert

The BAPS Suzuki program would like to invite Michaelle Jean Public School families to join us for an evening of entertaining piano performances as we celebrate another successful year of the Suzuki program. The concert will begin at 6:30 p.m. in the music room (Room 118) at Beverly Acres Public School (283 Neal Dr. Richmond Hill) on Wednesday, June 4, 2014. A number of MJPS students will be performing. Admission is free and refreshments will be served at intermission and following the concert. For more information about the concert, or the Suzuki program, please contact Gigi at [yuen\\_gigi@hotmail.com](mailto:yuen_gigi@hotmail.com)



## School Events and Activities Con't...

### Summer Institute Programs - Registration Now Open

This program is run by YRDSB from June 30 to August 8 and offers academic and recreational programs that are aligned to the Ontario Curriculum. The program is for students in JK- 8. If you are interested, please refer to the following website for more information, fees and locations.



<http://www.yrdsb.edu.on.ca/page.cfm?id=IIP000101>

### Library News



#### Scholastic Book Fair



Our Scholastic Book Fair was a great success this spring. Students were very excited about purchasing new books to read. Thank you to everyone who supported this event. We have purchased new French resources, both fiction and non-fiction, to add to our library collection. Thank you to all of the parents who generously volunteered their time to help out.

#### Library Book Return

It's that time of year again - time to check under the beds, on bookshelves and in the hall closet for missing library books! The official last **Due Date** for library books is **Tuesday, June 10th**. All books must be returned to the library by then. Please assist your children in locating any "stray" library books at home and sending them to



### **A NEW Magazine Sale is Coming Fall 2014!**



Coming Fall 2014, we will have our annual **Magazine Subscription Program** and also an opportunity to purchase **Personalized Photo Memory Products** such as Photo Books, Labels, Cards, Calendars, Posters, Notepads and more!



If you wish to order your magazines early or purchase a gift you can go to [www.QSP.ca](http://www.QSP.ca) anytime and support our school. Please do not renew or purchase directly through the publishers as we will not receive profits from your purchases. Thank you.

*Use the QSP SEARCH feature using our school name to ensure our school gets the credit!*

*Thank you in advance for your support of our children and our school!*

*If you have an inquiry please contact QSP Customer Service, 1-800-667-2536*

## School Information and Procedures

### Hours of Instruction for French Immersion

YRDSB offers a French Immersion program that is highly sought after. As we continue to implement recommendations from our recent French as a Second Language (FSL) review, we are making a slight adjustment, based on our research, that will provide better consistency within our schools while also better meeting student needs. Research shows the importance of time spent learning in French at the beginning of a program. In Grades 1 to 3, YRDSB students receive 100 per cent of their instruction in French. Beginning in Grade 4, English instruction is introduced for a number of subjects. Starting in the 2014-15 school year, weekly instructional time in Grades 4-8 will be shared equally between French and English language of instruction. Students will accumulate at least 5,000 hours of French language instruction by the end of Grade 8, which far exceeds the 3,800 hours mandated by the Ontario Ministry of Education. YRDSB remains deeply committed to providing high quality and sustainable French as a Second Language (FSL) instruction.



### Are You Moving?

If you are planning to move and your child will not be returning to M.J.P.S. in September 2014, please let the school know as soon as possible as this will assist us greatly with staffing, determining numbers and class placement.



### Last Day - Early Dismissal

All schools in the York Region District School Board are committed to student success and well-being. On **Thursday, June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2014** an early release day will take place to allow elementary teachers and support staff to take part in staff meetings during the afternoon of that day. These meetings will allow for school staff to engage in culminating activities regarding the review and revision of the School's Improvement Plan.

As has been our practice in the past, students will attend school during the morning of Thursday, June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2014 only. Students will be dismissed early that day at **10:50 am.** Arrangements will be made to ensure that students who are normally bussed to and from school will receive transportation at this time. Parents whose children attend after school child care should make appropriate arrangements to address this change in schedule.



### Agendas for September

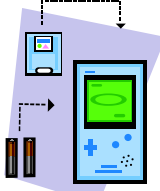
The agenda/planner is an excellent communication tool between home and school which also promotes excellent organizational skills. We will continue to implement the use of the agenda/planner from grades 1 to 3. Parent Handbook is also included in the agenda. The agendas will be distributed in September 2014 at **NO COST** to our students thanks Parent Council.



## School Information and Procedures Con't....

### Personal Property

Students who bring valuable personal property to school do so at their own risk. The school has no storage facilities for valuable items and we cannot take care of these items for students. This includes toys/cards that are precious to our students. The School Board or school will not assume any responsibility for lost or stolen items. We ask that all valuable items be left at home.



### Lost and Found Items

Our lost and found bin is overflowing with coats, mitts, hats, lunch bags etc. If your child has lost anything recently, please visit the school to look through the bin. Any unclaimed items will be donated to charity at the end of June.

Thank you.



### Student Bussing Eligibility

Did you know that students' bussing eligibility changes throughout their school career? Your son/daughter's eligibility to ride the school bus may change according to their grade and distance from home to school. Below are the provisions for eligibility identified in the Board's Transportation Policy #680:

- All YRDSB students in Grades JK-3 who live within 1.2 km of their school are not eligible for transportation
- All YRDSB students in Grades 4-8 who live within 1.6 km of their school are not eligible for transportation
- All YRDSB students in Grades 9-12 who live within a transit served area are not eligible for transportation.

To view Board Policy #680 Student Transportation, please visit [www.yrdsb.edu.on.ca](http://www.yrdsb.edu.on.ca) and to determine your son/daughter's eligibility please visit [www.schoolbuscity.com](http://www.schoolbuscity.com).



### News from the School Office- Medication, Epipens, Puffers....

Please arrange to pick up prescriptions (pills, puffers, epipens) on the last day, June 26th, any medication not picked up by then will be sent home with the students on that day



Report Cards will go home on June 25th. If you are not able to pick up the report card, it will be available for pick up when our office reopens on August 25th or you can provide your child's teacher with a self addressed stamped envelope and the report card will be mailed to you.

We encourage you to visit our lost and found which will be set in our front hall the last week of school. Any unclaimed items will be donated to charity at the end of June.