



# MICHAËLLE JEAN PUBLIC SCHOOL

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Superintendent  
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## *A Message from the Administrative Team*

The school year is quickly coming to an end but there is still a tremendous amount of work that needs to be done. From the Grade 1 Open House, the Grade 3 Transition Ceremony, Volunteer Appreciation, report cards and class excursions to organizational matters relating to class placements, timetabling and farewells, Michaëlle Jean P.S. continues to be a place of excitement and energy!

Congratulations, in advance, to our Grade 3 students for the enormous amount of effort in working towards the completion of this year's EQAO testing. Your efforts in supporting the administration of this testing were much appreciated.

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 School Council for their great contributions to the school. We look forward to your continued support and parent engagement next year.

Our 8th Annual 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, organizing the silent auction, 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.

We are looking forward to an exciting and productive June!

Sincerely,

*N. Russiello*  
Principal

*J. Rudman*  
Vice Principal

## MICHAËLLE JEAN PUBLIC SCHOOL

June	Events
May 31-June 2	EQAO
2	Dental Screening (grade 2)
2	Grade 1 Open House (8:30-9:30) Karate Kids (Grade 1)
3	PA Day-no school
6	Ramadhan
6	Science Centre Trip (grade 2's) Sub Lunch School Council Meeting (7pm in Library)
7	Science Centre Trip (grade 2's)
8	Science Centre Trip (grade 2's) Pioneer Village (grade 3's)
9	Science Centre Trip (grade 2's) Pioneer Village (grade 3's) Karate Kids (grade 1)
10	Pizza Lunch Beach Day
12-13	Shavuot
13	Round the Bend Farm (grade 1's)
14	Grade 3 Transition Ceremony (8:30) Grade 3 Visit to BAPS (10:30)
15	Volunteer Appreciation Tea (9-10 am in the library)
16	Martyrdom of Guru Arjan Dev Ji
16	Jump Rope for Heart (outside) 8am to 2 pm Parent Workshop on Anxiety (6:30-8:00 pm)
17	Pizza Lunch Jump Rope for Heart (Rain Date)
20	Sub Lunch
21	National Aboriginal Day
21	Heart Healthy Kids Presentation (grade 3)
23	Play Day (Rain Date = June 24)
28	Term 2 Reports go home
29	Last Day of School Early dismissal for students (11:00 a.m.)

### Board Policies and Procedures

Policies and procedures govern the operation of the Board and our school. To ensure they remain current, the Board reviews policies and procedures on a regular cycle. Seeking feedback from staff and community members, including parents/guardians, is an important part of the review process.

All policies available for comment are sent to school council chairs, and are posted on the [Board website](#) along with information about how to provide feedback. The policies currently available for comment include:

- Anaphylactic Reactions (comments due by August 25)
- Respectful Workplace and Learning Environment (comments due by August 25)
- Environmental Responsibility (comments due by January 2, 2017)
- Appointment of Community Members to Board Committees (comments due by January 2, 2017)

To learn more, visit [www.yrdsb.ca/aboutus/policy/](http://www.yrdsb.ca/aboutus/policy/).

### SPOONS AND FORKS

Parents, please remember to pack a spoon or a fork in your child's lunch as we do not consistently have cutlery to provide to them. We would also like to take this opportunity to thank those parents who have donated plastic cutlery to the office for student use. It is greatly appreciated.



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### ARE YOU MOVING? We would still like to know.

If you are planning to move and your child will **not** be returning to M.J.P.S. in September 2016, please let the school know as soon as possible as this will assist us greatly with staffing, determining numbers and class placement.



### Another Successful Book Fair! May 2016

A Huge Thank you goes to Mme. Tollefsen and our wonderful volunteers.

Keep Reading!!!!!!!!!!!!!!



### Volunteer Appreciation Tea

June 15th, 2016  
9am to 10 am  
School Library



The staff and administrators at Michaëlle Jean Public School would like to show their appreciation for all of your hard work and effort throughout the school year. Your help has allowed us to achieve many events and opportunities for the students.

### Suzuki Spring Concert

Please join us on June 8th for an entertaining, musical evening as we showcase our talented students. The concert will take place **in the BAPS music room**. We look forward to seeing you there.

First concert: 5:45pm

Second concert: 7pm

Refreshments will be served between concerts.

Registration in the Suzuki program for 2016/17 is now open. Please email [bapssuzuki@gmail.com](mailto:bapssuzuki@gmail.com) for more information.

## Appropriate Dress Guidelines for MJPS

We have now experienced the first of, perhaps, many very warm days. It is time to review the School's Dress Code, specifically with warm temperatures in mind.

It is important that students dress in clothing appropriate for a school environment. Clothing which demonstrates respect for self and others is expected at all times. It is in effect while at school, on field trips and during any other school-related activities or events. *Compliance to the Appropriate Dress Policy is mandatory.*

Specifically:

- Clothing which contravenes the Human Rights Code in any way is unacceptable.
- Revealing clothing, i.e., halter tops, muscle shirts, tube tops, tank tops or tops that bare the midriff and diving necklines are unacceptable. Undergarments will remain covered at all times; shorts and skirts/dresses will be mid-thigh in length.



**Three-finger width for straps.**



**Cool, comfortable clothing that is not revealing**



**Wearing a sun hat for outside activities is encouraged.**



**For safety reasons, shoes must be worn at all times; no flip flops due to safety concerns.**



### **School Cash Online**

**School Cash Online is a one-time registration from JK to grade 12. Therefore for those students who will be moving to another school within the York Region District School Board, there is no need to re-register. You will be able to continue receiving information about field trips and events as usual. Thank you for your support.**

Please check School Cash Online for information and to provide permissions for your child. If you wish to volunteer for any of the field trips or events, you may also do so on School Cash Online.

Please note, when you register for School Cash Online you should check off that you would like to receive emails. Since the school does not send out hard copies of letters, this is the only way to find out about the field trips and events and provide permissions. If you have not checked off that you wish to receive emails, please go into your profile on the School Cash Online website to do so.

Once again, if you wish to volunteer for any of the field trips or events, you may also do so on School Cash Online.

#### **Events that require School Cash Online Registration**

Students have enjoyed many field trips and events to date. As we near the end of the school year, we will have further exciting field trips coming up which enhance student learning.

Grade 1: Round the Bend Farm: June 13

Grade 2: The Science Centre: June 6, 7, 8 and 9

Grade 3: Black Creek Pioneer Village: June 8 and 9

If you have not checked off that you wish to receive emails, please go into your profile on the

**Wednesday, June 29th, 2016**

#### **Early Dismissal in Elementary Schools**

All schools in the York Region District School Board are committed to improving student achievement and well-being. On **Wednesday, June 29th, 2016** an early release day will take place to allow elementary teachers and support staff to take part in 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 well as year-end and transition activities that support student success.

As has been our practice in the past, students will attend school during the morning of Wednesday, June 29th, 2016 only. Students will be dismissed early that day at **11:00 a.m.** Arrangements will be made to ensure that students who are normally bused to and from school will receive transportation at this time. Parents/guardians whose children attend after school child care should make appropriate arrangements to address this change in schedule.



## Pool Safety

**Drowning is the second leading cause of injury related death for Canadian children. For every child that drowns, there are approximately six to ten more that almost drown and require hospitalization. These children were playing or walking near water when a drowning or near-drowning occurred.**

**Actively supervising your child when they are around water or in a pool area is one of the most important things you can do to prevent drowning. Never leave them unattended and don't be distracted by doorbells, phone calls or conversations. If you must leave the water or pool area, take your child with you and make sure the pool gate latches securely when it closes.**

**Be aware that in York Region, public pools must pass a YorkSafe Public Health Inspection, just the same as food establishments. Your local pool should post its latest approved inspection report in clear view.**

## Pool Safety Tips

**Enforce rules like:**

**No running  
No dunking**

**No pushing  
Never swim alone**

**Do not rely on swimming lessons or “floaties” to protect your children in the water. Flotation devices are not a substitute for supervision**

**Place tables, chairs and other objects well away from the pool fence to prevent children from using them to climb into the pool area**

**Keep toys out of and away from the pool area when not in use. Young children playing with or reaching for toys could accidentally fall in the water**

**Children under the age of three and weak swimmers should wear a lifejacket or personal flotation device (PFD)**

**Make sure lifesaving equipment (rings, buoys, etc.) and a first aid kit are kept near the pool**

**Take a course on pool safety, first aid and lifesaving skills like CPR**

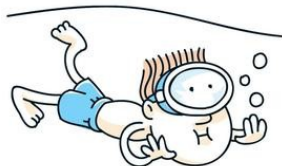
**Never use a pool with its pool cover partially in place. Children may become trapped under it**

**Don't dive into the shallow end or from the side of an in-ground pool; instead enter the water feet first and dive only from the end of a diving board**

**Pool alarms or detectors may offer extra protection against drowning or injury, even during winter storage**

**Install a four-sided fence with self-closing and self-latching gates to prevent children from accessing the pool area. Contact your local municipality for specific fencing requirements**

**For emergencies, keep a telephone close to the pool.**





## **A Message from Trustee Carol Chan**



As the school year comes to a close, I would like to thank you for all that you have done to help make this school year a successful one for our students.

We share a common goal - to give our young people every opportunity to reach their full potential, and we all have a role to play in supporting that goal. However you choose to get involved, your engagement and support make a difference. We know that good schools become better schools when they are connected with families.

Thanks to the ongoing efforts of our students, families, staff members and community partners, we are creating a welcoming, caring and inclusive learning environment that fosters student achievement and well-being.

As we move into summer, I encourage you to seek out opportunities to continue and complement the learning that takes place throughout the school year. That could mean taking a nature walk, visiting a museum or reading a book. Whatever your plans are over the next few months, I hope you have a safe, relaxing and enjoyable summer.

Trustee

Carol Chan

# June 2016

## Holidays and Observances

<b>Judaism</b> June 12-13: Shavuot celebrates the Israelites receiving the Torah.	<b>National Aboriginal Day</b> <b>June 21:</b> A day declared by the Assembly of First Nations. All First Nations' organizations cease work during this day. This is a day where all Canadians can celebrate the contributions Aboriginal peoples have made to Canada. This day was chosen because it is also the summer solstice, the longest day of the year. For generation, many Aboriginal people have celebrated their culture and heritage on or near this day. For more information about the day's activities, visit the Indian and Northern Affairs Canada Website: <a href="http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/aborigian/index.html">http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/aborigian/index.html</a>
<b>Zoroastrianism</b> <b>June 29-July 3:</b> Ghambar Maidyoshem celebrates the creation of water, the sowing of the summer crop and the harvesting of the grain.	<b>Islam</b> <b>June 6:</b> Ramadhan is the ninth month of the Islamic calendar. All Muslims who are physically able, during during this month abstaining from food and drink each day from dawn to sunset. The beginning of Ramadhan depends on the sighting of the moon on the previous evening.
<b>Sikhism</b> June 16: Martyrdom of Guru Arjan Dev Ji. The fifth Guru (1563-1606 C.E) who built the Temple of Gurdwara in Amritsar, was martyred on this day.	



**The MJPS School Council, with support from The  
Trillium Pro Grant, invites you to a PARENT  
WORKSHOP**



**Interventions for Anxiety Challenges: Consistent Practices at Home and at School**

Many students are dealing with anxiety challenges, and parents and teachers are working hard to support these children through the development, co-creation, and implementation of effective strategies both at home and at school.

Many of these strategies can be implemented within hours of learning about them, and can have life-long impact in teaching kids how to think about and manage their anxiety and stress responses.

This workshop will explore anxiety from many different angles: why we experience anxiety, when it's adaptive and when it's not, and strategies to regulate our emotional responses to life events.

Opportunity will be given for questions and answers and the rich sharing of ideas between participants and the facilitator.

**Event Details:**

**Date:** Thursday, June 16, 2016

**Time:** 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

**Place:** Michaelle Jean PS Gymnasium

**Childcare:** Provided On-site FREE of charge for children ages 3-12

**Facilitator:** Beverly Miller, Director at The M.O.S.A.I.C.S. Approach

(Managing. and Overcoming. Social. and Anxiety. Issues. with Collaborative. Support.

PLEASE REGISTER BY JUNE 10 AT <http://goo.gl/forms/nXYRXRczGRdyYBWk1>

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**OR**

**Interventions for Anxiety Challenges: Consistent Practices Workshop**

**Number of Adults Attending:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Number of Children Requiring Babysitting (ages 3-12)** \_\_\_\_\_

# School Council Newsletter



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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".*

## Upcoming Events

### School Council Meeting

- June 6, 2016 @ 7:00 p.m.



## Message from School Council Chair

*Merav Sharon*

The end of the school year is fast approaching. Our final meeting will take place on June 6th from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. in the School Library. Please remember that you do not need to be a member of School Council to attend any of the meetings. All parents are encouraged to join the meetings and provide input whenever possible.

If you have any comments, questions or suggestions for School Council, please feel free to send a message to [MJPSCouncil@gmail.com](mailto:MJPSCouncil@gmail.com).

## Student Success

The Town Of Richmond Hill Healthy Start Lunch Time programs continue to be very successful. The children are enjoying our wide range of programs.

The Spring programs have started. This is the final group of offerings for this school year.

Please look for the next flyer after school starts, in late September.

## Pizza & Sub Lunches

Programs continue to run smoothly. Thank you to each and every one of our amazing volunteers. Thank you for your continued support with this fundraiser.

We are beginning to plan for the 2016-17 school year and really need parents to be on the Pizza Committee. We have jobs for in-school and at-home. Please email me if you are interested and available. [TCUNNINGHAM27@ROGERS.COM](mailto:TCUNNINGHAM27@ROGERS.COM).

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS IN ORDER FOR THESE PROGRAMS TO RUN.

**2015/2016****Parent Council Members****Chair***Merav S.***Treasurer***Tara S. & Liliane A.***Secretary***Andrea P. & Randi M.***Communications***Miriam W. & Sepideh N.***Student Success  
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Committee Chairs***Sally W.**Shelley B.***School Climate  
Committee Chairs***Tracey C.***Volunteer Coordinator***Li G. & Liang T.***Members-at-Large***Nikki M.**Marisa M.**Yannan Z.**Sabrina J.**Sophia T.**Chang I.**Zenobia S.***Administration***Mme Russiello**Mme Rudman*

## QSP Fundraiser

Please remember you can still place your QSP orders! This year, magazines, including digital titles & custom photo products will be available for *online ordering only*. If you or other friends & family would like to place an order and support our school, please go to [www.qsp.ca](http://www.qsp.ca).

Please ensure to use our group ID #: **3741493**. You will also be asked to enter your student's name & teacher name for the order. Any money raised will go directly towards activities and resources to enhance student educational experiences at MJPS. Thank you for your continued support!

## School Council Meeting Dates

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

- June 6, 2016 @ 7:00 p.m.



# Fight the Bite!

## Protect yourself against West Nile virus and Lyme disease

If you are heading outdoors to keep active, go camping or work in your garden, protect yourself and your family against West Nile virus and Lyme disease. West Nile virus is spread to humans through the bite of an infected mosquito; Lyme disease is spread through the bite of an infected blacklegged tick.

### What you can do:

- Cover up when you go outdoors with light coloured long sleeved shirts and pants
- Use an insect repellent containing DEET
- Check yourself and your children for ticks
- Remove attached ticks as quickly as possible
- Clean up standing water around your home where mosquitoes like to breed

You can still enjoy the great outdoors; just remember to ***Fight the Bite!***

For more information about West Nile virus and Lyme disease, including the safe removal of ticks, contact York Region Health Connection 1-800-361-5653, TTY 1-866-252-9933 or visit: [york.ca/westnile](http://york.ca/westnile) or [york.ca/lymedisease](http://york.ca/lymedisease).

