

June 2017



# Michaëlle Jean P.S.

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**Nadia Russiello**

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## *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 Orientation, 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 9th Annual Fun Fair will be taking place on June 7th. We look forward to seeing 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, games, and activities. 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

## 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.

### Be Prepared for Hot Sunny Weather

Although we do all we can to keep the school cool on hot days, please dress your child appropriately, keeping in mind our school's dress code.

We appreciate student use of sunscreen for outdoor times. Please apply low-scented or unscented sunscreen lotion. There is no sharing of sunscreen lotion between students.

### Healthy Smiles Ontario

#### A Service for your Children

Healthy Smiles Ontario is a free dental program for eligible children and youth 17 years of age and under.

Good oral health is important to the overall health of children and youth. It is very important that your child starts seeing a dentist beginning at 12 months of age and that they keep going regularly.

Healthy Smiles Ontario provides free preventative, routine, and emergency services.

Check your child's eligibility by visiting:

[Ontario.ca/healthysmiles.](http://Ontario.ca/healthysmiles)

### KARATE KIDS Announcement

We are excited to announce that the *Karate Kids* program will be coming back to *M.J.P.S. in September!* This 40 minute class will run during the *lunch recess* and combines fun fitness activity, character education lessons and non-contact basic martial arts movements. The class is designed to build self-confidence, self-discipline and fitness levels in a non-competitive environment. Offered to students in grades 2 and 3 for the first term, this 18 week program will run every Thursday from *September 14th to January 18th*. Enrolment flyers containing full details will be distributed to the students on September 7th. **A second program will start for the grade 1's January 25th 2018.** This is a popular program that is currently running in over 95 schools across Ontario. You are invited to visit their website for more detailed information at [www.karatekids.ca](http://www.karatekids.ca) or call 416 482-8198.

## Character Awards Recipients for May 2017

Teacher	Recipient	Teacher	Recipient
<b>Bernard</b>	Qasim-Ali, Chloe, Jasmine	<b>Afonina</b>	Salsabil, Daniela, Carrie
<b>Collin</b>	Ella, Evan	<b>Ryan</b>	Alex, Zayed, Elena
<b>Karchevskaya</b>	Ayaan, Amber	<b>Barr</b>	Charles, Iliya
<b>Lee</b>	Renee, Rae-Nelle, Nathan	<b>Bessette</b>	Kelvin, Cameron
<b>Manarin</b>	Taylor, Isaac	<b>Darvish</b>	Joyce, Radin
<b>Prabakaran</b>	Aryana	<b>Griffiths</b>	Sierra, Shane
<b>Bawab</b>	Kristopher, Artin	<b>Messeroux</b>	Justin, Matthew
<b>Brown</b>	Radin, Parmin	<b>Mohamed</b>	Aika, Taylor
<b>Kamyab</b>	Natalie	<b>Safar</b>	Alvin, Enzo, Melyne
<b>Marjanovic</b>	Danesh, Angel	<b>Yum</b>	Queensly, Aarna
<b>Tajahmady</b>	Cailyn, Sasha	<b>Mnknjian</b>	Ethan, Isabel
<b>Yau</b>	Natalie, Nikita	<b>Kim</b>	Sanam, Datis

### Thursday, June 29, 2017 Early Dismissal in Elementary Schools

All schools in the York Region District School Board are committed to improving student achievement and well-being. On **Thursday, June 29, 2017**, 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 Thursday, June 29, 2017 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.

## **You are Invited! Suzuki Spring Concert**

**BAPS Suzuki Spring Concert** is on June 7, 2017. It is an entertaining, musical evening. It is a great opportunity to see the students showcasing their talents and to learn more about how the program works. Committee members will be available to answer any questions about the program.

Location: Music Room at Beverley Acres P.S.

**First concert at 6:00pm**

**Second concert at 7:15pm**

Refreshments will be served between concerts.

### **Are you moving before next September?**

If so, please let us know as soon as possible.

We are currently projecting our student enrolment for September 2017.

These numbers help us hire sufficient staff and support personnel. It is important that we know as soon as possible whether you may be leaving the Michaëlle Jean community before September.

Thanks for your assistance in preparing for the next school year.

Please call our office with any information: 905-770-6507.



### **Proceed with Caution**

#### **Bringing toys from home.....**

Children can get very excited about bringing toys and items from home to share or show their friends.

There may be a possibility that unfair play may occur and items may be traded or lost.

Please remind your children that any toys brought from home are their responsibility.

A decision to leave these items at home may be the best thing to do.



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Dear Principal Russiello,

On behalf of Schools for the Children of the World Canada I want to thank the students and staff of Michaëlle Jean Public School for your successful fundraising efforts in support of the "Tree School" in Honduras. The \$6,482.52 you have raised will help us start construction of the project this year. We appreciate the time and effort you have all expended and we are inspired by the enthusiasm your students have shown for supporting young people in other countries. Our work to help communities build or rebuild their schools will continue. We hope you will be with us on our next project in Haiti!

Yours truly,

David Mitchell  
President, SCWCanada

## A Message From The Trustee



As we near the end of the school year, I want to thank you for all that you do to strengthen our schools and communities. This is a good time to celebrate your child's achievements over the past year.

One of our goals in the [Trustees' Multi-Year Plan](#) is to "continuously increase student achievement and well-being through a culture and caring and learning." That includes a culture that emphasizes engagement and positive relationships among all the members of the school community – students, staff members, families and community members.

You, as parents/guardians, are our most important partners when it comes to education. The support you have provided to your child throughout this past school year will help to strengthen our schools and make a difference to your child's learning.

I encourage you to continue engaging your child in learning throughout the summer, and to help them to see the connections between what they are learning in school and the world around them. There are so many opportunities to do this over the summer, whether that's planning a budget with your child, enjoying the natural beauty in York Region, reading a book or visiting local sites. Whatever your plans are this summer, I wish you all a successful end to the school year, and a safe and enjoyable summer.

# Help Your Child Read This Summer!

Dear Parents,

Summer reading—it's important! Research shows that kids who read four or more books over the summer are better prepared for the coming school year and do not go down the 'summer slide'—the loss of reading and learning skills during the summer break. Reading over the summer months really does make a difference to your child's learning.

Here are five easy ways you can help your child reduce summer reading loss:

## **Make reading important.**

Be a role-model for reading. Let your child see you reading throughout the day and use daily routines as reading opportunities. Cooking, reading TV listings, looking for information on-line, reading directions, or following a map all provide authentic reading experiences.

## **Give your child the power of choice.**

Having reading materials available is key to helping kids love to read, and the reading materials kids choose themselves are best. In fact, 92% of children and teens say they are more motivated to read and are more likely to finish a book they have picked out. Help your child find texts that appeal to his or her interests, yet are age appropriate and 'just right' in difficulty.

## **Set aside time to read every day.**

We know that the more kids read, the better they become at reading and the more they will enjoy reading. During the summer, encourage your child to read for at least 20 minutes per day. Make reading 'down-time'—an opportunity for family members to read together, either aloud or quietly to themselves. Keep track of progress by recording book titles, pages read, and minutes spent.

## **Talk it up.**

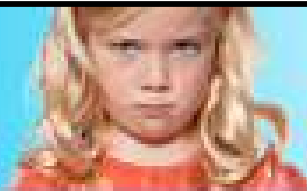
Talking about books during and after reading helps improve comprehension. Encourage kids to share their ideas and opinions by asking open-ended questions. Talk about what you read to let them know that reading is an important part of your life. Tell them why you liked a book, what you learned from it, or how it helped you— soon they might start doing the same.

## **Be part of a reading challenge.**

Most local libraries have summer reading programs that help engage and motivate readers. Kids set a goal, track books they read, and receive incentives for achieving goals. Summer programs also promote reading club opportunities where children can discuss and share books with others, either on-line or inperson. You can even create your own family reading challenge.

Have a great summer, and happy reading!

SMALL CHANGES,  
BIG IMPROVEMENTS.



THE PARENTING PROGRAM  
PROVEN TO WORK

# FREE Triple P Positive Parenting Program

Join us for a discussion on: **Thursday, June 15, 2017**

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## Raising Confident and Competent Children

Learn how to:

- Build your child's self-esteem and problem-solving skills
  - Teach your children to become independent and respectful individuals
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**Thursday, June 15, 2017**

**6:30 – 8:30 pm**

*Babysitting will be provided*

**Michaëlle Jean Public School**

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**Please register below by June 13<sup>th</sup>:**

[REGISTRATION](#)

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**Sun                  Mon                  Tue                  Wed                  Thu                  Fri                  Sat**

				1 MJPS Summer Concert	2 PA Day	3
4 Pentacost	5 Chess and Sports Sampler at lunch	6 Drawing/ Colouring and Speedminton at lunch	7 MJPS Fun Fair (5:30 pm)	8 Karate Kids at lunch Grade 1 Orientation (3:30-4:30)	9 Pizza Lunch Cartooning and Groove at lunch Gr. 1 Farm Trip	10
11	12 Chess and Sports Sampler at lunch School Council Meeting (7pm)	13 Grade 3's at Kortright Centre Speedminton at lunch	14	15 Volunteer Tea (9 am) Triple P Parenting Session (6:30 - 8:30pm)	16 Jump Rope for Heart Cartooning and Groove at lunch Pizza Lunch	17
18	19 Sports Sampler at lunch	20 Grade 3 Transition and visit to BAPS	21 National Aboriginal Day	22 Play Day	23 Play Day Rain date	24
25	26 Eid-ul-Fitr	27 Red & White Day Character Assembly	28 Report Cards go home	29 Early Dismissal (11 am) Ghambar Mailyoshem	30	



## HOLIDAYS AND OBSERVANCES

### **CHRISTIANITY**

June 4: **Pentecost (Western)** celebrates the renewal of faith that Jesus' followers felt after his death. It commemorates the coming of the Holy Spirit upon the disciples of Jesus. It comes fifty days after Easter.

### **ISLAM**

June 20: **Lailat-ul-Qadr (literally the Night of Power)** commemorates the night in 610 C.E. on which the Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) received the first revelation of the Islamic Holy scriptures (the Qur'an) from God through the Angel Gabriel. For many Muslims, any odd nights in the last ten days can be observed as Lailat-ul-Qadr.

◆ June 26: **Eid-ul-Fitr** is a celebration that marks the end of Ramadhan, the month of fast. It falls on the first day of the following month Shawal. The beginning of the month depends on the sighting of the new moon. It is the first day in which those who were fasting can eat and drink during the day.

### **NATIONAL ABORIGINAL DAY**

June 21: 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 generations, 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 & Northern Affairs Canada Website at [www.inac.gc.ca](http://www.inac.gc.ca) and look in the "Culture and History" section. Additional resources on First Nation, Metis, Inuit (FNMI) can be found on the Equity page, as well as on: <http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/aboriginal/index.html>

### **SIKHISM**

June 16: **Martyrdom of Guru Arjan Dev Ji** The fifth Guru (1563 - 1606 C.E.), who built the Temple of God in Amristar, was martyred on this day.

### **ZOROASTRIANISM**

June 29 - July 3: **Ghambar Maidyoshem** celebrates the creation of water, the sowing of the summer crop and the harvest.