



# Michaëlle Jean P.S.

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## Administrators' Message

June is already upon us and it is hard to believe that another year is almost over. Don't be fooled though, June is a very busy month at school with learning at its peak and many fun activities for students as well. We look forward to our school Fun Fair on June 19 and Play Day on June 21. Report cards will also be distributed at the end of the month, on June 27.

The entire Staff at Michaëlle Jean would also like to thank our community and School Council for organizing such a wonderful Appreciation Luncheon. We are so lucky to work with your children and appreciate your continued support.

We would like to wish our Grade 3s good luck as they leave Michaëlle Jean and move on to Beverly Acres or other schools in September. We thank them for their work on our school song "C'est comme ça ici". This will be a legacy that stays with the school for many years to come.

*Mme Russiello et Mme Taglieri*



- June 4 – PA Day (No school for students)
- June 7 – Grade 1s to Kortright
- June 7 – School Council @ 7 pm
- June 8 – Crazy Hair Day
- June 14 – Grade 3 visit to BAPS @ 10:30 am
- June 19 – Fun Fair @ 5:30 pm
- June 21 – Play Day (rain date June 22)
- June 26 – Red & White Day
- June 26 – Character Assembly @ 8:30 am
- June 27 – Report Cards are distributed
- June 28 – Early Release @ 11:00 am
- June 29 – PA Day (No School for students)

**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: **June 1, 8, 15, 22**

### Pita Mondays

If you ordered pitas through School Cash Online, please mark the following dates in your calendars: **June 11, 25**

### Frozen Yogurt Wednesdays

If you ordered frozen yogurt through School Cash Online, please mark the following dates in your calendars: **June 6, 13, 20**

### MJPS FUN FAIR

Tuesday, June 19, 2018  
 5:30pm – 7:30pm

Can you help? – email [mjpsfair@gmail.com](mailto:mjpsfair@gmail.com)

Check School Cash Online for new items.

## **NEW INFO FOR SAFE ARRIVAL**

### **WE ARE TRANSITIONING TO A NEW SAFE ARRIVAL PROCEDURE.**

As of May 28, 2018 to report any absences/lates, please call the school phone number **905-770-6507 before 8:00AM**, select the option "To Report a Student Absence/Late" and follow the prompts.

Please contact the school office if you have questions.

### 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 May

### Grade 1:

Mme Collin – Milad, Ana-Maria, William  
Mme Karchevskaya – Arthur, Daniel  
Mme Lee – Alexandria, Wade  
Mme Manarin – Jina, Lorraine  
Mme Mknjian – Layla, Kristen  
Mme Prabakaran – Kurtis  
Mme Yum – Brad, Daniel

### Grade 3 :

Mme Barr – Bradly  
Mme Bessette – Kristopher, Arthur  
Mme Darvish – Daniel, Curtis  
Mme Griffiths – Emilee, Yulan

### Grade 2:

Mme Bourrie – Ethen, Olivia, Linden  
Mme Brown – Miles, Cynthia, Ayaan  
Mme Gray – Eva, Adnis  
Mme Kim – William, Cindy  
Mme Marjanovic – Benjamin, Aryan  
Mme Tadrissi – Qasim-Ali  
Mme Tajahmady – Renee, Emily  
Mme Yau – Jake, Jawad

Mme Messeroux – Serena, Alena  
M. Mohamed – Owen, Victoria  
Mme Ryan – Eric  
Mme Safar – Chloe, Danesh

# L'initiative



## Le caractère compte ... Character Matters!

This month, we focus on perseverance, "La persévérance". I will not give up when things get tough. I will stick to my goals and work hard to achieve them, despite obstacles and challenges.

### At home:

Reinforce a **growth mind-set** with children – 'you may not know it, **yet**, but with practice you'll get it'. The key here is to emphasize that we learn some things right away, and other things may take some time. If we encourage children to keep at it, even when they aren't meeting with success, we will teach them that we believe in them, we know they can do it, and we're here to help.

Providing children of real examples of when they've shown perseverance and a growth mind-set are authentic ways to help them understand that they can achieve their goals. Learning to read or ride a bike, learning an instrument or a sport, even learning a new language like French, are all examples of how we can help children to see how they've had success when they have persevered.

## **Thursday, June 28, 2018 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 28, 2018**, 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.

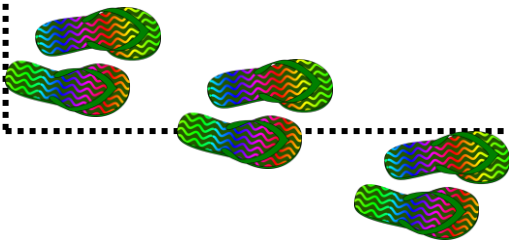
As has been our practice in the past, students will attend school during the morning of Thursday, June 28, 2018 only. Students will be dismissed early that day at **11:00 am**. Arrangements will be made to ensure that students who are normally bused to and from school will receive transportation at this time. Parents/guardians whose children attend after school child care should make appropriate arrangements to address this change in schedule.

# Health Connections

## SUNNY DAYS AHEAD!!

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. Families are encouraged to apply sunscreen in the morning, before school. 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. Also remember that spray sunscreen is discouraged as it makes our floors slippery and is difficult to clean.

Please be reminded that proper footwear (i.e., running shoes, sandals that are secure to the feet, etc.) is essential for safe outdoor play. Students should not come to school in flip flops as these can cause falls and injuries when students are playing.

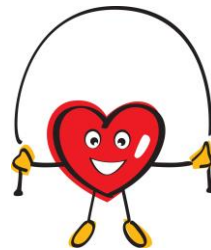


York Region is full of many free activities that you can do with your children this summer.

- Take a hike! No really ... there are many public hiking trails in York Region where you can explore and connect with nature.
- Go online to find a free [drop-in centre](#) near your home. York Region offers free programs to caregivers and children at various locations around the region.
- Visit one of Richmond Hill's many public libraries for a book exchange, or program. They offer movies, lego clubs, chess lessons, etc. for children of all ages.

## **Jump Rope for Heart @ MJPS**

On May 10th, the students and staff participated in Jump Rope for Heart. We had great weather and really enjoyed skipping outside in the fresh air. Our students raised an amazing \$6,748.01 for the Heart and Stroke Foundation!! We are truly grateful and overwhelmed by the generosity of our community here at MJPS.



## **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.



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THE PARENTING PROGRAM  
PROVEN TO WORK

### 亲子正面教育 (免费课程)

讲座将由 Family Services of York Region 辅导员主讲(语言: 普通话及广东话)。

讲座名额只有二十人

日期:

5月31日(星期四)「建立正面的自我形象」

6月7日(星期四)「处理焦虑」

6月14日(星期四)「如何应付孩子的反叛行为」

时间: 晚上6时至8时

地点: Unionville 中学 (201 Town Centre Blvd)

由于名额有限, 有意参加者请尽早报名: [网上报名](#)

电话报名或查询: 吴老师 (约克区教育局) 905-884-2046 分机 267

电邮报名或查询: 吴老师 [cathy.ng@yrdsb.ca](mailto:cathy.ng@yrdsb.ca)

敬请注意: 是次讲座不设托儿服务

### Triple P Positive Parenting Program (FREE)

The workshops will be presented by counsellors from Family Services of York Region (Language: Mandarin and Cantonese).

Limited to 20 participants

Dates:

May 31, 2018 (Thur): Self-Esteem

June 7, 2018 (Thur): Coping with Anxiety

June 14, 2018 (Thur): Disobedience

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

Location: Unionville High School (201 Town Centre Blvd., Markham)

Space is limited. Please RSVP: [Online Registration](#)

Phone registration and inquiry: Cathy Ng (YRDSB) 905-884-2046 ext. 267

Email registration and inquiry: Cathy Ng [cathy.ng@yrdsb.ca](mailto:cathy.ng@yrdsb.ca)

Please note: Childminding will NOT be provided for this workshop

### Karate Kids for 2018-19

We are excited to announce that the very popular **Karate Kids** program will be returning to **Michaëlle Jean P.S.** this upcoming September! This 40-minute class will run during the nutrition break on **Thursday's in the fall** in the gymnasium 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 safe, non-competitive environment. **Offered to grades 2 & 3 for the fall term, the 18-week program will run every Thursday starting September 13th until January 17th followed by a graduation ceremony at Northern Karate.** Enrolment forms will be handed out to the students September 6th. **The winter term class will be offered to grade 1's and will start Thursday January 24th.**

This is a popular program that is currently running in over 85 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.

# Celebrating Our Diversity

## June's Holidays and Observances

Islam	National Aboriginal Day
<p><b>June 11 Lailat-ul-Qadr</b> (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.</p> <p><b>June 15 Eid-ul-Fitr</b> 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.</p>	<p><b>June 21 A day declared by the Assembly of First Nations.</b> 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 &amp; Northern Affairs Canada Website at <a href="http://www.inac.gc.ca">www.inac.gc.ca</a> and look in the "Culture and History" section. Additional resources on First Nation, Métis, Inuit (FNMI) can be found on the Equity Page of the Board's website, as well as on: <a href="http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/aboriginal/index.html">http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/aboriginal/index.html</a>.</p>
Sikhism	Zoroastrianism
<p><b>June 16 Martyrdom of Guru Arjan Dev Ji.</b> The fifth Guru (1563-1606 C.E.) who built the Temple of God in Amritsar, was martyred on this day.</p>	<p><b>June 29-July 3 Ghambar Maidyoshem</b> celebrates the creation of water, the sowing of the summer crop and the harvesting of grain.</p>