June 2019

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Upcoming Dates

June 3 P.A. Day

June 5 Eid-ul-Fitr ◊

June 6 Jump rope for Heart

June 6 Anthony McLean guest

speaker 6:30 p.m.

June 6 Around the Bend
Farm Trip Gr.1

June 10 Character Assembly

June 11 Fun Fair

June 27 Early Release 10:50 a.m.

June 28 P.A. Day

Message from your Administrator

It is hard to believe that June is already here! Thank you to all our volunteers for helping to make this year a successful one for our students. From helping out with the lunch programs, to accompanying your child's class on a field trip, to helping your child complete his/her homework, your support and partnership in your child's education is greatly appreciated.

Our School Council is hosting our annual Fun Fair on June 11th, 2019, from 5 - 7:30 p.m. There will be a BBQ and exciting games and activities. Everyone is invited to attend!

Please note that the school office will re-open on Monday, August 26th, 2019. Office hours will be 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a safe and enjoyable summer vacation. For those who will be returning to Michaëlle Jean P.S., we look forward to seeing you in September. For those who are moving on, we wish you all the best in your future endeavours.

SAVE THE DATE!!

MJPS FUN FAIR

TUESDAY, June 11th, 2019
5 p.m.— 7:30 p.m.



Lost and Found

All last bits and pieces of lost and found articles will be displayed this week on tables near the office. There will be a second display of lost and found clothing the week of June 24th. Please drop by to claim any lost clothing from the Lost & Found. Unclaimed lost and found articles and any unclaimed student belongings left on coat hooks after June 27th will be donated to those in need as of June 28th, 2019.

Thursday, June 27, 2019 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 27, 2019,** 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 27, 2019 only. Students will be dismissed early that day at 10:50 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.

Message From Our Trustee

As we near the end of the school year, this is a good time to celebrate all your child has learned and achieved. I hope that you have seen evidence of their growth and learning throughout the year.

Supporting the well-being and achievement of our students is a partnership with families and communities, and I want to thank you for all that you do to help strengthen our schools and support your child's learning. We know that when you ask your child about their learning, help them make connections or participate in school events, our students and our schools benefit.

I look forward to continuing to build relationships with families over the summer months and in the 2019-2020 school year. As we go into the summer, there are many opportunities to continue supporting your child's learning - whether helping to plan a family trip, visiting a local museum, reading a book or participating in one of the many exciting summer learning programs offered through the Board. I hope that whatever you have planned, you have a safe and enjoyable summer.

I would also like to offer a special congratulations to the graduating class of 2019. We wish you all the very best as you move on to this next phase of your life. We look forward to welcoming back all of our new and returning families in the fall.

A message from the Chair of the Board of Trustees is also available on the Board website at www.yrdsb.ca.

Cindy Liang

Trustee



Will you be moving

this summer?

If you have not done so already, please let us know <u>as soon as possible</u> if your children will **NOT** be returning to Michaelle Jean next September. This will help us plan for our classroom organization and prepare class lists. Please call the main office (905)770-6507 if your child will **NOT** be returning to Michaelle Jean P.S. for the 2019- 2020 school year.

IS YOUR CHILD GOING TO BE ABSENT? Please call the office!!

It is the policy of the York Region School Board to report on the safe arrival of our students. If you know that your child will be absent, please send a note with your child, and/or call the school at (905) 770-6507 and press 1 to leave a message. If we do not know why your child is absent, we will under policy #665 do the following:

- 1. Call the home and business numbers provided
- 2. Call the emergency numbers provided
- If the above are unsuccessful, we will call the York Region Police to report you child as missing.

We are regularly admitting 10-15 students each day who arrive late to school. Out of respect for the learning for all, please ensure your child arrives on time to avoid disruptions to the class at the beginning of the day.

Your support in following the procedure above is important and greatly appreciated in ensuring the safe arrival of our students.

Thank you.

School Assistants Needed for Lunch Supervision!

We are always looking...

We are always looking for individuals who are willing to work as SCHOOL ASSISTANTS, supervising the students indoors while they eat lunch and then outdoors while students are on the school yard. We require helpers who are available from 11:40-12:40 at Michaëlle Jean P.S. If you are interested, please call Mme Gaston as soon as possible. Please note that these are paid positions and that you do not have to commit to working every day. If you can provide some time, even one hour a week, we would be pleased to have you join our team.

Thank you!

June EcoTheme Everything in its place

As we approach the end of the school year it is a good time to remember to keep the 4R's in mind when cleaning up and to be sure to "put everything in its place". If waste is not properly sorted and placed into the appropriate containers, it may result in an entire bag of recycling being disposed of as garbage.



PLEASE REPORT TO THE OFFICE

The Board has a Visitor's Policy that requires ALL visitors to report to the office upon entering a school. Parents must also report to the office before meeting or **Visitors** picking up Welcome: their children in order to sign them out. We request that parents not go directly to the classroom. Please meet your child/ren in the front foyer or at the main office.

Triple PTip of the Month

June~ Traveling in the Car

Family trips in the car can be fun and enjoyable, but they can also be quickly spoiled when children whine, complain, fight or tease each other. Some children can manage short trips and some can be difficult on longer ones. Misbehvaviour in the car can be stressful for parents and dangerous if the driver is distracted.

KEY STEPS:

- 1. At first, plan some short car trips
- Try not to disrupt your child's usual sleeping and eating routines (For younger children)
 - 3. Talk about rewards and consequences
 - 4. Make sure your child has interesting things to do while traveling
 - 5. Use planned ignoring for minor problems
 - 6. Act immediately if misbehavior occurs
- 7. Back up your instruction with quiet time while driving or stop the car

Don't forget to check out the new Triple P Ontario website for online resources and podcasts for parents of children from birth to teens. www.triplepontario.ca

/ate? Please arrive at school 5 minutes earlier.



We continue to have large numbers of late students in the front hall every morning. If each of these late students would leave 5 to 10 minutes earlier this would reduce our lates by nearly 90 % each morning. A child

is late to school if they are not in their classrooms by 8 a.m. Students who are still in the halls at 8:05 a.m. are late to school! Therefore, we are asking that parents help us make sure our students arrive at school by 7:50 am. If students are at school before the bell rings they will then be able to line up quickly at the rear of the school and come inside with their peers so that they are ready to start the instructional day when the bell rings at 8:00 am. This avoids late students who can be disruptive to other classes, their class and themselves. The school day officially starts at 8:00 a.m. So, we are looking for your support in getting your child(ren) out the door 5 to 10 minutes earlier and making sure we set them up for a successful day. If your child(ren) are late for school, please instruct them to go to the office for a Late Slip. Thank you!

Hot Weather Action Plan (from YRDSB Guidelines for Heat Stress & Hot Weather)

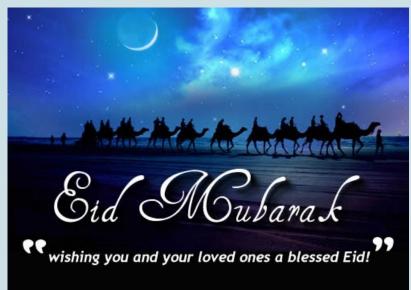
With the anticipation of warmer, even hot weather, the following steps have been reviewed with staff to help staff recognize signs of heat related illness and to avoid heat related illness for students:

- Outdoor physical activities will be rescheduled to cooler times of the day or on another day. Shady areas in the school yard will be used, where available
- Blinds, curtains will be kept closed in classrooms; lights will be dimmed in the classrooms and hallways
- Board approved fans will be used to create air movement in the room; some classes may need to be relocated to cooler areas such as the gym or library to provide relief
- Students are advised to wear a hat outside and loose light clothing, which will help to reduce body heat through moisture evaporation
- Students are encouraged to drink water for re-hydration after excessive fluid loss during physical activities or on hot, humid days; avoid using carbonated drinks with caffeine (most soft drinks) as they promote fluid loss



Parents are advised to apply sunscreen on their children PRIOR to coming to school; please avoid sending aerosol sunscreen to school as it is unhealthy for those who are sensitive or allergic to these products AND the overspray creates slippery floor surfaces for our students and staff.

Eid-ul-Fitr



June 5 Eid-ul-Fitr

Eid-ul-Fitr falls on the first day of Shawwal, the 10th month of the Muslim calendar, and marks the end of the month of Ramadan. On this day, Muslims who had been observing Ramadan break the fast and celebrate its conclusion. Please note that this date may change subject to the sighting of the moon. The day traditionally

begins early with a prayer ceremony at the community mosque. Since this is a day to celebrate the renewal of one's commitment to Islam, people may wear new clothes as a symbol of fresh beginnings. Families typically visit one another and exchange good wishes, hugs and handshakes and homes are often decorated to reflect the festive atmosphere of this special day.

On this festive and meaningful occasion for many members of the Islamic community, we join you in wishing staff, students and parents a happy celebration.

Suzuki Music Program Registration and End of Year Concert Invitation

Beverley Acres Suzuki Music Program has begun registration for the 2019/2020 season.

Piano lessons will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays for a cost of \$915.50 for 35 lessons, which includes 3 concerts and 6 group lessons. Violin lessons take place on Fridays, for a cost of \$890.50 for 35 lessons, which includes 2 concerts and 6 group lessons. Both programs run from September to June primarily during school hours. If you would like more information please email us at bapssuzuki@gmail.com

Are you interested in hearing our students play, or wanting to speak to the instructors? Our Suzuki students will be showcasing their talents at the **End of Year Concert** at Beverley Acres in June. Parents and children are more than welcome to join us on Tuesday June 4th for the piano concert, at 6:00 for the first session and 6:45 for the second session. The violin concert will be held on June 11th at 6:30. Hope to see you there.

Celebrating our Diversity

June Holidays and Observances

BAHA'I FAITH	CHRISTIANITY
May 24- Declaration of the Bab. On this day in 1844 C.E., a man known as the Bab, a title which means "the Gate," announced his mission as a manifestation of God whose purpose was to prepare the world for the coming of the promised manifestation of all religions, Baha'u'llah. The Baha'i calendar is dated from this day. Work and academic studies are suspended on this day. May 29- Ascension of Baha'u'llah. This date marks the passing in 1892 C.E. of Baha'u'llah, the prophet-founder of the Baha'i Faith, near Haifa, in the Holy Lands. Work and academic studies are suspended on this day	June 9- 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.
NATIONAL INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY	JUDAISM
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 Indigenous 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 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 the Ontario Ministry of Education Indigenous Education Strategy	June 9-10- Shavuot celebrates the Israelites receiving the Torah.
SIKHISM	ZOROASTRIANISM
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	June 29-July 3-Ghambar Maidyoshem celebrates the creation of water, the sowing of the summer crop and the harvesting of grain.