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Message from the Principal and Vice Principal



It is hard to believe that January and February are already behind us. Our school community continues to be a very busy place for our staff, parents and students. Carnaval was an absolutely memorable fun filled week of non-stop activities. Students enjoyed making crafts, watching an interactive French concert, eating maple syrup candy, meeting "Bonhomme Carnaval", participating in skating and Carnaval winter games. Needless to say, this fun could not be possible without the amazing support of our Parent Council who paid for these activities and our numerous volunteers who spent many days at our school helping with the organization of these activities.

Our staff continued to be engaged in meaningful professional learning around enhancing student critical thinking skills, technology integration and the comprehensive math program. It is important that we continue to hone our practice to meet the needs of our student population. We also thank our staff for offering various extra curricular activities such as clubs and sports (lego, rainbow loom, computer writing, eco-club, floor hockey).

Finally, as we are in second term, please take the time to review with your child their next steps in setting goals for academic and learning skills improvement. We encourage students to set these goals and check in with parents and teachers in helping them attain these goals. The final report card will be issued at the end of June.

We would like to wish all of our families a safe and enjoyable March break!

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New School Website

Please take a moment to visit our new website located at the following address:

<http://michaellejean.ps.yrdsb.ca>. We hope you will find it more user friendly and informative.



Message from YRDSB

Dear Members of the York Region District School Board Community:

As you may be aware, our current director of education will be retiring as of July 31, 2014. The important responsibility of selecting his successor now becomes the task of the Board of Trustees.

We have engaged the services of Laverne Smith & Associates, a leading Canadian firm that has worked extensively with school boards and other public sector organizations across the country. Dr. Laverne Smith, our consultant, will be assisting us by gathering input from you, the educational community.

Your input into the qualities and characteristics that you would like to see in the new director of education is critical. Please take a few minutes to complete the [linked](#) online survey which comprises four questions. The survey results will be submitted electronically directly to Laverne Smith & Associates. All responses will be held in strict confidence by the consultant.

Please submit your response by **Tuesday March 18, 2014**. If you require more time to complete the survey, responses will continue to be accepted after this deadline.

Thank you in advance for your time and input.

Yours truly,

Anna DeBartolo

Diane Giangrande

Co-Chairs of the Search Committee for Director of Education

York Region District School Board

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

The Scholastic Book Fair is coming to Michaëlle Jean at the end of March! This annual event allows students and parents to discover and purchase interesting new books to add to their collections and home libraries. This is primarily an English Book Fair but there will also be French books available.

The Book Fair will take place from **March 31 to April 3**. On **March 31** and **April 1**, students will have an opportunity to view the books. On **April 2 and April 3**, students will have the opportunity to purchase books. The Book Fair will be open on **Wednesday, April 2 until 3:30 p.m.** and on **Thursday, April 3 until 6 p.m.** for family purchasing. There will be a special draw (win \$25 worth of books, plus \$25 in books for your child's classroom) for every family that visits the Book Fair. A flyer will be sent home in March, highlighting some of the books that will be available.

Parent volunteers help to make our Book Fairs successful. If you are available to assist with the Book Fair, please contact Mme Tollefsen at MJPS.



CARNAVAL



Carnaval- Lots of fun filled activities such as concerts, assemblies, skating, outdoor games, Haiti Dance-a-thon, and crafts. Students received hot chocolate, maple sugar treats, cookies and juice. Thanks to Parent Council for funding all these wonderful events.



Haiti Dance-A-Thon Fundraiser



Winit Celebration



Our Winit celebration took place on February 27. All students received a Win It certificate where they affixed emblems to represent their contributions and different milestones they achieved throughout the year. We will have another Win It celebration in June and students will then bring home their wonderful certificates which commemorate so many activities they were part of.

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.



Celebrating Black History Month at MJPS



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 by Friday, March 7, 2014. Thank you.

Late School Bus Report

Student Transportation Services of York Region has a website in which they produce a daily update on late busses. This is an up to date report that will let you know if your bus route is running late, and how long of a wait that may be. You can find the late bus report at the following web address:

<http://www.schoolbuscity.com/latebus/>

Daylight Savings Time Begins Sunday, March 9TH.



MARCH BREAK

Monday, March 10th to Friday, March 14th