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Message from the Administrators

Happy March! 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, snowshoeing 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 parent volunteers who spent many days at our school helping with the organization of these activities.

The upcoming months will continue to be busy, productive and filled with many events such as our Parent Engagement evening (March 26), concerts, and Schools for the Children of the World Haiti fundraiser. As part of our wellness and mental health initiatives, last month we shared information about bullying prevention to help you and your child recognize the signs of bullying and what to do about it. This month in our Parent Corner, we discuss "Teaching your Child Self-Control". Please take a moment to read our Parent Corner section. Our staff continues to be engaged in meaningful and professional learning about 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, chess, computer club, eco-club, aerobics club, etc...).

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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CARNAVAL



Carnaval - Lots of fun filled activities such as concerts, assemblies, skating, snowshoeing, indoor/outdoor games, and crafts. Students received hot chocolate and maple sugar treats. Thanks to Parent Council for funding all these wonderful events.



CARNAVAL



Artist in the classroom



Celebrating Black History Month

We celebrated Black History Month at MJPS. Students participated in a variety of activities in their classrooms in different subject areas.



Technology Club

Aerobics Club



Chess Club



Pink Day

Students at MJPS wore pink on Pink Shirt Day to stand up against bullying.



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.



School Information, Procedures and Events

Spring Concerts

We are once again pleased to bring you two more concerts this year so that each student at our school will be able to participate in a performance. We are thankful to our staff who will be preparing our students closer to these dates. Performances will begin at 6:30 pm and due to space limitations and fire code regulations, each child will be able to bring only two guests. More information will be forthcoming in future correspondences.

Thursday, April 9th, 2015	Thursday, May 7th, 2015
Mme Yum	Mme Ryan
Mme Bessette	Mme C. Lee
Mme Zealey	Mme Gray
Mme Brunet	Mme Kim
Mme Bernard	M. Attias
Mme Barr	Mme Kamyab
Mme Safar	Mme Marjanovic
Mme Darvish	Mme James
	Mme Griffiths



School Information, Procedures and Events

Parent Engagement Workshop

Come out to learn more about how to help your child in the French Immersion program. Learn how a "Growth Mindset" can help your child gain confidence in developing their learning skills.

Date - Thursday March 26, 2015

Time - 6:30 - 7:30 pm

Location - Gym

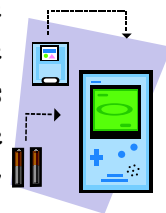
Registration information will be coming home soon

Hope to see you there!!!



Personal Property

Students who bring valuable personal property to school do so at their own risk. The school has no storage facilities for valuable items and we cannot take care of these items for students. This includes toys that are precious to our students. The School Board or school will not assume any responsibility for lost or stolen items. We ask that all valuable items be left at home.



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 13. Thank you.



Are you Moving?

If you are planning to move and your child will not be returning to M.J.P.S. in September 2015, please let the school know as soon as possible as this will assist us greatly with staffing, determining numbers and class placement.



Daylight Savings Time

Begins Sunday, March 8TH.



MARCH BREAK

Friday March 13th to
Friday, March 20th

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/>

Parent Corner

Teaching Young Children Self-Control Skills: Information for Parents and Educators

The National Association of School Psychologists definition of self-control:

Self-control is an important skill for all children to learn. It refers to having power or control over one's own actions. It also means that an individual knows right from wrong. Children who do not make choices for their own behaviour, but instead rely on other children, parents, teachers, or adults to make choices for them, do not learn self-control. These children may follow others' bad choices and get involved in ridiculing others, taking away others' things, and not taking responsibility for the consequences of their behaviour.

General Strategies to Teach Self-Control

It is important to select age-appropriate goals for children who are learning self-control.

Try simple goals first, where success is expected, one goal at a time. For preschool children, appropriate goals might include not interrupting or not fighting with siblings. For early elementary school children, appropriate goals might include complying with bedtime rules or showing anger appropriately (instead of hitting or screaming).

Some general strategies that often help children learn appropriate self-control behaviors include:

- **Take a break:** Encourage children to "take a break" or a "time out" from a situation where they are feeling angry or upset.
- **Teach and provide attention:** Children can learn to resist interrupting others by learning how to observe when others are not talking, so that they can join in appropriately. Be sure to provide children with attention at appropriate times so that they are not "starved" for attention and more likely to interrupt inappropriately.
- **Use appropriate rewards:** Children need consistent, positive feedback to learn appropriate behaviour. Praise and attention are highly rewarding for young children, as is special time with a parent. Be sure your child knows what behaviour is desired! - National Association of School Psychologists

York Region District School Board Psychological Services Department presents:

An Evening Presentation for PARENTS with Dr. Debra Pepler

Promoting Resiliency Through Healthy Relationships

Please visit our News and Events page on our website to access registration information for this workshop