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Administrators' Message

February was a month filled with learning opportunities and enjoyment for students. We had a visit from Bonhomme Carnaval and a wonderful Winter Carnaval with the help of many parents. Students had so much fun at our outdoor activities playing tug-of-war, sledding, playing soccer and hockey and completing obstacle courses. They warmed up with hot chocolate and took pictures wearing their decorated masks and with Bonhomme.

We also welcome back Mme Gray who has returned from maternity leave, and we thank Mme Xie for her work with our Grade 2s.

Students continue to work on talking about their math learning in class. They are using words, pictures and numbers to express their thinking and are being encouraged to use different strategies to show their thinking. At home, ask your child everyday math questions and talk to them about how they know their answer is right. Remember, math is not always about the answer, the process is often much more important because this is what students will draw on when solving more difficult problems.

As we work on helping students become responsible citizens of our school community, we have started a program to recognize random acts of kindness – "Les Actes de gentillesse". Both at home and at school, students are encouraged to show kindness through small acts – holding the door open, helping a friend in need, inviting a friend to play, etc.

Let's work together to make the world a kinder place, one action at a time.

Mme Russiello et Mme Taglieri

Safe Arrival

If your child is going to be absent:

Call 1-855-203-2994 or go online

yorkrdsb.schoolconnects.com before 8:00 a.m.

By reporting your child absent in advance using the **Safe Arrival** toll free number or website, you will NOT receive a call.

A confirmation number must be assigned once the absence is reported. Please do not hang up before the confirmation number is assigned.

Please contact the school office if you have questions.



March 8 – The Evolution of B-Boying
 Presentation for all students @ 10:15 am & 12:45 pm

March 9 – Pyjama Day

March Break – Monday March 12-Friday March 16

March 19 – Dental Screening

March 21-23 – Njacko Backo presentations

March 28 – Jump Rope for Heart Assembly

March 28 – Lice Crew

March 29 – Character Assembly @ 8:30 am

March 30 – Good Friday – No School

April 2 – Easter Monday – No School

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:



March 2, 9, 23

April 6, 13, 20, 27

May 4, 11, 18, 25

June 1, 8, 15, 22

Pita Mondays

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

March 5, 26

April 16, 30

May 14, 28

June 11, 25

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 February

Grade 1:

Mme Collin – Zoe & Michael
Mme Karchevskaya – Eric & Ariana
Mme Lee – Rose & Ali
Mme Manarin – Max & Arya
Mme Mnknjian – Natalie & Misha
Mme Prabakaran – Nesrin & Kaiyu
Mme Yum – Nora & Farhan

Grade 3 :

Mme Barr – Nancy & Shayan
Mme Bessette – Kiyomi & Carrie
Mme Darvish – Aylin & Kayla
Mme Griffiths – Olivia & Maya

Grade 2:

Mme Bourrie – Leah & Bianca
Mme Brown – Charles & Lucas
Mme Gray – Ethan & Yeganeh
Mme Kim – Ali & Michael
Mme Marjanovic– Kenan & Timothy
Mme Tadrissi – Aryana & Ameer
Mme Tajahmady – Noah & Addison
Mme Yau – Darya & Artem

Mme Messeroux – Nancy & Elliot
M. Mohamed – Christina & Luke
Mme Ryan – Jerma & Shayan
Mme Safar – Audrey & Tristan

Le Respect



Le caractère compte ... Character Matters!

This month, we focus on Integrity - “L'intégrité – I will do what is right and ensure there is no difference between what I say and what I do.

At home:

- Speak to your child about your values and your beliefs as a family – being honest and kind for example.
- Encourage children to talk about a time when they had to make a decision that showed their integrity – making the right choice even when no one is looking (i.e., in the playground, in the hallway, etc.)



Eco Corner

Plastic bottle caps – Please send in your washed plastic bottle caps (from plastic soda bottles, water bottles, juice containers, milk cartons, etc.). We are planning an exciting art project for the school and need your help to start our collection.

Earth Hour – At Michaëlle Jean, we will participate in Earth Hour on Friday, March 23 from 1-2pm. Think about participating in Earth Hour at home on Saturday, March 24 from 8:30 pm-9:30 pm.

Summer Institute

Looking for summer learning and fun activities for students entering Senior Kindergarten to Grade 8? Summer Institute offers academic, recreational and athletic programs and activities with intentional links to the Ontario Curriculum.

The program runs for six weeks during July and August. It is offered at 11 school sites around York Region.

For more information on dates, programs and locations, please visit the Summer Institute page on www.yrdsb.ca.

Registration opens March 7. Families can now register online, as well as in person or by mail.



Daylight Savings Time

Clocks “Spring” forward one hour on Sunday, March 11 @ 3:00 am

Health Connections Eye Exams

Have your children had their eyes checked this year? All children are entitled to annual OHIP-covered eye exams until they turn 20.

With so much visual information presented in the classroom, children need clear vision to see, to process, to learn.

Did you know ...

- up to 80% of classroom learning is visual
- according to the Ontario Association of Optometrists, 25% of children have a form of vision problem
- only 19% of students under the age of six have had a comprehensive eye exam.

Book your child's eye appointment today!



Transportation Requirements

Students in **Grades JK-3 must live more than 1.2 km** from the school to qualify for bussing.

Students in **Grades 4-8 must live more than 1.6km** from the school to qualify for bussing.

This means that a student may have qualified in Grade 3, but no longer qualifies in Grade 4. It also means that a younger sibling may qualify while an older sibling may not.

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.



Please keep us up-to-date!

If you have **new phone numbers or contact information**, please be sure to inform the school office. In case of an emergency, we want to be able to contact you. **This includes setting up your voice mail so we can leave you a message!** Thank you.

EQAO for 2017-18

At Michaëlle Jean, our Grade 3 students will be writing the Mathematics portion of the EQAO assessment later this year. Please do not book appointments or vacations during the period of May 22-June 4, 2018. More information for families will be provided as we approach these dates. Thank you for your cooperation.

Contribute to Strategic Planning at YRDSB - Upcoming Town Halls

York Region District School Board is revisioning its Multi-Year Plan (MYP) and Board Improvement Plan for Student Achievement and Well-being. The Board of Trustees is responsible for setting the strategic direction of public education in York Region public schools. The MYP incorporates the direction established by the Trustees with feedback received from all stakeholders, and will inform decision making at the Board in the years to come. Town halls will be taking place across the region and feedback collected from families and community members will inform the creation of a new MYP. Your voice is important and your input and feedback will help York Region District School Board support student achievement and well-being. There will also be other opportunities, including a survey available in April, to share your thoughts if you are unable to attend a town hall.

Save the Date!

TOWN HALL DATES AND TIMES	LOCATIONS
Monday, April 16, 2018 7 - 9 p.m.	Keswick High School 100 Biscayne Blvd., Keswick
Wednesday, April 18, 2018 6 - 9 p.m.	Markville Secondary School 1000 Carlton Rd., Markham
Sunday, April 22, 2018 2 - 4 p.m.	Sir William Mulock Secondary School 705 Columbus Way, Newmarket
Wednesday, April 25, 2018 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.	Maple High School 50 Springside Rd., Maple
Saturday, April 28, 2018 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.	Bayview Secondary School 10077 Bayview Ave., Richmond Hill



French Summer Camp Info

Association Francophone de York Region: French Immersion Camp
<http://www.afry.ca/french-immersion-summer-camp/>

French Solution
<http://www.frenchsolutions.ca/camps.html>

Camp Tournesol
<http://www.camptournesol.ca/about-us/>

Other Summer Camp Info

Ontario Special Needs Summer Camp Listings
<http://www.ourkids.net/disability-camps.php>



Parent Support Network Meeting!

Supported through Silver Pines
School Council

Tuesday, March 20th 2018

6:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Silver Pines Elementary School

112 Stave Crescent, Richmond Hill

Please register to: danielle.sugar@yrdsb.ca

**Registration is required to attend this meeting*

*Maximum of 25 attendees**

Danielle Sugar (IDT-YRDSB Central) Natasha Kieser (IDT-YRDSB North)

**Parent introduction/meet and greet followed by
a guest speaker from The York Centre**

The York Centre provides a range of mental health services for children, youth and families who live in the Region of York. Services are delivered by a multi-disciplinary team based upon a holistic approach to social, emotional, academic and familial needs.

Get to know
the resources
in your
community

Light
beverages
and
snacks

BUS CANCELLATIONS **DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER**

You must **notify** the **school** if your child will be **absent** due to **bus cancellations**.

PLEASE CALL 1-855-203-2994 or GO ONLINE
yorkrdsb.schoolconnects.com to notify the school.

SCHOOLS REMAIN OPEN

During an Inclement Weather Day, the school is open and alternate programming may be provided depending on the number of students in attendance on this day.

PIZZA/PITA LUNCH & KIDS' KITCHEN

If Pizza or Pita Lunches are scheduled on an Inclement Weather Day they will be **cancelled and rescheduled**.

All Kids' Kitchen orders will be delivered, unless cancelled by phone **before 8:00AM** on the day of delivery.

DROP OFF/PICK UP

Students who come to school on a Snow Day may be dropped off and picked up through the parking lot loop. **Pick up will begin at 2:00 pm. Please pick up your child by 2:20 pm.**

School Bus Cancellation Notice

To ensure the safety of students, school bus service may be cancelled due to inclement weather, extreme temperatures and/or poor road conditions. In these cases, parents and students should develop alternate care/transportation arrangements.

Cancellation decisions will only be made after thorough consultation with the Safety Officers of school bus companies servicing York Region and are based on several factors including precipitation, air temperature, road conditions and weather forecast.

Please note the following;

- A decision to cancel school bus service will be **region-wide** meaning all school buses, vans and taxis will not operate.
- **School bus routes may be cancelled when severe weather may not be affecting all municipalities in York Region.** Both the YRDSB and YCDSB operate many regional educational programs. Students attending these programs are transported over large attendance areas encompassing several municipal boundaries. This limits the ability to cancel bus service using a municipality or zone methodology.
- When bus service is cancelled all school tests and/or examinations will be cancelled and rescheduled.
- Student trips involving the use of school buses will also be cancelled.
- Unless otherwise stated, schools will remain open and parents can make arrangements to transport their children to and from school even if school bus service is cancelled. **If buses are cancelled in the morning, they will not operate in the afternoon. Therefore, students transported to school by parents will require the same transportation home.**

Parents, students and school staff are asked to access the following radio and television stations after 6:00 a.m. to receive bus cancellation information:

RADIO

590 AM	640 AM	680 AM	860 AM	1010 AM	1050 AM	1540 AM	1580 AM
88.5 FM	89.9 FM	92.5 FM	93.1 FM	94.9 FM	95.9 FM	97.3 FM	98.1
FM99.1 FM	99.9 FM	101.1 FM	102.1 FM	104.5 FM	100.7 FM	105.9	107.1 FM

TELEVISION

CITY TV	CTV Barrie	CTV Toronto	CP24	GLOBAL NEWS
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A bus cancellation message will also be available at www.schoolbuscity.com and by calling 1-877-330-3001, or by following @YRDSB and @YCDSB on twitter.

**Please note that school bus charters (trips) will not operate
when home to school bus service is cancelled.**

Celebrating Our Diversity

March's Holidays and Observances

Baha'i Faith	Buddhism
<p>March 2-20 - The 19-Day Fast is observed every year from March 2 until March 20. During this time those who are physically able, abstain from food and drink from sunrise until sunset each day.</p> <p>March 21 - Naw Ruz (Baha'i New Year). Baha'is celebrate New Year on the first day of spring. Work and academic studies are suspended on this day. This date is also celebrated as a cultural event or faith day by many faith groups throughout the world.</p>	<p>March 20 - Spring Ohigon is a special time to listen to the teaching of the Buddha and to meditate on the perfection of enlightenment. This day is of particular importance for Jodo Shinshu Buddhists.</p>
Christianity	Hinduism
<p>March 25 - Palm Sunday The Sunday before Easter, the beginning of the Holy Week celebrating Jesus' entry into Jerusalem. (Western Calendar)</p> <p>March 29 - Maundy Thursday (Holy Thursday) is the commemoration of the institution of the Lord's Supper (Western Calendar).</p> <p>March 30 - Good Friday commemorates Jesus' death by crucifixion (Western Calendar).</p>	<p>March 2 - Holi is a colourful spring festival observed widely in Hindu communities around the world. The myths, customs and rituals associated with Holi vary considerably from place to place.</p> <p>March 18-26 - Navaratri (Spring) is a nine-day celebration of the Divine Goddess for good health, happiness and knowledge.</p> <p>March 26 - Ramanavami On this day Lord Rama the 7th incarnation of Lord Vishnu is said to have been born.</p>
Jainism	Judaism
<p>March 29 - Mahavir Jayanti is the celebration of the birthday of Lord Mahavira (meaning the Great Hero) of Jina (the Conqueror)</p>	<p>March 1 - Purim celebrates the victory over an oppressive ruler by Queen Esther and her Uncle Mordecai.</p> <p>March 31-April 7 - Pesach (Passover) is a "Festival of Freedom" that commemorates the exodus of the Jews from slavery in Egypt. Symbolic foods, such as matzo, are eaten and leavened products are prohibited. First Seder is on the evening of March 30th.</p>
Sikhism	Zoroastrianism
<p>March 14 - Sikh New Year's Day is the first day of the new Nanakshahi solar calendar. This is year 550 of the new era.</p>	<p>March 17 - Ghambar Hamaspathmaedem celebrates the creation of human beings.</p> <p>March 21 - Naw Ruz (New Year's Day) in Fasli calendars. This is the first day of the Zoroastrian and Persian year. It is a time of religious observance preceded by ten days of remembrance of the dead. It symbolizes the renewal of the world after winter. Irrespective of their religion, many Iranians celebrate this day. Naw Ruz is also observed/celebrated by many other faith and cultural groups around the world. This celebration may also fall on March 20 based on the time of sunrise.</p> <p>March 28 - Birthday of Prophet Zarathustra, the founder of the Zoroastrian faith.</p>