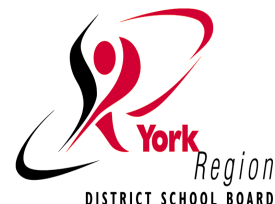


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Upcoming Dates

March 16-20 March Break

March 24 Black History
Presentation

March 30 Author Visit



March 16 - 20, 2020

Message from your Administrator

Welcome to March!! Michaëlle Jean P.S. has been a busy school over the past month! Our entire school participated in our annual Carnaval. Students were thrilled to see Bonhomme Carnaval who made special visit to all our classes. Students also learned how to knit scarves through a finger knitting activity, participated in a dance in the gym and enjoyed a delicious maple candy and hot chocolate. Our outdoor activities have been postponed for the time being but will definitely take place at a later date. Many thanks to the endless hours that our School Council put in, behind the scenes, to make this event a successful one. Your efforts are greatly appreciated.

Thank you to our amazing School Council for subsidizing the carnival, as well as other activities such as Scientists in the School for all our students. In March, our students will participate in our Black History presentation that will take place on the 24th and an author visit on the 30th. Mireille Messier, a French author, will be joining us and sharing her books with everyone.

Finally, we would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a safe, enjoyable March Break. Before we know it, it will be spring once again!





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
3. 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

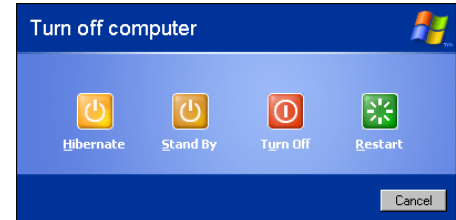
Lunch Supervision!

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 Dhirani in the office. 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!

March Eco Theme



Maximize overall energy consumption by powering off all computers and monitors at the end of the day.



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 their order to picking up children in 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.

**Visitors
Welcome!!**



Naw Ruz (New Year)

Usually occurs on March 21st. This is the first day of the Zoroastrian and Persian year. Naw Ruz is also observed/celebrated by many other faith and cultural groups around the world.

Late? 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!

We have a Twitter account!!!

Please follow us on our Twitter handle:

@MJPSyrdsb

Celebrating our Diversity

March Holidays and Observances

BAHA'I FAITH	BUDDHISM
<p>March 1– 19 The Baha'i 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 20 -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 2- First day of Lent (Eastern Calendar), which is the great fast, is the last six weeks of a ten week period before Easter. This day is also known as Clean Monday. Some Eastern Churches may start Lent a week before on March 4.</p>	<p>March 9 -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 25-April 2- Navaratri (Spring) is a nine-day celebration of the Divine Goddess for good health, happiness and knowledge.</p>
ISLAM	JUDAISM
<p>March 21 Naw Ruz (Ismaili) Naw Ruz ("New Day") is considered New Year for many cultures. It falls on the date of the vernal (spring) equinox and symbolizes the renewal of the world after winter. For Ismaili Muslims, it signifies a time of Spiritual renewal and physical rejuvenation, as well as a spirit of gratitude for blessings and an outlook of hope and optimism.</p> <p>March 22 Miraj-un-Nabi commemorates Prophet Muhammad's (pbuh) famous night journey (al-Isra) from Mecca to Jerusalem and his subsequent ascension (al-Miraj) to paradise.</p>	<p>March 10- Purim celebrates the victory over an oppressive ruler by Queen Esther and her Uncle Mordecai.</p>
SIKHISM	
<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>	

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March Holidays and Observances

WICCA	ZOROASTRIANISM
March 19- Ostara - a festival that celebrates the season's change from dark winter to brightening spring.	March 16- Ghambar Hamaspathmaedem celebrates the creation of human beings. 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.
ZOROASTRIANISM	
March 26 -Birthday of Prophet Zarathustra , the founder of the Zoroastrian faith.	