

# May 2019

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### Upcoming Dates

- May 2-3 International Days
- May 6 Ramadan begins
- May 6-10 French book Fair
- May 8-9 RHCPA Artist visit Gr.2
- May 9 Spring Concert
- May 13 Volunteer Tea
- May 20 Victoria Day
- May 29 VIP visit Gr. 3
- June 3 P.A. Day
- June 6 Jump rope for Heart
- June 6 Anthony McLean guest speaker in evening
- June 6 Around the Bend  
Farm Trip Gr.1
- June 11 Fun Fair

### Message from your Administrator

We would like to take this opportunity to thank our wonderful School Council for all of their hard work in organizing the fundraising events for the 2018-2019 school year. Some of this year's money was allocated to field trips, as well as school-wide presentations such as the "Beauty and the Beast" and "Jou Tou" which performed for our students in April. As well, in consultation with our staff, the School Council purchased technology for our classrooms which have arrived and being sorted as we speak. Your efforts are greatly appreciated by all our students and staff.

Our first annual International days were held on May 2nd and 3rd, and were a big success. We listened to music from around the world, students wore clothing representative of their culture and prepared flags to decorate the school. Our next school-wide event will be on June 6th where Anthony McLean, a guest speaker, will join us in the evening at 6:30 p.m. to talk about Screen Time and Social Media.

But wait, there's more! "Family Fun Fair" you say? Yes, our School Council has been busy planning our upcoming annual MJPS Family Fun Fair which will be held on June 11th. from 5 - 8 p.m. There will be many exciting games and activities for everyone to enjoy. If you would like to volunteer some time, please join us at our next meeting on May 15th at 7 p.m. or contact one of our council members. We appreciate all the help we can get.

We look forward to seeing everyone at all our upcoming events!



## 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!

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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!

## May Eco Theme

### Water Conservation

The spotlight this month is on water conservation. We are rethinking our use of water and treating our water as an essential resource that should be used sparingly and not wasted. Every drop counts and every person can make a difference.



### 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 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.

**Visitors  
Welcome!!**



**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!

**SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING**



Our next School Council meeting is on May 15th at 7 p.m. in the school library.

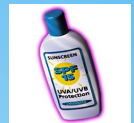
Everyone is welcome to join!

***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.**

## Math Corner



Spring and nice weather make for a great time to get outdoors and connect with math. Whether you are taking a walk, filling compost bags with leaves or starting to build that garden shed, there are many opportunities to engage in rich mathematical discussions with your child.

Here are some questions you can pose to your child as you engage with nature:

- What shapes do you see in that house?
- How tall do you think that tree is?
- How far do you think we walked today?
- How many piles of leaves do you think will fit into this bag?
- How many \_\_\_ did you see on our walk?
- How many windows do you think are in that building?
- How long do you think it will take us to walk one kilometer?
- If we double our pace how long do you think it will take us to get home?

So the next time you spend some time outdoors with your child, take some time to engage in some math talk!

You may also be interested in reading a new article for parents written by Jo Boaler, Professor of Mathematics Education at Stanford University.

[Developing Mathematical Mindsets, The Need to Interact with Numbers Flexibly and Conceptually](#)



## Triple P Tip of the Month

Month ~ MAY ~ Lying



Parents may find it hard to believe their children when they often tell lies. Telling lies can also cause problems with friends and other family members. Children need to learn that no matter what they have done, they must tell the truth. It is best to deal with lying as soon as it starts.

### KEY STEPS:

Discuss with your child what lying is and why it is a problem

Tell your child they must stop telling lies

Talk about consequences for telling lies

Setup opportunities for your child to tell the truth

Praise your child for telling the truth, act immediately

Apply consequences for lying and any other problem behavior

**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.**



*Will you be moving this summer?*

If you have not done so already, please let us know as soon as possible if your children will **NOT** be returning to Michaele 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 Michaele Jean P.S. P.S. for the 2019- 2020 school year.

Please note that this request applies to students who would typically be returning to MJPS in the Fall but who may be moving out of the MJPS boundary.



Our Grade 3 students will be participating in the annual EQAO provincial testing May 21-June 3, 2019. French Immersion students in grade 3 write only the Mathematics portion of the test which is administered in French. The objective and reliable facts obtained from these tests add to the current knowledge about student learning and are an important tool for improvement at the individual, school and provincial levels.

If your child is in Grade 3, **we are asking that you do your best to ensure that they are in attendance for the duration of the testing on May 27 and May 28, 2019.** Results of the tests will be sent home with each child in September 2019. If you have any questions regarding the tests, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher or the Administration. There is no additional preparation required for the testing as it is based on the Ontario Curriculum that students work with on a daily basis. For more information, we encourage you to visit the EQAO website and click on the link for Parent Resources. [www.eqao.com](http://www.eqao.com)

# Celebrating our Diversity

## May Holidays and Observances

BAHA'I FAITH	BUDDHISM
<p><b>May 24- Declaration of the Bab.</b> 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.</p> <p><b>May 29- Ascension of Baha'u'llah.</b> 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</p>	<p><b>May 18- Wesak</b> is celebrated on the full moon. It is considered the most auspicious day of the year, celebrating Buddha's Birth, Enlightenment, and Final Demise. In Canada, many Buddhist groups join together to celebrate the three festivals of Buddha's life as one event. They do this on the day of the fourth full moon after the lunar new year, or the Sunday closest to that day. This is usually around mid-May.</p>
CHRISTIANITY	ISLAM
<p><b>May 30- Ascension Day</b> (Western) marks Jesus' ascension into heaven and is observed through prayers and music. It occurs forty days after Easter.</p>	<p><b>May 6- Ramadhan</b> is the ninth month of the Islamic calendar. All Muslims who are physically able, fast during this month abstaining from food and drink each day from dawn to sunset. The beginning of Ramadhan depends on the sighting of the moon on the previous evening.</p> <p><b>May 31- Lailat-ul-Qadr</b> (literally the Night of Power) commemorates the night in 610 C.E. on which the Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) received the first revelation of the Islamic Holy scriptures (the Qur'an) from God through the Angel Gabriel. For many Muslims, any odd nights in the last ten days can be observed as Lailat-ul-Qadr</p>
WICCA	
<p><b>May 1- Beltane</b> meaning "May", the greening of the Earth, blossom time, when Goddess and God are reunited. Beltane has long been celebrated with feasts and rituals.</p>	