

May 2017



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## *From the Administrative Team:*

May is shaping up to be a very busy month at Michaëlle Jean P.S.! Some events that will take place are our Jump Rope for Heart assembly, Beach Day, various field trips and EQAO. Please take the time to look over the list of events included in the newsletter for a full outline of what will be taking place this month.

As our school staff begins organizing classes for September 2017, it is valuable for parents to understand the process for student placement decisions. The ultimate goal in all of our efforts is to provide an optimum learning environment for our students. Classroom teachers and the special education teacher as well as the principal and vice principal are involved in the class placement process. A great deal of time and consideration goes into placing students in the most positive learning environment possible. Classes at each grade level are formed using a variety of important criteria such as:

- a range of performance levels within each class, taking into account students' learning styles, strengths and needs, attitudes, and work habits;
- gender balance in each class;
- promoting positive social relationships while minimizing unproductive association.

Please note that combined grade classes are very common in our system and will be part of our organization for 2017-18.

If you would like to share in this process, we encourage you to contribute your thoughts in writing by May 19th for our consideration. Please address and forward your letter to the office, sharing information about how your child learns best. Each new year brings opportunities for all students to expand their circle of friends. For this reason, class placement decisions based on friendships will not be considered. As well, please do not ask for a specific teacher. Letters that contain requests for specific teachers will be returned to you. Teaching assignments are continually adjusted, often into the summer months. As always, we appreciate your understanding as we work together for the benefit of all of our students.

We extend a warm welcome to Mme. Janakan as a part of our office team. We are so pleased to have her.

*N. Russiello*

Principal

*J. Rudman*

Vice-Principal

## 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.

## **EQAO Assessment Dates**

May 28, May 29, May 30, May 31, and June 1, have been selected for our Grade 3 students to complete the EQAO assessment. Michaëlle Jean PS staff members will be administering the assessment throughout this period.

Please do not schedule any medical appointments during this time. Information is available at [www.eqao.com](http://www.eqao.com) and additional information will be sent directly to our grade 3 parents. We encourage these parents to explore the web-site. EQAO resources will also be shared with the students in preparation for the assessments.



## **Family Math Night**

**A great success!**



We are thrilled to share the excitement from our Family Math Night at Michaëlle Jean P.S. On April 6, our doors were open to parents and their children for an evening of engaging math activities that included spatial sense, card and dice games as well as problem solving. Our hope for Family Math Night was to provide parents and students the opportunity to engage in math games that could also be played at home as a family. The volunteer teachers and parents were pleased to see the MJPS community come together in what proved to be an enjoyable learning opportunity and community event.

## **York Region District School Board School Climate Survey for Parents**

Parents/guardians are invited to participate in a survey before May 19. This survey provides an important opportunity for parent/guardian voice. Results will be used to guide planning to support student achievement and well-being.

The English version of the survey is available online. Paper surveys are available in English, Simplified Chinese, Traditional Chinese, Farsi, Gujarati, Hebrew, Korean, Punjabi, Russian, Sri Lankan Tamil, Urdu and Vietnamese. Please contact the school to request a paper copy.

We value your input and encourage you to complete the survey. The information you provide will be anonymous, considered confidential and kept in strict accordance with all relevant legislation. Please contact the school if you have any questions.

## Character Awards Recipients for April 2017

Teacher	Recipient	Teacher	Recipient
<b>Bernard</b>	Pavle, Reiko	<b>Afonina</b>	Jonathan, Lukas
<b>Collin</b>	Claire, Joseph	<b>Ryan</b>	Ayan, Angel
<b>Karchevskaya</b>	Christina, Austin	<b>Barr</b>	Rebecca, Yann
<b>Lee</b>	Sophia W, Sophia L	<b>Bessette</b>	Rayan, Bennett
<b>Manarin</b>	Bruce, Ida	<b>Darvish</b>	Arousha, Tai
<b>Prabakaran</b>	Jake	<b>Griffiths</b>	Gabriela, Frankie
<b>Bawab</b>	Lucas C	<b>Messeroux</b>	Fiona, Chloe
<b>Brown</b>	Isabella, Siyona	<b>Mohamed</b>	Sherwin, Cynthia
<b>Kamyab</b>	Ronya, Arthur	<b>Safar</b>	Brian. Ava
<b>Marjanovic</b>	Amitis, Audrey	<b>Yum</b>	Lucas C
<b>Tajahmady</b>	Elliot, Shantia	<b>Mnknjian</b>	Hin Man So, Maya
<b>Yau</b>	Beverly, David	<b>Kim</b>	Charlotte, Owen

Initiative will be the focus in May.

## Dressing for Wet Days



Although the weather is warming up, we still have wet days. Please ensure your child dresses appropriately on these days (rain boots, splash pants) and has a change of clothes and socks at school.

## Haiti Fundraiser



SCW

Schools  
for the  
Children  
of the  
World

Michaëlle Jean P.S. is proud of their continued involvement and support of the Schools for the Children of the World Canada (SCW). MJPS started this tradition to support the impoverished infrastructure in Haiti (the country of origin of our former Governor General, Michaëlle Jean) which made it very difficult for the victims of the earthquake in January 2010 to recover. Over the years, MJPS has raised money that was donated to support projects in

Haiti, Honduras and Ecuador. We are proud to announce that we raised **\$6,482.52** and it will be donated to the Schools for the Children of the World Canada, and will go a long way toward helping build the "Tree School" in Honduras.

MERCI!

### Are you moving before next September?

If so, please let us know as soon as possible.

We are currently projecting our student enrolment for September 2017.

These numbers help us hire sufficient staff and support personnel. It is important that we know as soon as possible whether you may be leaving the Michaëlle Jean community before September.

Thanks for your assistance in preparing for the next school year.

Please call our office with any information: 905-770-6507.



### Proceed with Caution

Children can get very excited about bringing toys and items from home to share or show their friends.

There may be a possibility that unfair play may occur and items may be traded or lost.

Please remind your children that any toys brought from home are their responsibility.

A decision to leave these items at home may be the best thing to do.

## Public Health Immunization Information

In the 2017/18 school year, York Region Public Health will visit all elementary schools to provide school immunization clinics to Grade 7 students. The clinics offer vaccines for Hepatitis B, Human Papilloma Virus (HPV) and Meningococcal A, C, Y, W-135 at no cost.

Under the Immunization of School Pupils Act, meningococcal vaccine is required for school attendance, unless an exemption is filed with public health. Hepatitis B and HPV vaccines are recommended, but not required for school attendance.

Parents of students entering Grade 7 in fall 2017 will receive consent forms in the mail in June. Please complete the consent form and return it to York Region Public Health to allow your child to participate in the immunization clinics. Detailed instructions can be found on the forms and accompanying letter. If the consent form is not completed, your child will not be able to receive vaccines at the clinic.

Parents and guardians who do not consent should still complete the forms and return them, indicating that you do not authorize York Region Public Health to immunize your child.

Visit [york.ca/immunizations](http://york.ca/immunizations) and click on School Immunization Clinics for more information.

Did you know? If your child has missed a required vaccination on Ontario's routine immunization schedule, he/she can receive the vaccine at one of York Region Public Health's Community Immunization Clinics. These evening clinics are offered throughout the summer, giving students the opportunity to catch up before

## No Scents Please

The York Region District School Board is committed to a safe, healthy and respectful workplace and learning environment for staff, students, and all other persons who are invited to or who work on Board property.

According to the Lung Association, 15 to 20 per cent of the Canadian population has respiratory issues, such as asthma, emphysema, bronchitis, and allergies.

Several hundred chemicals can be used to make ONE scented product. Fragrances are found in a wide range of products. Common scented products include perfume, cologne, aftershave, deodorant, soap, shampoo, hairspray, body spray, makeup and powders. Examples of other products with added scents include air fresheners, fabric softeners, laundry detergents, cleaners, carpet deodorizers, facial tissues, and candles. Reactions to these chemicals may include shortness of breath/wheezing, headaches and migraines, nausea and muscle pain, and cold-like symptoms.

Staff, students and all other persons who are invited to or who work on Board property are asked to be considerate of those who are sensitive to fragrant chemicals by voluntarily refraining from chemical-based scented products and replacing them with unscented alternatives. This will reduce the use of fragranced products in our environment. Thank you!

# Asian

## HERITAGE MONTH COMMUNITY CELEBRATIONS

### Celebrate Asian Heritage Month & Canada's 150th

Join us in celebrating the amazing cultures, traditions, and food of Asia and Canada's 150th Birthday!



NEW

#### CELEBRATE STUDENT SUCCESS

Asian Student Awards of Excellence  
Award Presentation Ceremony

#### DISCOVER ASIA'S DIVERSITY



#### EXPERIENCE ASIAN CULTURE

Cultural performances and  
artistic & musical showcases



#### SAVOUR THE TASTES OF ASIA



**Saturday, May 13, 2017 | 2:00-5:00 PM**

Location: Richmond Green Secondary School, Cafeteria  
1 William F. Bell Pkwy, Richmond Hill, ON L4S 2T9

**EVERYONE IS  
WELCOME**

#### Event Chairs



Richmond Hill  
YRDSB Trustee  
**CAROL CHAN**



Richmond Hill  
Ward 3 Councillor  
**CASTRO LIU**



Richmond Hill  
Ward 6 Councillor  
**GODWIN CHAN**

#### Event Partners



FCCYR  
Federation of Chinese Canadians in York Region  
約克區加華聯會



Serving people from diverse cultures



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Having trouble finding community resources?  
Need translation to your language?  
Wonder how to volunteer at Michaëlle Jean P.S.?  
Need help in communicating with your child's teacher or other community agencies?  
We are your Community Ambassadors at Michaëlle Jean P.S. We are also parents.  
If you have any questions about school and community, contact us by email or through the school office.

학교생활 및 지역사회 관련 자료를 찾기 힘드신가요?  
학교에서 한국어 통역이 필요하신가요?  
학교 자원봉사활동을 어떻게 하는지 알고 싶으신가요?  
자녀의 학교 선생님이나 다른 커뮤니티 기관과의 사소통을 위한 도움이 필요하시나요?  
저희는 커뮤니티 엠베서더입니다. 또한 여러분의 자녀들이 다니는 학교의 학부모이기도 합니다.  
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मराठी  
ગુજરાતી  
हिंदी  
English  
French

Avez-vous des difficultés à trouver des ressources communautaires ?  
Besoin de traduction dans votre langue ?  
Vous vous demandez comment faire du bénévolat à Michaëlle Jean P.S. ?  
Besoin d'aide pour communiquer avec l'enseignante de votre enfant ou d'autre l'agences de communauté?  
Nous sommes vos ambassadeurs communautaires à Michaëlle Jean P.S. Nous sommes aussi parents. Si vous avez des questions concernant l'école et la Communauté, contactez-nous par courriel ou par l'intermédiaire du Bureau de l'école.

برای یافتن امکانات و منابع جامعه برای خود و خانواده تان مشکل دارید؟  
نیاز به ترجمه به زبان خود دارید؟  
نمی دانید چگونه در مدرسه همکاری یا داوطلبانه داشته باشید؟  
نیاز به کمک در برقراری ارتباط با معلم فرزند خود و یا دیگر موسسات جامعه دارید؟  
ما نمایندگان جامعه شما در مدرسه و مانند شما پدر و مادر هستیم.  
اگر هر گونه سوالی در مورد مدرسه و جامعه خود دارید،  
با ما از طریق ایمیل و یا از طریق دفتر مدرسه تماس بگیرید.

هل تواجه صعوبة في العثور على موارد المجتمع، بالتنسيق لك ولعائلتك؟  
هل تحتاج إلى مترجم؟  
هل تحتاج أن تعرف كيف التطوع في المدرسة؟  
هل تحتاج إلى مساعدة في التواصل مع معلم طفلك أو وكالات المجتمع الأخرى؟  
نحن سفراء المجتمع ونحن أيضا آباء  
إذا كان لديك أي اسئلة حول المدرسة والمجتمع، اتصل بنا عن طريق البريد الإلكتروني أو من خلال المكتب

找不到合适的社区资源？需要翻译？想知道如何来 Michaëlle Jean 小学帮忙？需要协助与孩子老师或其他社区机构沟通？  
我们是您在 Michaëlle Jean 小学在社区使者，我们也是学生家长，您有任何关于学校和社区的问题，可以通过电邮或者通过学校办公室联系我们。



# Aurora's First-Ever INDIGENOUS FESTIVAL

*The New  
Beginnings*  
**POW  
WOW**  
*in Aurora*

**Saturday, June 3, 2017 • 12 p.m. to 9 p.m.**  
Lambert Willson Park, 135 Industrial Parkway North

## **FREE ENTRY**

## **POW WOW**

Featuring traditional dancing and drumming

## **FOOD FESTIVAL**

Featuring traditional food and classic favourites

## **MARKETPLACE**

## **MULTICULTURAL PERFORMERS**

Host Drum: Little Creek Singers  
Co-Host Drum: Cold Water Ojibway  
Arena Director: Mr. Mawla Shawana  
Master of Ceremonies: Mr. Bob Goulais

## **SCHEDULE**

12 p.m. Grand entry  
1 to 5 p.m. Festivities  
5 to 7 p.m. The feast  
7 to 9 p.m. Festivities and closing ceremony

*No dogs permitted, service animals excepted. Thank you for your cooperation. We reserve the right to cancel, amend or change activities.*



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[aurora.ca/powwow](http://aurora.ca/powwow)

905-726-4762



Canadian Heritage

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# May 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Chess And Sports Sampler at lunch <b>Beltane</b>	2 Jump Rope for Heart Kick Off Assembly	3 Drawing and Colouring and Speedminton at lunch Bricks 4Kidz at lunch	4 Bricks 4Kidz and Karate Kids at lunch Jou Tou francophonie au tour du globe performances	5 Cartooning and The Groove at lunch	6
7	8 Chess And Sports Sampler at lunch	9 Drawing and Colouring and Speedminton at lunch	10 Grade 2 Dental Screening Scientists in the School (grade 1) Bricks 4Kidz at lunch <b>Wesak</b>	11 Bricks 4Kidz and Karate Kids at lunch	12 Pizza Lunch Cartooning and The Groove at lunch Scientists in the School (grade 1) <b>Nisfu-Shaban</b>	13
14	15 Science Centre Trip (gr. 2) Chess And Sports Sampler at lunch Scientists in the	16 Scientists in the School (grade 1) Drawing and Colouring and Speedminton at lunch	17 Bricks 4Kidz at lunch	18 Science Centre Trip (gr. 2 and 2/3) Bricks 4Kidz and Karate Kids at lunch	19 Science Centre Trip (gr. 2) Cartooning and The Groove at lunch	20
21	22 Victoria Day	23 Drawing and Colouring and Speedminton at lunch Science Centre Trip (gr. 2) <b>Declaration of the Bab</b>	24 Beach Day	25 Karate Kids at lunch <b>Ascension Day</b>	26 Pizza Lunch Cartooning and The Groove at lunch Character Assembly	27 <b>Ramadhan</b>
28 <b>Ascension of Ba-ha'u'llah</b>	29 Chess at lunch EQAO	30 EQAO Drawing and Colouring at lunch	31 EQAO <b>Shavuot</b>			

## HOLIDAYS AND OBSERVANCES

### **BAHA'I FAITH**

May 23: **Declaration of the Bab.** 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.

May 28: **Ascension of Baha'u'llah.** 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.

### **BUDDHISM**

May 10: **Wesak** 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.

### **CHRISTIANITY**

May 25: **Ascension Day** (Western) marks Jesus' ascension into heaven and is observed through prayers and music. It occurs forty days after Easter.

### **ISLAM**

May 12: **Nisfu-Shaban** is known as the Night of Forgiveness or repentance. Many Muslims spend the preceding night in prayer seeking God's guidance.

May 27: **Ramadhan** 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.

### **JUDAISM**

May 31 - June 1: **Shavuot** celebrates the Israelites receiving the Torah.

### **WICCA**

May 1: **Beltane** meaning "May", the greening of the Earth, blossom time, when Goddess and God are reunited. Beltane has long been celebrated with feasts and rituals.