



# MICHAËLLE JEAN PUBLIC SCHOOL

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## Administrators' Message

November will prove to be another busy month and with it comes report cards and parent-teacher interviews. The report card will show you how your child is progressing toward the required grade expectations. Your child will be assessed on his/her learning skills that he/she uses to grasp concepts and master the curriculum. We would like to thank our school community for their support of our fundraising initiatives. To date, we have been able to purchase supplementary classroom materials, books, more SmartBoards, laptops and fund all the cultural events for our students. The money will go to directly benefit the students. All expenditures will be shared at our Council meetings as well as our June newsletter. Our Book Fair will run the week of November 10. We have a special Remembrance Day ceremony planned and all our grade 1 classes will be participating in a special hospital visit focused on teaching healthy habits.

We would like to extend our best wishes to Madame Bourrie who will be off on maternity leave for the remainder of the school year. We would like to welcome Madame James who will be replacing Madame Bourrie until the end of the school year. We are also happy to announce that M. Sedore has been hired as our Head Caretaker during M. Marino's leave of absence.

We would like to express our sincere gratitude to Karen Friedman, who was our Superintendent over the past 7 years and supported our school community in so many ways. We congratulate her in her new role as Associate Director. We welcome our new Superintendent Michael Cohen who will be working closely with us to support our students achievement and well being.

Over the course of the year, our staff will be embarking on professional learning around critical thinking and mathematics process expectations. We are excited about this new learning and how it will positively impact students' ability to improve the quality of their oral and written responses and their ability to communicate their thinking independently. Our School Improvement Plan (SIP) will outline strategies and resources we will use to achieve these ends. Additionally, our staff members continue to integrate technology in a variety of ways into their lessons to enhance student engagement. Many of our grade 2 and 3 students have begun using various software applications such as Google Apps which provides students with different platforms for written and oral communication. We thank our School Council which continues to support our school in achieving our goals.

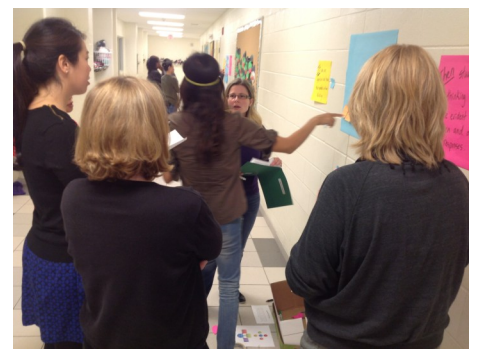


# A Picture Says A Thousand Words !!



## Grade 1's Visit the Farm

## Staff hard at work



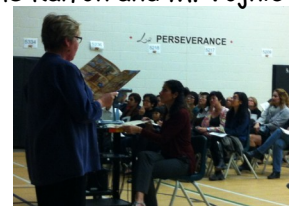
On October 27, staff at MJPS engaged in discussions and professional learning around critical thinking and mathematics processing skills. We will be exploring these areas throughout the year to support our student success in these areas.

## Literacy Night

Thank you to all the grade 1 parents who attended the MJPS Grade 1 Literacy Night. It was an informative and fun evening. Thank you to our Grade one teaching team as well as to Mme Tollefsen, Mme Kalfon and M. Vojnic

A few key points from the event:

- Make reading fun. Read in a relaxed and cozy space.
- Be expressive, dramatic and enthusiastic when reading.
- Talk about what you read. Make predictions, discuss how the characters feel, share reactions and relate to your own experiences.



Read Aloud Everyday. Don't stop reading to your child once he/she has learned to read. Reading to your child in English does not interfere with learning to read in French.

# Magic Show

The Anti-Bullying Magic Show was a great success. The students enjoyed it very much. Thank you to the MJPS Council who funded the Magic Show for all students on October 28.



## School Events

### Social Networking Safety with Paul Davis

**Monday, December 1, 2014**

**Beverley Acres Public School**

**283 Neal Drive**

**6:30 pm—Library**



### MJPS Welcomes back

**Alyson Schafer**

**Raising Responsible Children**

**Thursday, November 6, 2014**

**Michaëlle Jean PS**

**7:00 pm - Gym**



### MJPS French Book Fair



The French Book Fair will be held in the library at MJPS from **Nov.10 - Nov.14**. Many wonderful French books will be on display and available for purchase. Monday and Tuesday will be "viewing/wish list" days only. Students will be able to purchase books on Wednesday and Thursday, when they come to the Book Fair with their class. The Book Fair will be open after school on Wed., Nov. 12 (2:40 - 4:00 p.m.) and will stay open the evening of our scheduled Parent-Teacher conferences: Thurs., Nov. 13 until 8:00 p.m., for family purchasing. We will be open on the P.A. day, Nov. 14, from 8:00 to 9:00 a.m. only.

Many families took advantage of the opportunity to purchase a dictionary from French Educational Supply during Curriculum Night. There will be a small selection of dictionaries available for purchase at the French Book Fair.

We are very lucky to have wonderful parent volunteers at our school. The library is a busy place and new members to our helpful and dedicated parent team are always welcome. Please contact Mme Tollefsen if you are interested in assisting in the library or helping with our book fairs.



## School Events

### MJPS Musical Concerts

We are once again pleased to bring you three 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.

Please mark down these dates when the following classes will be performing at our evening concerts:

Thursday, December 4th, 2014	Thursday, April 9th, 2015	Thursday, May 7th, 2015
Mme Hill	Mme Yum	Mme Ryan
Mme Karchevskaya	Mme Bessette	Mme C. Lee
Mme Samuel	Mme Zealey	Mme Gray
Mme Collin	Mme Brunet	Mme Kim
Mme A. Lee	Mme Bernard	M. Attias
Mme Messeroux	Mme Barr	Mme Kamyab
Mme Mandlsohn	Mme Safar	Mme Marjanovic
Mme Yau	Mme Darvish	Mme James
		Mme Griffiths

## Spirit Days are back at MJPS

Pyjama Day - December 5/ 2014



Wacky Hair Day - December 12/2014



Sports Jersey Day - December 19/ 2014





## School Events Con't

### Eco Club News

The Eco-Club at Michaelle Jean has two exciting announcements for the month of November! The first announcement is that we will be starting a litterless lunch challenge on November 3rd 2014. Sending a litterless lunch with your child means that food should be packaged in reusable containers and your child will bring all garbage/compost home. The second announcement is that the Eco-Club is starting an ongoing project where we will collect outer milk bags in order to create mats and beds for people in Haiti. We really appreciate your cooperation on both initiatives at Michaelle Jean and we thank you in advance for your support!



### Flowers of Remembrance

The month of November is a time of reflection during which we honour our loved ones. We give thanks to previous generations, and we dedicate the month as one of Remembrance - a time where we can reflect on the great sacrifices made by the men and women in the Armed Forces of the past, present and future. We commit to peace in our homes, our schools, and our communities. We understand that being peacemakers involves respect, love, and reverence.

We will focus on peace and Remembrance, and we will highlight our role as leaders in a global community during our Remembrance Day assembly on November 11th. Perhaps the simplest sign will be the wearing of the poppy. ***It is our intention to support the poppy campaign once again. There is no set amount for a poppy, but we are requesting that each student make a donation to the poppy campaign. The money collected goes directly into funds which support veterans.***

At MJPS, we will be having a short assembly at **10:25 am on November 11** to remember. Parents are welcome to attend. We are pleased to welcome Sgt. Kirill Lossev who will share a message about peace.

In addition, some students will perform at the assembly, while others will contribute by providing decorations, or writing short pieces for this day. We would also like to invite students who are in **service clubs** (Guides, Scouts, Cadets, Beavers, etc...) to wear their uniforms for our entrance procession.



## School Information

### Important Bus Cancellation Information

School bus service may be cancelled from time to time due to inclement weather and/or poor road conditions. In these cases, parents and students should develop alternate care/transportation arrangements.

Since bussing schedules begin by 7:00 a.m. or earlier, all cancellation decisions must be made by 6:00 a.m. to ensure the safety of our students. Cancellation decisions will only be made after thorough consultation with school bus companies servicing York Region.

Please access local media outlets after 6:00 a.m. to receive cancellation information.. A bus cancellation message will also be available at [www.schoolbuscity.com](http://www.schoolbuscity.com) and by calling 1-877-330-3001.

If buses are cancelled in the morning, they will not operate in the afternoon. Therefore students transported to school by parents will need to be picked up at the end of the day.



Pizza Day

October 31,  
2014



Thank you to  
our spooky  
parent  
Volunteers

### Parent Resource Library:

New and returning MJPS parents are invited to explore our **Parent Resource Library**. The collection is located in the front foyer across from our community bulletin board. Hours are from 7:30am-6pm. The collection includes parenting support and resources, French language materials, CDs, DVDs, board games, and many more resources to support our families. To borrow a resource, simply fill out the form in the white binder. We ask that you keep resources for a maximum of 2 weeks period. If you have any suggestions for resources please let us know.



## School Information Con't

### Reporting Process for Students in Elementary Schools

All assessment, evaluation and reporting in Ontario schools are based on the policies and practices described in *Growing Success: Assessment, Evaluation, and Reporting In Ontario Schools, Covering Grades 1 to 12*. There are three formal reporting periods in elementary schools where teachers share student's information regarding their learning and achievement of their learning skills and work habits and the Ontario curriculum expectations:

Elementary Progress Report Card-----Report to be sent home: Week of **November 10, 2014**

Interviews to be held: **November 13 (evening) and/or November 14 (PA day - am)**

Elementary First Provincial Report Card.....Report to be sent home: week of **February 9, 2015**

Elementary Final Provincial Report Card.....Report to be sent home: week of **June 22, 2015**

### Elementary Progress Report Card (Grades 1-8)

The purpose of this report card is to communicate the progress your child has been making since the beginning of the school year in each subject. The progress report also indicates how well your child is demonstrating the various learning skills and work habits and identifies areas where you may be able to support your child in achieving success this year. This report is not an evaluation or a record of achievement levels. It reflects preliminary observations of your child's learning to date. It is our hope that this report will serve as a central part of rich discussions between home and school.

### Parent-Teacher Interviews

To facilitate the discussion of report cards, we will be holding teacher-parent interviews again this year. **Interviews will take place on Thursday, November 13th in the evening and on Friday, November 14th in the morning.** Interviews will be 15 minutes in duration. You should have received information about how to schedule appointments with your child's teachers. Please return the forms promptly to your child's teacher as appointments will be scheduled on a first come first serve basis.



# Reminders



Friday,

November 14, 2014

PA DAY—NO SCHOOL

Photo Retake Day

Wednesday,

November 12, 2014

