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Message from the Principal and Vice Principal

The month of September has come and gone quickly. Thanks to all staff and students, we enjoyed a very successful entry into the academic year. I also want to thank parents/guardians for their patience as they sifted through large amounts of paper- from school and class newsletters, fundraising, milk, pizza and sub orders. We can assure you that this will slow down now that the September rush is over. For our donation fundraiser, a final total will be shared at a later date. All the money raised will be used to subsidize school resources and activities that directly benefit the academic well-being of our students. Over 200 students won various prizes. Congratulations to our seven grand prize draw winners. For the remainder of the school year, we will focus on raising funds to support local and global charitable organizations such as United Way and Schools for Children of the World. We at MJPS have been busy learning the new routines and ensuring that our grade 1 students have adjusted well to their new school and have mastered the two bus shifts. We are very proud of our grade 1 students who have adapted to a new school community, are learning a new language and have experienced recess for the first time. Bravo to our grade 1's!

We are very pleased to have met so many of you at Curriculum Night. We wish to extend our sincere gratitude to all who attended and many thanks to the staff who assisted us in preparation for that evening. Thank you to Madame Tollefsen for coordinating the purchase of dictionaries for our students.

School Improvement Planning

With student achievement and well-being at the forefront of our work, in the next several months staff will continue to work with a variety of data sets to improve our practice, next steps and refine goals for our school improvement planning process. Through analysis of report card data, EQAO data, school climate survey data, classroom assessments and observations, the staff at Michaille Jean PS is working collaboratively to increase student achievement in the areas of Literacy and Numeracy. Professional Activity Days and divisional and staff meetings allow for professional learning opportunities where we learn about the instructional strategies that will best support our students in achieving curriculum expectations. It is incredible to work with dedicated and driven staff who truly believe that life-long learning is critical to student success. Additional information about school improvement will be shared at upcoming Parent Council meetings.

Please take the time to read this newsletter to keep informed of all that is happening here at MJPS. Thank you once again for your ongoing support.

Make sure you visit our website for information about our school, events,
and Parent Council meetings.

<http://www.yrdsb.ca/schools/michaellejean.ps/>

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School Activities and Information

EQAO Results

Our school scored 92% overall in mathematics. Please visit our website

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and look for EQAO results on the left side menu bar. Click on EQAO results under the heading *Student Assessment Reports* where you can access the full report for the 2013-2014 EQAO results for grade 3.

Parent Volunteer Orientation

On **Monday, October 20th** our school will be hosting a Volunteer Orientation Session in the library from 8:30 am to 9:30 am. This session is to familiarize new volunteers with school routines, procedures and how to help. We strongly encourage any parent volunteers to attend, and learn important information about our school. Volunteers play a vital role in our school community and we greatly appreciate any time you can give to our students.

Concert Dates

The following are the dates for the 2014-2015 school concerts:



December 4, 2014, April 2, 2015, May 7, 2015

More information will be forthcoming to let you know which classes will present on which days.

Picture Day

Picture Day will be October 14.

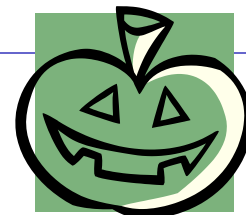
Please remember not to wear **green**.



Our top Winners for
our Donation Fundraiser

Halloween

This is a time of great excitement for all of our students. We ask that students **do not** arrive at school in costume, but rather change in the afternoon. We would like to remind all our parents that **Halloween treats are NOT** to be brought to school as the risk of allergies is too great. Also, it is important to remember that no weapons are to be part of costumes, even plastic ones.



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EcoSchools Certification:

We are proud to have achieved EcoSchool certification last year as a SILVER school. Our students and staff put forth diligent efforts to recycle, conserve energy and learn more about respecting our environment. Our Eco-Club, comprised of teachers, caretakers and students, worked hard all year long to achieve Silver status. One of our caretakers, Mr. Marino, was instrumental in supporting our school in becoming certified last year. He will certainly be missed during his leave of absence for the next several months. Once again MJPS has decided to continue a very popular eco-friendly initiative: **litterless lunches**. Litterless lunches provide students and parents with an opportunity to realize the environmental and financial benefits of reusable containers vs. disposable packaging. A litterless lunch contains no throwaway packaging or food leftovers. With this type of lunch, food items can be bought in larger quantities. The packaging can be left at home for reuse or recycling. Litterless lunches are not only a wise environmental choice; they are less expensive as well. We trust that the enthusiastic involvement of our student body will result not only in our school becoming eco-certified once again, but also a healthier planet.



Toonies for Terry

Our Terry Fox Walk took place on Wednesday, September 24th, 2014. Thanks to all our students, parents and staff we raised approximately \$893.00



Way To Go MJPS!!!!!!



School Procedures



IMPORTANT REMINDER

Visitors Must Sign In

For the safety of all our students and in accordance with the School Board's Safe Schools Policy, all parents must check in at the office. This includes when volunteering for the lunch programs.



Spoons and Forks

Parents, please remember to pack a spoon or a fork in your child's lunch as we do not provide cutlery.



Thank you

Lunches and Allergy Awareness

Please remember that we are a Nut Free School. We have many students with severe allergies to nuts and nut byproducts. Do not send any food items with your child(ren) that contain or may have come in contact with any nut or nut byproduct.



School Procedures Con't...

Pick up and Drop Off

Please remember that only buses are allowed in the bus loop between 7:45 a.m. and 8:15 a.m. and between 2:00 p.m. and 2:45 p.m. This is imperative for your children's safety! Also please remember that students may only enter the school from the school yard; only this entry area is supervised. The pathway on the south side of the building is out of bounds. If you plan to pick up your child early from school, you must call ahead and arrive at the school before 2:00 p.m. *Requests after this time will not be honoured as it disrupts our dismissal procedure and our office staff may not be able to retrieve your message in time.*



Police Checks-Vulnerable Sector Screening

All parents wishing to volunteer for any activities in schools must have a valid police check. Such volunteer activities include helping with pizza or sub lunches, accompanying classes on field trips, assisting in the library or anything that would include parent involvement with students. If you require a police check, please obtain the appropriate "Vulnerable Sector Screening" form from the York Regional Police. If you already have a police check, please ensure that you complete an "Annual Offence Declaration" which must be completed each year. Thank you again for volunteering your time to support our staff and students.



Clothing and Footwear

Please make sure your child has a pair of **indoor shoes** for school with non-marking soles. Outdoor shoes track in mud and dirt and it can be very uncomfortable for the children to wear wet shoes and socks all day. Every student **must** have a clean pair of sneakers for their physical education classes, which they can also wear as indoor shoes. Please help your child achieve success in physical education and help us keep the school clean.

Please also send in a change of clothing for your child. Children often need to change into clean/dry clothes during the day.



Punctuality

As we move into October and the routines are set, we continue to thank you for getting your child(ren) to school on time. We strongly urge our students to arrive at the school prior to the 8:00 am bell. Our opening activities are important as we review routines, events and information students need to know to begin their day.

Recess Breaks

Students are expected to be outdoors for recess. If the weather is very cold, stormy or rainy, an indoor routine is followed. Generally speaking, if your child is too sick to go out at recess, then your child is too sick to attend school. Requests to stay in at recess or lunch cannot be accommodated as we do not have staff to supervise indoors.

