



Michaëlle Jean P.S.

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Dates and Events

JUNE

29 - Early Dismissal (11:00 a.m.)

30 - PA Day (No School)

JULY

1 - Canada Day

AUGUST

1 - Civic Holiday

SEPTEMBER

5 - Labour Day

6 - First Day of School

26 - PT Day (no school)



From the Administrative Team:

June has been full of many activities at Michaëlle Jean P.S. The Grade Three Transition Ceremony, Jump Rope for Heart, Volunteer Appreciation Tea, Grade One Open House, field trips and our first MJPS Play Day are some of the activities that took place. It has been a great year!

We would like to take the opportunity to thank the teaching and support staff for all of their efforts to enrich the lives of your children. The students will have many fond memories as a result of their hard work and commitment. To our parents and community members we say, "Thank you for all that you have done to support us in these endeavours. We cannot do what we do for our students without you being there to assist." Your help is invaluable. We encourage all of our parents to become members of our army of volunteers. Your contributions are so valuable to the growth and development of the children of this community.

To the students, families and staff who are leaving our school community, we wish you well and hope you will carry fond memories of your time at Michaëlle Jean P.S. To our grade three students, we wish you much success as you move onto different school locations. On behalf of our staff members we wish each of you a safe and happy summer.

On a more personal note, we would like to thank the entire school community for their support in our first year. It is difficult to believe that our first year at Michaëlle Jean P.S. is coming to an end! It has been an absolute pleasure getting to know the MJPS community. We are looking forward to serving the school community in the years to come. Merci!

Sincerely,

N. Russiello

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Principal

J. Rudman

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Vice Principal

Warm Welcomes

We welcome **Mme Bernard** who is returning from leave.

We are also happy to announce that **Mme Afonina** and **Mme German** will be returning in September. Mme Afonina will be replacing Mme A. Lee and Mme German will be replacing Mme D'Agostino. We also welcome **Mme Silver** to our school who will be replacing Mme Papas.

Fond Farewells

It is always a sad time when we take pause to say good-bye to staff members who are moving on to different opportunities for the upcoming year.

We say good-bye to **M. Wong** who will be joining Windham Ridge P.S., **Mme Zealey** who will be joining J.A. Gibson P.S., **M. Nelong** who will be joining Louis-Honoré Frechette P.S., **Mme Darnley** who will be joining Doncrest P.S., **Mme Hill** who will be joining Elder's Mills P.S., **Mme Papas** who will be joining Bakersfield P.S., and **M. Ebtessam** who will be joining Beynon Fields P.S. and **Mme DiLucia** as she begins her new position as Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent of Schools.

We wish **Mme Brown** all the best in her future endeavours. We also wish **Mme D'Agostino** and her family all the best as they await the arrival of their new family member.

Thank you for all you have done to enrich the Michaëlle Jean PS community!



Are You Moving?



Are you moving before next September?

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

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

Class Placements

You will notice on your child's report card that only the grade level has been noted. This is a standard practice that has been adopted across the York Region District School Board.

This is a result of the uncertainty that has been created due to the primary class size caps. We recognize that if we were to identify class placements and teachers on the report cards now, it could very well look different by September. For this reason placements will be worked on over the summer, changing as we get new information about registrations. **Please understand that combined grade classes continue to be a very common reality.**

Tuesday, September 6th is the First Day of School for 2016-2017

On this first day, Grade 1 students will be escorted off the busses and into the gym to meet their teachers. For Grade 2 and 3 students, teachers will be meeting students on the school grounds. Grade 3 students will gather next to the bus loop and Grade 2 students will gather in front of the portable area. Grade 2 and 3 teachers will then escort the students inside to assign their classes. Please do not call the school office regarding class placements. This information will only be available on the first day of school.

We have mastered the two bus shifts in the morning and afternoon and our children have become quite familiar with the bussing routines.

7:45 - 7:55 a.m.	Busses unload
7:58 a.m.	Warning Bell
8:00 a.m.	Students enter the school
9:40 - 10:00 a.m.	Morning recess
11:40 - 12:40 p.m.	Lunch Hour
2:20 p.m.	Dismissal bell indicating the end of the day
2:20 - 2:40 p.m.	Bus boarding and bus departure (two shifts)



Bussing information will be available on www.schoolbuscity.com in the middle of August.

September Reorganization

Prior to our departure at the end of the week we will be doing additional work towards September's organization. Although it will provide us with a framework it will certainly not be our final structure. Registrations that we will be accepting over the summer will inevitably change the organization, requiring us to make more changes. Of course this will continue throughout the month of September as more families move into our community.

On **September 26th** we will be required to meet the requirements for primary class size as set out by the Ministry of Education. This may necessitate a reorganization of our classes. This has become common practice across the province and in our community. We recognize the disruptive nature of this process but we must comply with Ministry expectations. In these situations our children will take their lead by the example that we set for them. If as adults we approach these changes positively, so too will our children. Please prepare yourselves for the fact that we must comply with Ministry of Education requirements and that it may necessitate the shuffling of our class organization in order to do so.

STUDENT BUSING ELIGIBILITY



Did you know that students' busing eligibility changes throughout their school career? Your son/daughter's eligibility to ride the school bus may change according to their grade and distance from home to school. Below are the provisions for eligibility identified in the Board's Transportation Policy #680:

- All YRDSB students in Grades JK-3 who live within 1.2 km of their school are not eligible for transportation
- All YRDSB students in Grades 4-8 who live within 1.6 km of their school are not eligible for transportation
- All YRDSB students in Grades 9-12 who live within a transit served area are not eligible for transportation.

To view Board Policy #680 Student Transportation, please visit www.yrdsb.edu.on.ca. For more information about bus transportation and to determine your son/daughter's eligibility.

2016 Fun Pass

This summer, fun costs less.

Through the 2016 Fun Pass, Ontario has [18 popular attractions](#) across the province offering free admission for one child when they are accompanied by a paying adult or senior. Parents also save \$2 on a daily parking permit at selected [Ontario's provincial parks](#).

Learning doesn't stop when school ends. Your kids can learn and have fun during the summer months by visiting one of Ontario's attractions – from exploring a 200-year old shipwreck at Discovery Harbour in Penetanguishene to experiencing the world of science through interactive exhibits at the Ontario Science Centre in Toronto.

Visit Ontario.ca/funpass for more information about the Fun Pass program and to download the e-Fun Pass coupons. Then simply bring a coupon to any participating attraction. It's that easy.

School Year Calendar for 2016-2017

Labour Day	Monday September 5, 2016
PA Day	Monday, September 26, 2016
Thanksgiving	Monday October 10, 2016
PA Day	Friday, October 28, 2016
PA Day	Friday, November 25, 2016
Winter Break	Monday, December 26, 2016 to Friday, January 6, 2017 inclusive
PA Day	Friday, January 20, 2017
PA Day	Friday, February 3, 2017
Family Day	Monday, February 20, 2017
March Break	Monday March 13, 2017 to Friday March 17, 2017 inclusive
Good Friday	Friday, April 14, 2017
Easter Monday	Monday, April 17, 2017
Victoria Day	Monday, May 22, 2017
PA Day	Friday, June 2, 2017
Early Dismissal	Thursday, June 29, 2017
PA Day	Friday, June 30, 2017

Summer Registration

CEC Central Office
317 Centre Street East
(905) 884-4477
Monday—Thursday
(8:00 am to 3:00 pm)
August 8 to 10 and 15 to 24.

Tentative Teaching List for 2016/2017

Grade 1	Mme Bernard Mme Collin Mme Karchevskaya Mme C. Lee Mme Manarin Mme Prabakaran Mme Yum
Grade 2	Mme Bawab Mme Bourrie Mme Kamyab Mme Kim Mme Marjanovic Mme Tajahmady Mme Yau
Grade 2/3	Mme Gray Mme Ryan
Grade 3	Mme Barr Mme Bessette Mme Darvish Mme Griffiths Mme Messeroux M. Mohamed Mme Safar
Prep Coverage	Mme D'Agostino (Mme German) Mme A. Lee (Mme Afonina) M. Segbor Mme Simba
SERT/Prep Coverage	Mme Kalfon
Library/Prep Coverage	Mme Tollefsen
Educational Assistant	Mme Silver

Jump Rope For Heart/Sautons en Coeur

Our annual Jump Rope for Heart event took place at MJPS on Thursday, June 16th.



Our campaign this year was a great success as we raised \$4500 for the Heart and Stroke Foundation!

The students really enjoyed their time outside skipping rope and keeping their hearts healthy!

Thank you to our school community for your amazing generosity!

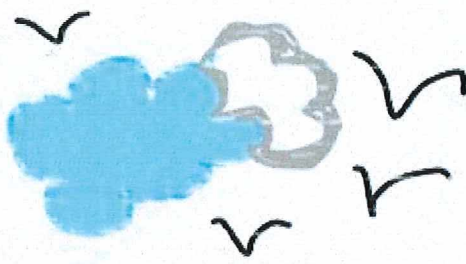
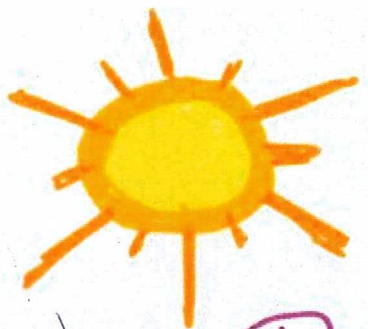
MJPS is Gold Eco Certified!

Through the efforts of our Eco Team this year, we were able to maintain our Gold Eco Certification!



Bravo!

Di Lucia
D. Brown
A. Mohamed
Mme Ryan
A. Karchevskaya
Mme Gray
J. Marjanovic
Mme Simba
H. Wore
Christine Lee & Natalie Bessette



Bonnes
Vacances!

The Michaëlle Jean P.S.
staff would like
to wish you and
your family a
happy and
healthy summer!

Mme. Kamgabo
Mme. Prabakaran
M. [Signature]
Nathalie Collin
Mrs. Messerous
A. Karchevskaya
Mme. Zealey
Mme. Tollefsen
Nazy Darvish
Mme. D'Agostino
Mme. Yum
Mme. Bawab
M. Nelong
Lily Yan
H. Wore
Christine Lee & Natalie Bessette