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Administrators' Message

With the beautiful weather we have had, we have certainly taken the opportunity to be outside. M. Segbor has met with different grades as part of a walking club and Mme Ryan & Mme Lee have been making our grounds beautiful with the gardening club. We have enjoyed recess, taking in the warmth, sunshine and fresh air.

We have also had some staffing changes at Michaëlle Jean. We would like to thank Mme Brunet for her time with us, and we welcome Mme Xie who will be with us until February. Also, we welcome Mme Gaston in the office.

In November, families will be receiving the Progress Report Card. This Report Card will not include letter-grades. Instead, it will focus on the development of your child's learning skills, as well as their general progress in each of the subject areas. The Progress Report will be sent home on November 22nd, with interviews/conferences following on the afternoon & evening of November 23rd, or the morning of November 24th. This is a great time to help your child reflect on things they have enjoyed at school, but also talk about what they have found challenging. Why not set some realistic goals with your child on an area that they identify as wanting to improve upon? Some examples might be:

- Reading – I read by myself for 5 minutes, then we read together for 5-10 minutes. Remember to talk about what you have read to review comprehension.
- Responsibility – I will pack my bag the night before so that I don't forget my belongings.
- Self-Regulation – When I feel myself getting upset or angry, I will count to 10 and practice my 4-7-8 Breathing (breathe in for 4, hold for 7, breathe out slowly for 8). We do this every afternoon at school)

We look forward to seeing you during parent-student-teacher interviews/conferences.

Sincerely,

Mme Russiello et Mme Taglieri

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.

November

Nov. 1 – Scientists in the School (8:00 – Mme Tajahmady; 10:50 – Mme Yau)

Nov. 2 – Scientists in the School (8:00 – Mme Kim; 10:50 – Mme Tadrissi)

Nov. 2 – School Council @ 7pm

Nov. 3 – Scientists in the School (8:00 – Mme Brown; 10:50 – Mme Valerio)

Nov. 10 – Remembrance Day Ceremony

Nov. 21 – Photo Retake Day

Nov. 22 – Progress Reports Cards go home

Nov. 23 @ 8:30 – Character Matters Assembly

Nov. 23 – afterschool and evening – Interviews / Conferences

Nov. 24 – PA Day for students

Nov. 24 – morning Interviews / Conferences



Clocks go back 1 hour on Sunday, November 5 @ 2 am.

Pizza Days

If you ordered pizza through School Cash Online, please mark the following dates in your calendars:

November 10 & 17

December 8 & 15

January 12 & 26 (2018)



Safe Arrival

If your child is going to be absent:

- Call 1-855-203-2994 or go online yorkrdsb.schoolconnects.com before 8:00 a.m.

By reporting your child absent in advance using the **Safe Arrival** toll free number or website, you will NOT receive a call.

A confirmation number must be assigned once the absence is reported. Please do not hang up before the confirmation number is assigned.

Please contact the school office if you have questions.

Character Award Recipients for October

Grade 1:

Mme Collin – Ritchie & Setareh
Mme Karchevskaya – T & Eden
Mme Lee – Alexander & Lilia
Mme Manarin – Bahar & Hanna L.
Mme Mknjian – Raidyn & Jesse
Mme Prabakaran – Kiyana & Anne
Mme Yum – Matthew & Ethan D.

Grade 3 :

Mme Barr – Brayden & Allissa
Mme Bessette – Krish & Rahaf
Mme Darvish – Amaan & Kasra
Mme Griffiths – Selina & Ethan

Grade 2:

Mme Brown – Leah & Linden
Mme Kim – Lucy & Devon
Mme Marjanovic – Rosie & Ivy
Mme Tadrissi – Beth & Lucas
Mme Tajahmady – Jasmine & Irene
Mme Valerio – Sophia & Ryan
Mme Xie – Tomas & Candice
Mme Yau – Felicia & Aaron

Mme Messeroux – Ethan & Ariel
M. Mohamed – Samaiyah & Bradey
Mme Ryan – Ayan & Angel L.
Mme Safar – Haniyah & Grace

La Justice



Le caractère compte ... Character Matters!

This month, we focus on "Le Courage" (courage).

- I will stand up for my beliefs and principles and be brave to face challenges, fears and difficulties.

At home:

- Talk about a time when you had to show courage to face a challenge or a fear. We have all made it through difficult situations.
- Let children talk about their fears and try to make an action plan to help overcome them.
- Be positive in the face of a challenge. Positivity is contagious!

Remembrance Day Ceremony

We will be holding our Remembrance Day Ceremony on Friday, November 10 at 10:45 am in our gym. Any students who are part of Scouts, Cubs or Guides are encouraged to wear their uniform to school on this day. We will also provide all students with a 'sticker' poppy and families who would like to make a donation to the Royal Canadian Legion are encouraged to send the donation to school with their child. Let's remember to take the time on this day and every day to remember the sacrifices made by all of our service people who keep our country a safe and wonderful place to live, grow and learn.



Parent – Teacher Interviews



This year, we will be using *Edsby*, an on-line application to book Parent-Teacher Interviews. The office must have a valid e-mail address for you to book an interview time. If you have recently changed e-mail addresses, please return the form provided to your child in October or notify the school office immediately.

More info about booking your session(s) will be coming shortly.

4-7-8 Breathing

As part of our Well-Being focus, staff and students are learning about 4-7-8 Breathing. Every day after lunch recess, staff and students practice deep breathing as a method of relaxation.

Try it at home:

- Breathe in through the nose for 4 seconds.
- Hold your breath for 7 seconds.
- Breathe out through your mouth slowly for 8 seconds.
- Repeat.

LUNCH ASSISTANTS ARE NEEDED

Are you able to spare 1 hour of time over our lunch hour? This is a paid position from 11:40 a.m. to 12:40 p.m. Our lunch assistants are invaluable members of our school team as they supervise while students eat, as well as during outdoor recess. Please call the school office if you can help.

Milk Program is now available

Please visit

www.schoolcashionline.com to order milk for your child. The information has been posted.



Terry Fox Walk

On September 28th our smiling students and staff walked 1 kilometre for Cancer Research. Thank you to everyone who contributed to this great cause! Together, we raised \$637.



Visitors and Volunteers

All Visitors to the school must SIGN-IN at the office. Everyone must wear a 'Visitor' sticker for the safety of our students and staff.

All Volunteers must have a valid police check including the Vulnerable Sector Screening on file. More information is available in the school office.



Eco Corner

This year, we have started a new initiative "STOMP". On Pizza Days, students will "stomp" the pizza boxes so that they occupy less space in our school recycling bin. This allows for more recycling to fit in the bin, as well as fewer bin pick-ups. All classes will have the opportunity throughout the school year to participate in STOMP.

We will also have 2 students from each class work as class reps to help with communicating information to classes about different school initiatives.

All students will be welcome to participate in these initiatives. Remind your son/daughter to listen for the announcements if they'd like to help out our "Équipe Éco".

Gifted Testing for Grade 3 Students

All grade 3 students in the York Region DSB participate in the Gifted Screening Process. This year, the testing will take place during the week of November 27-December 1. Please do not schedule appointments on these days. More information will be available closer to the administration date.

EQAO for 2017-18

At Michaëlle Jean, our Grade 3 students will be writing the Mathematics portion of the EQAO assessment later this year. Please do not book appointments or vacations during the period of May 22-June 4, 2018. More information for families will be provided as we approach these dates. Thank you for your cooperation.

BUS CANCELLATIONS **DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER**

You must **notify** the **school** if your child will be **absent** due to **bus cancellations**.

PLEASE CALL **1-855-203-2994** or GO ONLINE
yorkrdsb.schoolconnects.com to notify the school.

BUSES

If buses have been cancelled in the morning, there **will not** be afternoon bussing. Please see below for bussing information.

SCHOOLS REMAIN OPEN

During an Inclement Weather Day, the school is open and alternate programming may be provided depending on the number of students in attendance on this day.

PIZZA LUNCH & KIDS' KITCHEN

If Pizza Lunches are scheduled on an Inclement Weather Day they will be **cancelled and rescheduled**.

All Kids' Kitchen orders will be delivered, unless cancelled by phone **before 8:00AM** on the day of delivery.

DROP OFF/PICK UP

Students who come to school on a Snow Day may be dropped off and picked up through the parking lot loop. **Pick up will begin at 2:00 pm. Please pick up your child by 2:20 pm.**

STS SCHOOL VEHICLE CANCELLATION PROCEDURE

To ensure the safety of students, school bus service may be cancelled from time to time due to inclement weather, extreme temperatures and/or poor road conditions. In these cases, parents and students should develop alternate care/transportation arrangements.

Since some busing schedules begin by 7:00a.m., cancellation decisions must be made by 6:00a.m. to allow time to communicate this message to bus drivers. Cancellation decisions will only be made after thorough consultation with the Safety Officers of school bus companies servicing York Region and are based on several factors including precipitation, air temperature, road conditions and weather forecast.

Please note the following:

- A decision to cancel school bus service will be **region-wide** meaning all school buses, vans and taxis will not operate.
- **School bus routes may be cancelled when severe weather is not affecting all municipalities in York Region.** Both the YRDSB and YCDSB operate many regional educational programs. Students attending these programs are transported over large attendance areas encompassing several municipal boundaries. This limits the ability to cancel bus service using a municipality or zone methodology.
- Unless otherwise stated, schools will remain open and parents can make arrangements to transport their children to and from school even if school bus service is cancelled. **If buses are cancelled in the morning, they will not operate in the afternoon. Therefore, students transported to school by parents will require the same transportation home.**

Parents, students and school staff are asked to access the following radio and television stations after 6:00a.m. to receive bus cancellation information:

RADIO

590 AM	640 AM	680 AM	860 AM	1010 AM	1050 AM	1540 AM	1580 AM
88.5 FM	89.9 FM	92.5 FM	93.1 FM	94.9 FM	95.9 FM	97.3 FM	98.1 FM
99.1 FM	99.9 FM	101.1 FM	102.1 FM	104.5 FM	100.7 FM	107.1 FM	

TELEVISION

CITY TV CTV BARRIE CFTO TV CP24 GLOBAL NEWS

A bus cancellation message will also be available at www.schoolbuscity.com and by calling 1-877-330-3001, or by following the YRDSB on twitter.

**Please note that school bus charters (trips) will not operate
when home to school bus service is cancelled.**

York Region Public Health Health Connections – Sibling Rivalry

Sibling rivalry is normal and happens more often if children are less than three years apart in age. Parents should allow normal bickering between siblings. Eventually they will learn to get along and will protect each other.

The Good News About Sibling Rivalry

Sibling rivalry helps children learn how to:

- Handle arguments
- Talk out problems instead of fighting
- Handle frustration and anger
- Understand how others feel

Help a Child Accept Their New Sibling

Children may be jealous when a new baby is brought home. This is normal. Parents can help their older child by making sure that they know they are still important.

Parents can help their older child accept their new baby by:

- Trying not to change the older child's routine right before or after the birth of a sibling
- Telling the older child how much the new baby loves them
- Asking the older child to help care for the new baby
- Continuing to set up play dates for the older child
- Spending time alone with the older child each day
- Not using the new baby as a reason to change plans with the older child

Parents can use positive discipline and loving discipline to help their children get along by:

- Praising their children when they play nicely and work out their disagreements peacefully
- Not taking sides in disagreements
- Not asking who started the argument or placing blame
- Encouraging their children to talk to each other about their feelings
- Encouraging their children to work together to solve problems
- Setting a good example by problem solving with their partner
- Not showing favouritism

For other topics, please visit the [York Region Public Health – Parenting Page](#).



**It's time to remind our children about
being safe in the community.**

It's a good time for us to remind children about personal safety. Here's what children need to know:

- Their name, age, telephone number, address, city, and province. This can be done through rhyme or song.
- How to contact their parents at any time, by memorizing cell or work numbers.
- How and under what circumstances to call 911.
- To never approach or enter a stranger's vehicle. A responsible adult would never ask a child for directions or any other question for that matter.
- Make sure they know they have a right to say "no" to an adult, especially when the adult is asking them to do something they have been taught is wrong or feels uncomfortable. Reminding children of this right is important because children are taught from a young age to respect adults.
- To always tell parents where they will be and to never enter someone's home without their parent's permission.
- If home alone, never admit it when answering the phone. Never answer a knock at the door or speak through it. Adults can be very persuasive. Teach your child to call you if there is a knock at the door and if they fear for their safety, teach them to call 911. Make sure they know that police officers are there to help them and would not get mad if it were a false alarm.
- If they think they are being followed or are in danger they should run home or to a public place. If someone grabs them, they should try to get away, yelling and screaming while doing so.
- It is important to play in safe areas, never take shortcuts and stick with a buddy whenever possible.

Celebrating Our Diversity

November's Holidays and Observances

Baha'i Faith	Christianity
Nov. 26 – The Day of the Covenant. The eldest son and appointed successor of Baha'u'llah Abdu'l-Baha is referred to as the "Centre of the Covenant". The covenant was established by Baha'u'llah to safeguard the unity of the Baha'i community. It was Abdu'l-Baha's wish that the Covenant be celebrated rather than his own birth date. Nov. 28 – Ascension of Abdu'l-Baha After years of serving both his father and the growing Baha'i community, Abdu'l-Baha passed away in Haifa, Israel in 1921 C.E.	Nov. 1 – All Saints' Day is observed as a special day in many Christian churches.
Jainism	Sikhism
Nov. 30 – Maun-agiyaras is a day of fasting, silence and meditation.	Nov. 4 – Birthday of Guru Nanak Dev Ji The founder of the Sikh faith was born in 1469 C.E. Nov. 24 – Martyrdom of Guru Tegh Bahadar Ji The Guru was executed in 1675 C.E. by a Mughal emperor. Sikhs believe that he gave his life to save the Hindu faith and religious liberty.

