



# Michaëlle Jean P.S.

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## Administrators' Message

With September under our belts, we have all settled into the new school year. Students have become accustomed to the routines of coming to school and the rules of the classroom.

The cool fall breezes have also brought thoughts of thankfulness to Michaëlle Jean. It is often said that the happiest people are those who show appreciation for the many positive people or things in their lives. We can be appreciative by using words and actions to recognize all the great things that surround us: people and their actions, nature and its beauty, important events and simple pleasures. Why not start a new family tradition at dinner time: Each family member should take a turn to explain why he or she is thankful or appreciative. You may be surprised at what your children will share. Taking the time to verbalize what or who you appreciate can help us all to be more positive and resilient when things don't seem to be going the way we had hoped.

Let's all try to be more mindful of showing appreciation, every day. You never know how a small "thank you" or "I appreciate your kindness" could change someone's day.

Sincerely,

Mme Russiello et Mme Taglieri

## Pizza Days

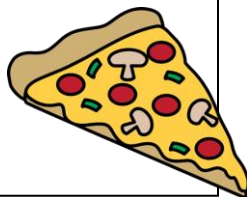
If you ordered pizza through School Cash Online, please mark the following dates in your calendars:

October 13 & 27

November 10 & 17

December 8 & 15

January 12 & 26 (2018)



## 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.

## October Happenings

**Oct. 5** – School Council Meeting @ 7 pm

**Oct. 6** – Volunteer Orientation-8:15 am

**Oct. 9** – Thanksgiving – No school

**Oct. 13** – Photo Day

**Oct. 20** – P.A. Day – No school for students

**Oct. 24** – "Le Petit chaperon rouge" presentation for all students

**Oct. 27** – Character Matters Assembly @ 8:30 am

**Oct. 31** – Hallowe'en Parade

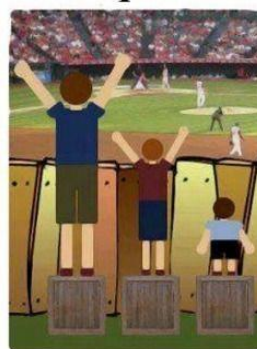
## Le caractère compte ... Character Matters!

This month, we focus on Fairness – La Justice: We will treat others in a just, equitable and unbiased manner.

### At home:

- Reinforce the idea of "treating others how you would like to be treated"
  - o Using kind words
  - o Inviting someone to join you in a game
  - o Helping someone who is sad
- Talk about the image below and what that could look like at home and at school.

### Equal



### Fair



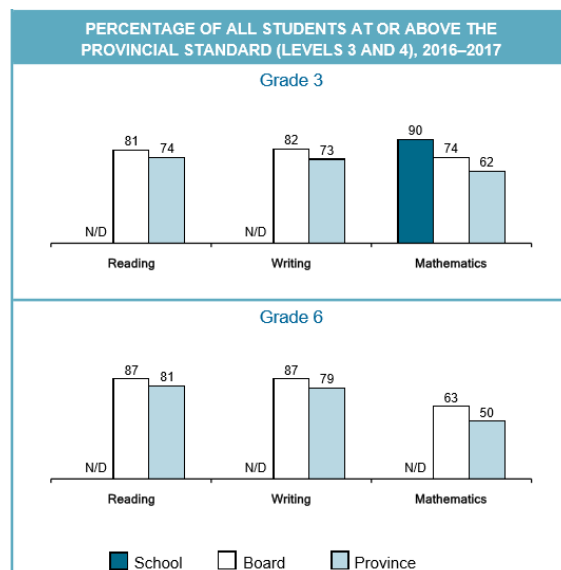
## EQAO

Last June, students across the province in Grades 3 and 6 students wrote the EQAO assessments. York Region District School Board students continue to perform above the provincial average in all areas. Student achievement and well-being are key areas of focus for our Board, we have a number of strategies and resources in place to support students and staff, for example our partnerships with families.

The table on the right compares the school results with Board and Province results. Please note that our students in Grade 3 only complete the Mathematics portion of the testing. EQAO results are one of the many ways we measure student success and provide a snapshot of results across our Board and the province. We use EQAO data, along with other data sources, to inform school and board improvement strategies to continue to support the needs of our students. At Michaëlle Jean, we use this information to guide our teaching and examine areas and strategies for student improvement. We are committed to our students' success and recognize that there are areas for continued learning.

Here are some websites that you can visit to support your child through the years, as they explore math:

- o [Doing Math with Your Child](#) (Ministry of Education)
- o [www.mathies.ca](http://www.mathies.ca) (JK-Grade 12 – activities, games, tools, etc.)



## Safe Arrival

### If your child is going to be absent:

- Call 1-855-203-2994 or go online to [yorkrdsb.schoolconnects.com](http://yorkrdsb.schoolconnects.com) to report your child's absence, **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.**

Photo Day will be on Friday October 13.

Remember **not to wear** green.

## Character Award Recipients for September

### Grade 1:

Mme Collin – Donya & Kyla  
Mme Karchevskaya – Sherry & Mahdi  
Mme Lee – Radvin & Ella  
Mme Manarin – Lindsay & Melika  
Mme Mnknjian – Kaashvi & Lily  
Mme Prabakaran – Deebea & Theodore  
Mme Yum – Anastasia & Viki

### Grade 3 :

Mme Barr – Donya & Aiden  
Mme Bessette - Arnika & Zafira  
Mme Darvish – Rebecca & Cailyn  
Mme Griffiths - Michael & Sylvia

### Grade 2:

Mme Valerio – Theo & Ella  
Mme Brown – Celina  
Mme Brunet – Tomas & Aarna  
Mme Kim – Anna & Deniz  
Mme Marjanovic – Sabeekah & Felix  
Mme Tajahmady - Arsham  
Mme Yau - Karina  
Mme Tadrissi - Brooklin & Henry

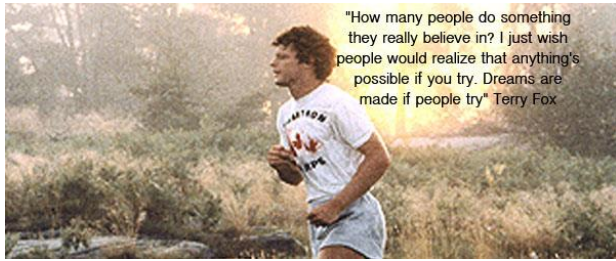
Mme Ryan - Allen & Melina  
Mme Safar – Kevin & Natalie  
M. Mohamed – Nikita & Jonathan  
Mme Messeroux – Jerry & Lincoln

# L'Optimisme



### Terry Fox Walk

On September 28<sup>th</sup>, all students participated in our school's Walk for the Terry Fox Foundation. So many lives have been touched by cancer and so, we all benefit from the research made possible through the Terry Fox Foundation. Thank you to all families who made a donation for this worthy cause.



### Hallowe'en @ Michaëlle Jean

Tuesday, October 31<sup>st</sup>

**Costumes:** At Michaëlle Jean, we ask that students **do not wear their costume to school**. Students will be given the opportunity to put on their costume for the afternoon. A reminder that:

- Costumes should not interfere with mobility and learning;
- Students should not wear masks;
- Students should not bring weapon replicas to school.

### Candy & Hallowe'en Treats:

- Remember that **HEALTHY SNACKS** are always preferred at school.
- Students should refrain from sharing Hallowe'en treats with friends / classmates at school.
- Please **do not** send your child with treats to share with his/her class due to the different allergies students have.

### TRANSPORTATION ROUTINES

Students in Grades JK-3 must live more than 1.2 km. from the school to qualify for bussing. Students in Grades 4 – 8 must live more than 1.6 km. from the school to qualify for bussing. This means that a student may have qualified in grade 3 but no longer qualifies in grade 4. It also means that one sibling may qualify and the other may not. Please check the website at [schoolbuscity.com](http://schoolbuscity.com) to verify bussing for your child(ren).

STSYR works closely with school bus operators to help ensure safe, reliable transportation is provided to students. Occasionally service times may be disrupted for various reasons. As a result, parents and students are encouraged to review the Late Bus Report at <http://net.schoolbuscity.com/latebus>



### **Last-minute, end-of-day, arrangements**

In a school of 440 primary students, it can be **very difficult**, to deliver end-of-day messages to students regarding changes to their regular mode of transportation home. While we understand that occasionally, emergencies arise, **please let your child know the night before if there will be a different end-of-day routine**. Please also send a note in his/her agenda for the teacher. This ensures the safety of all our students.

**Remember: Bus passes are not permitted!**

### 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.

### Volunteer Orientation Meeting

If you have indicated that you are able to volunteer at the school, please join us on

**Friday, October 6<sup>th</sup>**

8:15 am-9:15 am

School Gym

We appreciate your time and commitment to making MJPS a wonderful place for students.

## York Region Public Health Health Connections – Positive Discipline

Positive discipline is about teaching and guiding instead of punishing. When parents use loving guidance and positive discipline their children are more likely to behave in positive ways.

In order to use loving guidance and positive discipline, parents must:

- Know what behaviour to expect for their child's age and stage
- Create a positive learning environment by responding to their child's needs
- Listen to their child and encourage their child to share their feelings
- Provide a safe and interesting environment
- Take care of themselves so they have the energy to be patient and consistent

The most important thing for parents to remember is to relax and not worry about making mistakes. All parents learn by trial and error. Parents should try to respond to their child in a warm and sensitive way most of the time.

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



### Eco Corner

At school, we have compost bins, along with recycling bins. Have your child help at home to clear the dinner dishes so that they can learn about what goes into each bin.

A reminder that we encourage litter-less and boomerang lunches at MJPS.

**Litter-less lunches:** Pack snacks and lunches in re-usable containers. This helps reduce the amount of waste left at school.

**Boomerang lunch:** Encourage children to bring home any uneaten food. This helps you to see what they've eaten at school and ensures that food doesn't end up in the garbage or compost.

### Lunch Tips

Here are some tips for getting your kids to eat more fruits and veggies:

- Cut veggies and fruit in bite sizes pieces so kids can easily eat them.
- If it looks good, kids are more likely to eat it. Give them bright, colourful veggies & fruits.
- Let your child help prepare his/her fruits and veggies for school.

**Fruit Ideas:** melon balls, orange slices, berries, grapes, etc.

**Veggie ideas:** sliced peppers, carrot sticks, snap peas, cucumber slices, etc.





# Celebrating Our Diversity

## October's Holidays and Observances

Baha'i Faith	Buddhism
<p><b>October 21 – The Birth of the Bab.</b> The Bab was born Siyyid'Ali Muhammad in Shiraz in southwestern Iran in 1819 C.E. His title, in Arabic, means "The Gate". Work and academic studies are suspended on this day.</p> <p><b>October 22 – The Birth of Baha'u'llah.</b> Baha'u'llah was born Mizra Husayn Ali into one of the leading noble families of Persia in 1817 C.E. His name is a title in Arabic meaning "the Glory of God". He is the founder of the Baha'i faith. Work and academic studies are suspended on this day.</p>	<p><b>October 5 – Pavarana</b> signals the completion of the Rains of Retreat.</p> <p><b>October 6 – Kathina</b> marks Buddha's "descent from heaven". The day is dedicated to remembering the dead and respecting elders.</p>
Christianity	Hinduism
<p><b>October 1 – World Communion Sunday</b> is observed worldwide. Communion is the most fundamental of all Christian rituals.</p>	<p><b>October 18 – Diwali (Deepavali)</b> both names mean a row or garland of lights. Also known as the Festival of Lights, Diwali is probably the most widely celebrated Hindu festival. This festival may be celebrated over a five-day period. The diwas (clay pots filled with oil and a wick) herald the start of the new year and symbolize the triumph of good over evil, of light over darkness. For many Hindus, October 19, New Year's Day, is also very important.</p> <p><b>October 20-25 – Skanda Shashti Vratam</b> is a six-day fasting period. It commemorates the destruction of evil by the Lord Murugan (Subramanya), who is the second son of Lord Siva and is celebrated with the dramatic enactment of Soora Samhaaram.</p>
Islam	Jainism
<p><b>October 1 – Ashura</b> falls on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of Muharram. The 10<sup>th</sup> day commemorates the martyrdom of Hussein, the grandson of the Prophet Muhammad (pbuh).</p>	<p><b>October 18 – Mahavira Nirvana.</b> The Jain year begins with Moksha (attainment of final enlightenment and release) by Lord Mahavira. It is popularly known as Deepavali, festival of lamps. Lamps symbolize the light of knowledge.</p> <p><b>October 25 – Jnana Panchami</b>, the day of knowledge, observed with Pooja (ritualistic offering) to pay homage to Saraswati Devi, the deity of knowledge and learning.</p>
Judaism	Wicca
<p><b>October 5-11 – Sukkot</b> is a harvest festival or thanksgiving. Small huts are constructed in which meals are eaten, weather permitting, to commemorate the time when the Israelites dwelled in booths in the desert for 40 years.</p> <p><b>October 12 – Shemini Atzeret</b> is a festival marking the end of the holiday of Sukkot on which a special prayer for rain is recited.</p> <p><b>October 13 – Simchat Torah</b> is marked by singing and dancing which celebrates the end of public reading of the Torah in the synagogue and the beginning of its reading anew.</p>	<p><b>October 31 – Samhain.</b> The third harvest, meaning "summer's end", when the ancestors are honoured. It is a magical interval when the mundane laws of time and space are temporarily suspended, and the thin veil between the worlds is lifted, symbolized by the Crone and her aged Consort.</p>

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Understanding and using numbers (math) | <input type="checkbox"/> Engaging with others ("soft skills" such as customer-service) |

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# GET READY!



## PHOTO DAY is:



### Back to School!

It's the start of a new school year and time for annual school portraits! Edge Imaging is happy to help you capture this timeless tradition in your child's life.

### Helpful Hints for a Picture Perfect Pose:

**Smile:** Practise with your child on how to get a beautiful big smile in front of the camera.

**What to Wear:** For best results we recommend wearing bright, solid coloured clothing. If uniforms are required, please dress accordingly.

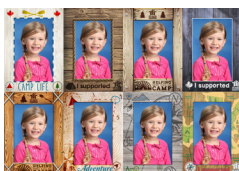
**Sleep:** Make sure your child gets a good night sleep and wakes up a bit early so you can style their hair for photo day.

*Please note a class group photo may also be taken on photo day.*

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