



Michaëlle Jean P.S. Council Newsletter

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Updates from the Council

Happy December! Only a few more days now and all of our children will be back at home for the holidays! There are lots of virtual event ideas included in this newsletter to keep you busy at home with your families.

School Council communicates on a regular basis. I would like to thank all the dedicated parents that continue to attend the meeting and commit their time to discussing agenda items. The School Council has many ideas which rely on the support and input from many parents and volunteers. If you have any comments, questions or suggestions for School Council, please feel free to send a message to michaëlle.jean.ps@sc.yrdsb.ca.

As we close the chapter on the challenging year of 2020, I'd like to take a moment to reflect to ask what new skills did you learn this year and what was the best thing that happened that brought you joy? The year 2021 holds much potential for growth and happiness by making small, mindful changes. On behalf of School Council, we sincerely hope that you enjoy the holidays with your family and friends. Stay Safe and Happy Holidays!

Kimberley Sato

Chair

MJPS Reminders

- Inclement Weather Policy – Schools and Before/After programs in schools will be closed to students when an inclement weather day is declared and school transportation is cancelled.
- MJPS Holiday Food Drive (December 7-18, 11am) for 360 Kids - drop off items at the school between 8:15 and 9:15 a.m. Virtual donations can be made on the [360Kids](http://360Kids.com) website.
- Winter Break - Monday, December 21, 2020 to Friday, January 1, 2021 inclusive
- P.A. Day – January 15, 2021

2020-2021 Council Members

Chair: Kim Sato

Co-Treasurers:
Patton Su and Bryan Wright

Secretary:
Sushma Kavikondala

Communications Officer:
Corinne Francis

Volunteer Coordinator:
Ashley Bebbington

Sub-committee chairs:

School Climate:
Elnaz Golestani

Parental and Community Involvement:
Moiz Mohamedali

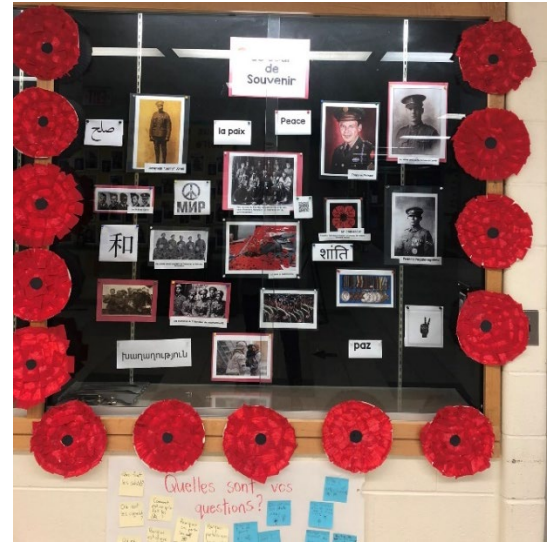
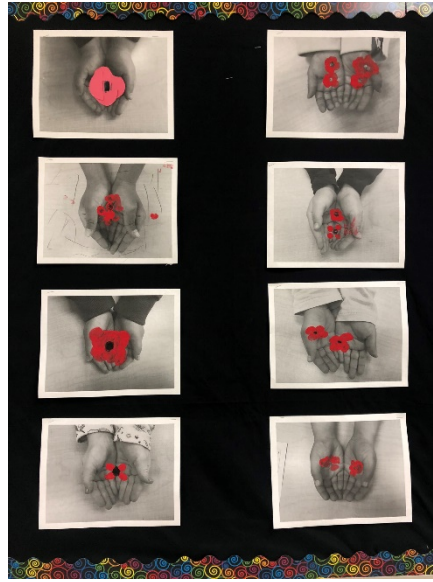
Student Success:
Deep Swaroop

Administration:
Nora Mazlounian

School Views

Remembrance Day

On November 11, a virtual Remembrance Day Ceremony was held at the school. Here are a few pictures of the students work to commemorate the day.



Diwali 2020

Diwali is the five-day festival, celebrated by millions of Hindus, Sikhs and Jains across the world. It is a victorious celebration of good over evil or the triumph of light over darkness. It is a festival of lights with the main attraction being the last day, which was Saturday, November 14th this year.

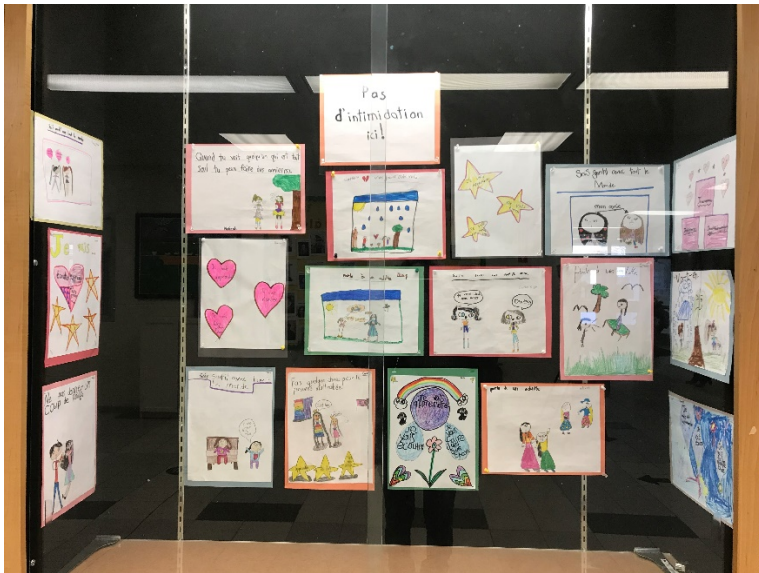
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Celebrating with families in the YRDSB

- December 10 to 18 – Hanukkah (Judaism)
- December 25 – Christmas (Western)
- December 26 – January 1 Kwanzaa (African-American culture)
- January 7, 2021 – Christmas (Eastern)





Pas D'Intimidation Ici! (No Bullying Here)

“Bullying Awareness & Prevention Week” November 16-20

This was an opportunity to raise awareness about bullying and cyberbullying and how to work together as a community on prevention.

Online gaming

- Know the risks of online gaming ([Word](#) / [PDF](#)) (custom content)
- [How to stay safe when online gaming](#) (Video)
- Quick tips for staying safe when online gaming ([Word](#) / [PDF](#)) (custom content)
- [Ways to keep your kids safe while playing online games](#) (Blog)
- [Gaming and your privacy](#)

Cyberbullying

- [Cyberbullying: What is it and how to stop it](#)

Social media

- [How to stay safe on social media](#) (Video)
- Tips for staying safe on social media ([Word](#) / [PDF](#)) (custom content)
- [Are your online friends who they say they are?](#)

Mark your Calendars

If you are interested in getting involved, please join us at the council meetings.

If you are interested in attending the next Parent Council meeting, please e-mail michaëlle.jean.ps@sc.yrdsb.ca to be sent the virtual meeting details.

Tentative School Council Meetings (Virtual)
7:00 PM - 8:30PM

- Wednesday, February 3, 2021
- Thursday, April 8, 2021
- Tuesday, May 4, 2021

Student Resources

- ✚ [Je lis, je lis litt ratie! - RK Publishing \(Username & password required\)](#)
- ✚ [Virtual Books by l'Envol e](#)
- ✚ [Khan Academy \(Math\)](#)
- ✚ [French as a Second Language Homework Toolbox](#)
- ✚ [French Audio Dictionary](#)

COVID Safe Things-to-do During the Winter Break

- [Drive Thru Holiday Light Shows](#)
- [Borrow a S.T.E.A.M. Kit from the library](#)
- [Science at Home | Ontario Science Centre](#)
- [ROM Kids Show](#)
- [Fun and Educational Activities](#)
- [Coronavirus: Learning resources for kids home from school](#)
- [Fun Activities: Supporting Families](#)
- [Over 30 Virtual Field Trips with Google](#)