



Michaëlle Jean P.S. Council Newsletter

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A Message from the School Council Chair

Welcome MJPS Parents and Caregivers to the 2020/2021 school year!

We are off to a great start at school establishing new school routines and settling into the classrooms during these unprecedented times. Despite having some new routines to adhere to, I feel that we have a positive and creative year ahead of us! Also, I have been extremely impressed seeing so many students and adults wearing masks outside the of the school during pick up and drop off times.

Thank you for your continued diligence in keeping our school community healthy!

We had a great attendance at our first virtual Parent Council meeting where we elected members of our council. Attending Parent Council meetings is a good way to keep in touch with the school and to learn about new initiatives. All are welcome to participate and to provide input to make a difference in our children's lives. 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.

Wishing you all a great school year!

Kimberley Sato

Chair

Updates from your School Council

On Tuesday, October 13th, the school council held their first meeting for the academic year. While we adjust to these unprecedented times our council is comprised of parents with children in-class and in virtual school.

Due to COVID, most of our fundraising initiatives are stalled until further notice. Thank you to all the families that supported the Annual Terry Fox Run fundraiser online.

Stay tuned for future fundraising drives and programs.

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



Did you Know??

Remembrance Day was first observed in 1919 throughout the British Commonwealth. It was originally called "Armistice Day" to commemorate armistice agreement that ended the First World War on Monday, November 11, 1918, at 11 a.m.—on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month

In Flanders Fields by John McRae

In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie,
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.

Student Resources

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



Get Involved



Though all of our positions are filled, all members of the school community are welcome to attend council meetings and be a part of a team working to ensure a high quality of education.

This is just one-way families can get involved to support students and schools.



Mark your Calendars

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

- Tuesday, November 10, 2020
- Wednesday, February 3, 2021
- Thursday, April 8, 2021
- Tuesday, May 4, 2021

In the Community

- [Wed. Nov. 11 \(10:45 AM and 11:30 AM\) - Remembrance Day Virtual Ceremony](#)
- Fri. Nov. 13 - P.A. Day (YRDSB Elementary/Secondary Schools)
- [Fri. Nov. 13 - BFCN Friday Focus Parent Forum Workshop #1: I Am Focused](#)
- Sat. Nov. 14 – Diwali (Hinduism)
- [Sat. Nov. 14 - Santa's Workshop Drive-Thru \(Limited Spaces – Last day to register is November 11\)](#)
- [Mon. Nov. 16 \(6:30 PM - 8:30 PM – Parents for Children's Mental Health\)](#) (You can also dial in using your phone. Canada: +1 (647) 497-9373, Access Code: 264-461-077)
- [Mental Health Support Resources](#)
- [COVID-19 Updates from the City of Richmond Hill](#)

