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MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Guardians of Ecole Mission Central Elementary students:

Soon, we welcome back our former students and those students, parents, and staff new to École Mission Central Elementary School. École Mission Central Elementary is an incredibly diverse community school. I am very excited to have the opportunity to work with the families, students and staff.

This year, we welcome Mr. Frank Chan as our new vice principal. We wish Mrs. Manji all the best in her new role as Vice Principal at West Heights and Cherry Hill Elementaries. We will be welcoming back Ms. Samantha Bis-Callihoo from a maternity leave in October. Mme. Kaitlin Cobleigh is away on a maternity leave this year and we welcome Ms. Megan Patterson as our French Immersion our Grade 2/3 French Immersion teacher. Due to lower numbers in French Immersion, we have reduced to 7 divisions. This means Mme. Karima Belkahla will change roles to be the Teacher on Call attached to the school. Youth Care Worker, Ms. Emily Skillings is leaving us to continue her education.

Continuing this year, we are encouraging parents to use School Cash Online to pay for school activity fees and planners. You can sign up at <https://mpsd.schoolcashionline.com>. We welcome families to explore the school's [website](#) where we will be sharing updated school information and exciting events and activities happening at Ecole Mission Central. You can locate our school on the district's website missioncentral.mpsd.ca.

In order for us to contact you in case of an emergency, we need to make sure we have your families' updated contact information. Therefore, if you have moved or changed your email or phone number, please contact the office at 604-826-1414 so that Mrs. Godley can update your child's information.

The first week or two are always extremely busy, but I want to invite all parents to drop in for a chat when you have the time. Often at the start of the day and afterschool, I am available for quick informal chats. When wishing to speak to me, it is best to phone ahead to arrange an appointment time. There may be other times I will be too busy in a variety of things to meet with you right away, therefore, the next best way to reach me is via email, and I encourage you to email me anytime at andrew.merry@mpsd.ca. Do not hesitate to say hello! As a staff, we are looking forward to the many new experiences and adventures we will pursue with your children this year.

Mr. Andrew Merry

Staffing for upcoming year

Mr. Andrew Merry
Mr. Frank Chan
Mrs. Mary Godley
Ms. Amanda McDonald

Principal
Vice Principal
Administrative Assistant
Administrative Assistant

Ms. Desiree Richez
M. Sylvain Gagne
Mrs. Jennifer Tench
Mme. Marie-Helene Gauthier
Ms. Ashley Robinson
Mme. Melissa Damboise
Ms. Amber Chung
Ms. Megan Patterson
Mrs. Deborah Krysciak
Mme. Caroline Destouches
TBA/ Samantha Bis-Callihoo
Mme. Diane Moreau
Mrs. Navjot Dhillon
Mme. Kathryn Myers
Mrs. Mollie Karpowicz/TBA (Wed.)
Mrs. Stephanie Hjort-Olsen/ Mrs. Rachel Vaessen (Wed.)

Grade 5/6
Grade 5/6 (French Immersion)
Grade 5/6
Grade 4/5 (French Immersion)
Grades 4/5
Grade 3 (French Immersion)
Grades 3/4
Grade 2/3 (French Immersion)
Grades 2/3
Grades 1/2 (French Immersion)
Grades 1/ 2
K/1(French Immersion)
Grade 1/2
K (French Immersion)
Grade 1
K

Mme. Karima Belkahla
Mrs. Colleen Camplin
Mrs. Elizabeth Hamilton
Ms. Anais St. Laurent/ Ms. Sarah Beth Hogg
Mrs. Karli Bartlett
Mrs. Rosalyn Boudreau
Mrs. Maria Schokker
Mrs. Gina McCarty
Mrs. Rebekah Stenner
Mrs. Alison McKay-Molander

TTOC on Contract
ISP
LST
Library
Counselor
Music
ADST
Speech and Language
Math Support
Strong Start

Educational Assistants

Mrs. Jessica Elving, Mrs. Shannon Haig-Willis, Ms. Jenica Kronstrom, Ms. Stephanie McKay,

Mrs. Natalie McLean, Mr. Jack Verigan, Ms. Mariah Wagner, Mrs. Anja Richez,

Mrs. Kristie Pavle, Mrs. Tejinderjeet Brar, Mrs. Leesa Kiepprien

Ms. Bonnie Law, ELL E.A

Indigenous Liaison Worker

Deanna Dettieh

Upcoming Events

Tuesday, Sept 6	School begins – 11 am dismissal
Friday, Sept 23	Non-Instructional Day (Students not at school)
Friday, Sept 30	National Day for Truth and Reconciliation/Orange Shirt Day
Wednesday, Oct 5	Student Pictures

Ecole Mission Central Elementary Bell Schedule

<u>Time</u>	<u>Activity</u>
08:25	Warning bell – Students line up outside classroom doors
08:30	Second bell – Start of instructional day
10:00	Recess bell
10:15	End of Recess
11:55	Start of Lunch time – students go out to play
12:20	Bell to go inside to eat
12:40	Classroom instruction resumes
2:23	Final bell – End of the school day

Opening Day – Tuesday, Sept 6

Opening day is a half day from 8:30 to 11:00 am for all students except kindergarten. **Kindergarten families will follow the schedule in the letter they received in July from the school instead. Contact the school if you have not received this letter.**

Class lists (including classroom number, grade and teacher name) will be posted by 8:00 am at the front of the school in two locations. The locations are on the windows of the library and on a rolling white board near the front entrance door. Additionally, there will be maps in both areas to locate classrooms. All classroom exterior doors will have the room number, grade and teacher name posted to help locate your child's classroom(s). Please have students line up at their outside classroom door when the warning bell rings at 8:25 am. Teachers will admit students into class after the next bell rings at 8:30 am. Please do not send all school supplies on the first day. Only send a pencil case with a few items such as a pencil, pen, scissors, eraser, crayons, etc. You can send a snack as recess will be at 10:00-10:15 am. Students will dismiss from the same exterior door at 11 am. **Please let your students know that there is the potential for movement after the first day as unexpected changes in enrollment can require adjustments to classes.**

More information to follow in our **September Newsletter** at the beginning of the school year.