

April 2019

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Welcome back! April has arrived and hopefully warmer, dryer weather. This past month saw Parent Teacher Conferences, Carnival, Spring Break and much more. Many students shared their vacation adventures with me when we returned, it was great that everyone got to enjoy our warm weather. Our volleyball teams wrapped up their season at the year-end tournament. March also saw our Jump Rope for Heart fundraising drive which included a wrap-up activity on Thursday, March 14. Students participated in fun jump rope activities like Around the World, Snakey and the Jump Rope Limbo. We were very impressed with the fund-raising efforts of our students and families this year. As a school, we raised over \$3630. Well Done! We will focus on Cops for Cancer this April and May; stay tuned for hearing about upcoming events.

We had some other amazing fundraising events happen over the course of March to support our classrooms and students. Mission Central's first Bilingual Carnival was a huge success. Our students, parents and staff had a great time hosting the evening's events. Students were proud of the games and activities they created for the Carnival and excited to see how enthusiastic the community was to play them. Thank you to our students, staff, PAC members, parents and community for such a great event. We raised \$2378.85 to purchase classroom English and French books. The Shrove Pancake Supper on March 5 raised \$399 for the school's Breakfast Club. Thank you to Mission's Anglican Church and All Saints Church for hosting this event.

All families are invited to participate in the EMPOWER series every Wednesday in April from 5-7pm. Please see the attached flyer for more information.

April includes meetings for grade 6 students to begin the transition to Middle School next year. There will be visits from staff and leadership students from HPMS as well as Grade 6 students will visit HPMS in May.

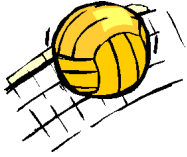
Please be sure to have your contact information is up to date at the school. The recent early school closure highlighted the importance of having accurate phone numbers and email addresses. A reminder to families and guardians to check in at the office if you are picking up/dropping off or leaving a message for a student.

Have a great month and please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Mr. Andrew Merry
Principal

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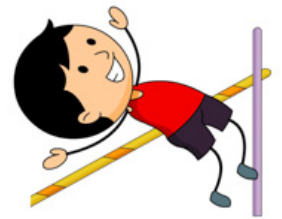
Volleyball



The Volleyball regular season has wrapped up with for our teams. The teams improved tremendously and showed great team spirit. The teams played in the year end tournament Thursday, March 7 at Heritage Park Middle School. Thanks to coaches M. Gagne, Mr. Holland and Mr. Kleindienst.

Track and Field

Track and field practices will begin outside in April for students in grade 4, 5, 6 and some in grade 3 will be focusing during gym on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday afternoons in preparation for the District Track and Field Meet on May 9 and 10. Students need to come prepared to participate with proper gym strip, water bottles and hats and sunscreen on sunny days.



KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Kindergarten registration for Immersion and English programs is still ongoing. Families can register at the school office during the hours of 8:00 - 3:30. A birth certificate or passport and proof of residence is required to register.

KNITTING CLUB



Knitting Club has started up every Friday on the Library at lunch. If the weather is miserable, the club will also meet on Mondays at lunch as well

EMPOWER

We are bringing information and resources to families of Mission Elementary Schools. 3 nights left with different topics. See attached flyer

April 10th A Receptive State of Mind 5 pm —7 pm — Responding to your child with receptivity instead of reactivity.

April 17th Cultivating Connections 5 pm—7 pm — Building a warm, positive, responsive & attentive Relationship with your child develops a strong foundation in a child’s brain for future learning, interactions and development

April 24th “Bend & Stretch Reach for the Sky. 5 pm —7 pm — Spend some time with your child bending, stretching, breathing, laughing and just having fun.



COPS FOR CANCER

Cops for Cancer fundraising activities will be running in April and May with a kick off assembly April 12. We are hoping to raise \$1500 to be able to send one child to camp.

SPIRIT ACTIVITIES



Backwards Day April 18th: Students can wear their clothes backwards for points for their spirit teams.

Earth Day Cleanup April 18th: Students will work on cleaning up the garden spaces that we have in the school in their spirit teams to celebrate Earth Day.



PAC

GET INVOLVED IN OUR PAC



The next **PAC meeting** will be held on Wednesday, April 10 at 6:30. Anyone is welcoming to attend. PAC is always looking for volunteers.

SPRING GARDEN

Spring is here and it is time to get growing. Mission Central classes have been growing food for three years now in three garden beds at the Central Community Garden adjacent to the school parking lot. Last year students enjoyed fresh lettuce, kale flowers, mint tea, beets, kale chips and pumpkins. We are looking for parents who would like to help in the garden for a few hours a month. If you are interested please contact the PAC ecolemissioncentralpac@gmail.com.

No gardening experience necessary.



HOT LUNCH

This month's hot lunches are April 12th and April 26th.

SNACK SHACK

Snack shack will be held on Tuesday and Thursday each week

BUS REGISTRATION FOR 2019 – 2020

Families are advised that Bus Registration for the 2019-20 school year will run from **May 1st through June 30th, 2019**. To ride a district school bus, all **new and returning** riders must complete a registration form each year.

Registration may be initiated by using our on-line bus registration form. This can be accessed at www.mpsd.ca and clicking on the 'Transportation' link on the Home page.

The Transportation office will be closed between July 1st and August 22nd, 2019. However, on-line registrations may still be submitted throughout July and August.

For further information on Bussing, e.g. bus routes, please call the Transportation Department:

604-826-6286 Ext. 3220 or Email: transportation@mpsd.ca Website: www.mpsd.ca



Upcoming Events

April

Friday, April 5	Newsletter Home 5-7 pm Gr 5, 6 Hot Dog Lunch
Wednesday, April 10	Art Starts Assembly PAC meeting 6:30pm Empower- A Receptive State of Mind 5-7 pm
Thursday, April 11	Kindergarten Screening
Friday, April 12	PAC Hot Lunch
Friday, April 12	Cops for Cancer visit
Wednesday April 17	Empower- Cultivating Connections 5-7 pm
Thursday, April 18	Spirit Day – Backwards Day Earth Day Clean Up Day
Friday, April 19	Good Friday
Monday, April 22	Easter Monday
Wednesday April 24	Empower – Bend and Stretch 5-7 pm
Thursday, April 25	It’s A Crime Not To Read
Friday, April 26	PAC Hot Lunch

May

Friday, May 3	Month End Assembly – 8:45 am Newsletter Home
Thursday, May 9	District and Field Meet - Gr 5, 6
Friday, May 10	District and Field Meet - Gr 4
Wednesday, May 15	PAC Meeting 9am
Thursday, May 16	Spirit Day – Hat Day Mid- Month Assembly – Cops for Cancer Wrap-Up – Duct Tape
Friday, May 17	Non-Instructional Day
Monday, May 20	Victoria Day
Thursday, May 23	Grade 6 Immunizations (only students who missed first round)
Friday, May 24	Welcome to Kindergarten 1 pm
Thursday, May 30	Grade 5.6 Hot Dog Day Lunch
Friday, May 31	Month End Assembly, Volunteer Thank You Luncheon

MISSION PUBLIC LIBRARY EVENTS FOR APRIL AND MAY:

You can also check out the latest library programs at www.fvrl.ca.

Here are a few events at Mission Library in April and May. Hoping there is room in your newsletter to include these events.

LEGO Club

Tuesdays, April 2 - May28, 3-4:15pm

Love LEGO? We provide the LEGO, you bring your imagination! Come play, create, and experiment.

Maze Mayhem: Sphero Challenge

Wednesday, April 17, 3:30-4:30pm

Come play with our collection of Sphero robots and learn to program a Sphero to get through our obstacle course. No previous coding experience required. Participants will have a chance to win a Sphero Mini! Registration Required.

Paws 4 stories

Thursday, April 18, 3:30-4:30pm

Read to a St. John Ambulance dog! Registration required.

Dance Fever Puppet Show

Tuesday, April 23, 6:45-7:30 pm

Put on your dancing shoes and shuffle over for a boogie-woogie storytime and puppet show.

Kitten Library

Saturday, May 4, 10:30-3:30 pm

For a purr-fectly wonderful time, come chill with some kittens in the kitten room! All animals will be up for adoption. Presented in partnership with the Fraser Valley Humane Society. Registration required.

EMPOWER

Education
Engagement



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Resources

PARENTING ON WHEELS 2018/2019

We are bringing the information and resources to Mission Elementary Schools

4 Nights 4 Topics

April 3rd	The Big Chill “Take 2”	5 pm–7 pm	<i>Light</i>
April 10th	A Receptive State of Mind	5 pm–7 pm	<i>Dinner</i>
April 17th	Cultivating Connections	5 pm–7 pm	<i>Provided</i>
April 24th	“Bend & Stretch Reach for the Sky”	5 pm–7 pm	

The Big Chill “Take 2” — Helping your child build self-regulation skills.

A Receptive State of Mind— Responding to your child with receptivity instead of reactivity.

Cultivating Connections— Building a warm, positive, responsive & attentive Relationship with your child develops a strong foundation in a child’s brain for future learning, interactions and development.

“Bend & Stretch Reach for the Sky” — Spend some time with your child bending, stretching, breathing, laughing and just having fun.

Where?

Mission Central
Elementary School
7466 Welton Street, Mission

**Free
Child
Minding**



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Mission ECD Committee



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