

December 2019

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The month of November has blown by into December, as we quickly move towards Winter Break. Excitement for the holidays is already building, as I walk around the school, listening to the many conversations starting with "All I want for Christmas is ..." November included the Remembrance Day Assembly, and Facial Hair Day. Ready, Set, Learn on Nov 15 was very well attended. Thanks to Diana McCall for organizing this great event. Also, our basketball teams built momentum over their playdays in November and improved tremendously.



The Scholastic Book Fair ran from Fri., Nov. 29 to Wed., Dec. 04, at lunch time and after school until 4:00, with Family Night on Wednesday until 7:30 p.m. Every purchase counts towards giving books to our school's library. Thanks to Mme. Hedderson for her time and effort in organizing this wonderful event.

Upcoming in December, there are a number of exciting events and activities: report cards and parent-teacher conferences; Red/Green and Christmas Sweater Day on Dec. 11, the PAC will once again be hosting the Christmas Store the week of Dec 9-13 as well as Breakfast with Santa on Dec 20. This year's Christmas Concert is on Wed., Dec. 18, at 12:45 pm in the gym and we hope to see all of you there. Winter Vacation will be from Dec 23-Jan 3, with students returning to school on Jan 6. Kindergarten registration will occur the week of Jan 20-24.

With the cold and wet weather arriving early this year, we are reminding parents that our students go outdoors and are encouraged to come to school dressed in warm clothes from a toque to boots.

We request that drivers dropping off and picking up students respect our neighbours on our surrounding streets. Please do not block driveways, limit access or visibility.

A reminder of the importance of regular attendance for students in their success in learning.

I hope everyone has a great break and students return refreshed and ready to learn in the New Year.

Mr. Andrew Merry
Principal



Student of the Month

Every month teachers select a few students to be recognized as Student of the Month. Selection criteria may include academic achievement, attitude and or behaviour. The following students were recognized at our November 30th assembly, with congratulations going to Tristen B., Jack K., Sommer S., Meriam B., Maya F., Eduardo M., Dylan W., London P., Rosa E., Marcus A., Karter P., Sadie S., Tatianna H., Tabitha S., Beatrice I., Ryder J., Cyrianna C., Gabriella C., Lorelle J., Tomi J., Avery M., Paislee K., Mason B., Yuna M., Jonny I., Kristofer Z., Sophia h., Giovonni V., Lucy B., Dominic V., Kaia P., Joshua E., Obi E., Reilly L., Spencer W., Kendra C., Maddie C., Cole A., Taisia W., Viktor B., Amelia T., Neave S., Brooking A., Talia P., Sanjoh P, Chase P.

S.U.P.E.R. stands for Safety, Unity, Participation, Excellence, Respect/Responsibility. Every month students earn SUPER tickets under the SUPER categories. At our monthly assemblies, a draw is made and students can win small prizes. This month’s SUPER winners are Sophie C., Maya F., Darius T., Mason F., Humza J., Alex I. Congratulations and thanks for being SUPER!!



SUPPORTING OUR LOCAL FOOD BANK

Students will earn points for their spirit teams for each item brought to the school to donate to the St Joseph’s Food bank. The Food bank will run from December 5 to 18.

Canned protein (Fish & meat)
Canned fruit
Canned vegetables
Meals in a Tin (e.g. Pork n’ Beans or Stew)
Whole grain rice

Pasta and pasta sauce
Healthy canned soups
Baby formula (large cans)
Baby jar food
Cereal
Diapers



CHRISTMAS CONCERT



École Mission Central Elementary will be holding this year’s Christmas Concert on Dec 18 at 12:45 pm in the gym. Come and enjoy the wonderful performances by our hard-working students. They will be so excited to show off the results of the many rehearsals. PAC will be hosting a **bake sale** during the Christmas Concert. Please let PAC know if you can donate any baking.



KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Kindergarten registration for French and English programs will occur the week of Jan. 20-24. Information about programs, registration requirements and online registration forms are available at the Mission Public School District website under Kindergarten Registration or at: <https://www.mpsd.ca/Schools/Registration/Pages/default.aspx> . Please read the registration procedures carefully. Registration forms will also be available at the school.

INCREMENT WEATHER and UNSCHEDULED SCHOOL CLOSURES

Decisions about unscheduled school closures and bus route changes are almost always made in the early morning before school. This allows for the most current weather information to factor into the decision. This information is communicated immediately, generally before 6:15 AM.

For more information about the district's procedure on unscheduled school closures, please review the Administrative Procedure #317 Temporary School and Classroom Closure here:

<https://www.mpsd.ca/District/weatherprocedure/Pages/default.aspx#/=>.

KNITTING CLUB



Knitting Club is open for all students on Fridays in the Library at lunch. If the weather is miserable, the club will also meet on Mondays at lunch.

MISSION CENTRAL SPORTS – Go Wildcats Go!

Basketball



The team basketball team showed tremendous development over the season and improved every game. The Blue and the White teams finished with 3-3 records in league play to advance to the playoffs. Both teams battled hard and played very well in their playoff games but eventually lost to the other teams. Well Done! Thank you to coaches Holland, Bis-Callihoo, Damboise, and Nero for all their time and effort.

Floor hockey

Drop-in floor hockey is up and running lunch times on Wednesday and Friday in the gym when the weather is poor outside. Any student in grade 4, 5 and 6 can play.

Volleyball practices will be starting in January with games beginning in February for students in grades 5 & 6. Open gym in the morning will begin in December for students in grade 4, 5, 6 to work on serving, setting and bumping (without nets).



MISSION CENTRAL PAC

There will be a **December PAC meeting on Wed. Dec 11 at 6:00 pm**. All parents are welcome to attend.

CHRISTMAS STORE DEC 9-13

PAC is still accepting donations for the Christmas Store; you can drop them off in the foyer of the school. We are looking for Gently Used, Brand New, Kid Friendly Items - Working Appliances, Jewelry, household items, items for Men, wrapping paper, gift bags! Please no clothes or VHS tapes! This great event happens December 9-13 during your child's time in the library and allows children to purchase gifts for family and friends for only a \$1 each. Thanks to PAC, the gifts will be wrapped for them as well. Thank you for your generosity and support!



HOT LUNCH

There will be no hot lunch in December. January 10 and 24 are the next dates.

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

PAC is hosting Breakfast with Santa on Friday Dec 20 in the gym. Students are encouraged to wear pajamas. Volunteers are needed to make breakfast, help serve and clean up. Set up begins at 7 am. Contact the PAC if you are able to help.



Upcoming events at the Mission Public Library

Check out the latest library programs at <https://fvrl.bibliocommons.com/events/>

Learn to Code with Ozobots: Friday, Dec. 6, 2 pm - 3:30 pm

Celebrate Canada Learning to Code week at the Library. We will be using Ozoblocky to code these mini robots. No previous experience necessary. For ages 10 and older. Registration required.

Snowy Stories Puppet Show: Tuesday, Dec. 17, 6:45 pm – 7:30 pm

Celebrate the season's winter holidays with a festive puppet show! Fun for the whole family.



Upcoming Events

December 2019

Monday, Dec 2

Dec 2-4

Thursday, Dec 5

Fri, Dec 6

Dec 9 -13

Wed, Dec 11

Friday, Dec. 13

Wednesday, Dec 18

Friday, Dec. 20

Report Cards Home

Parent Teacher Conferences

Newsletter Home

Non-Instructional Day - Day in Lieu (no school for students)

PAC Christmas Store

Red/Green Christmas Sweater Day

PAC Meeting – 6 pm

Spirit Activity – Christmas Tree Decorating

Christmas Concert at 12:45 pm

Last Day before Winter Vacation

PAC Breakfast with Santa in the gym

Pajama Day

Holiday Movie afternoon

Dec 23 - Jan 3

Winter Vacation

January 2020

Monday, Jan 6

Friday, Jan 10

School Reopens

Hot Lunch

Student Recognition Assembly

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Mon, Jan 20- Fri, Jan 24

Kindergarten Registration

Wed, Jan 16

PAC Meeting 8:45am

Friday, Jan 24

Hot Lunch

Friday, Jan 31

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