

February 2019

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The weather is beginning to warm up and the days are getting longer as we move into February. There were a number of activities occurring in January including: Matchy Matchy Day, Hot Dog Lunches, Riot of Reading Family Literacy Day on Saturday Jan 26 with over 500 people attending. Students are participating in ice skating in January and February. It was great to get on the ice with the students. Volleyball season is here and the Mission Central teams will begin play in two weeks. There will be a Kick-Start Assembly for Jump Rope for Heart on Feb 8 to begin our annual fundraiser for the Heart and Stroke

Foundation. Do you have questions regarding registering your child in French Immersion? There will be a Kindergarten/Grade 1 French Immersion Parent Information night at Christine Morrison on Feb 19. Feb 27 is Anti-Bullying Day also known as Pink Shirt Day. Students and staff are encouraged to wear a pink shirt in support of Anti-Bullying.

Report cards will be coming home on March 11 and parent teacher conferences will occur afterschool/evenings from March 11-13. Classroom teachers will be letting you know their schedule and availability. March is going to be a short month scholastically with a two-week Spring Break occurring this month. The last day of school before Spring Break will be Thursday March 14 with the Jump Rope for Heart wrap-up event. Students will return to school on April 4.

A reminder of the importance of regular attendance and punctuality. Please have students arrive on time as important activities occur at the beginning of the day that set students up for success. There is a strong connection between regular attendance and academic success.

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

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 January 25th. assembly, with congratulations going to Kedra C., Sye C., Chloe H., Konnor F., Joshua E., Mason K., Taylor S., Landen L., Harrison A., Micah M., Madina J., Domenic V., Abbi L., Mackenna V.S., Scotia R., Emily M., William C., Sophie V., Sedar B., Jasmin V., Jeffery D., Emma C., Ryder N., Elise B., Rosa E., Lina L., Madelyn L., Judith P., Cole A., Rose G., Dylan W., Amais M., Alayna A. Bravo!

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: Ben H., Paul B., Sean P., William C., Lucy B., Amais M., Austin A. Congratulations and thanks for being SUPER!!

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Kindergarten registration for all students started on Jan 14. Families can register at the school office during the hours of 8:00 - 3:30 for either French Immersion or the English program. A birth certificate or passport is required along with proof of residence to register. Registration forms are available at the school or online at www.mpsd.ca

SPORTS

Volleyball



Volleyball practices began in January for grade 5/6 students Practices are Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2:25 and 3:15 and during lunch time on Wednesdays. There is open gym every Playdays will occur in February on the 14, 21, and 28. Mission Central will be hosting for all three playdays. There will be a district tournament on March 7. Thanks to coaches Gagne, Holland and Kleindienst.

It's Carnaval! Mission Central will be having a Carnaval festival fundraiser on **Friday March 8th from 5-8pm**. Students in grades 3-6 are making the winter-themed games that will be played during the event. We will be sending home a letter asking for donations for materials and raffle items. This will be a bilingual event and is open to Mission's community.



We are planning to have a cake walk at Carnaval. If you are able to bake a cake for the cake walk, please let PAC or Mme Néro know. The cake walk is always a huge hit with the students!

We are looking for parent volunteers! Our first meeting is Wednesday, February 6th from 2:45-3:30pm. Please contact PAC or Mme. Néro to let them know that you can attend. Also, if you are able to volunteer your time the night of the Carnaval, please let us know.

SPIRIT EVENTS

Kindness month: February is Kindness Month at Mission Central! During the month of February we will be doing activities and recognizing kind gestures. Staff members who see students being kind in their classrooms and in the halls will be giving students "Caught in the Act of Kindness" tickets to win prizes all month. Tickets will be chosen on Fridays. Our spirit teams will be coming together February 8th to create some special kindness artwork for the front foyer. We will end our kindness month with a special Pink Shirt Day assembly on February 28th.

February 14th: Wear red, white and/or pink to celebrate Valentine's Day!

Thursday, March 14th After recess spirit teams will prepare a fruit salad lunch together. This is a part of the Farm to Schools grant that our school received.

CANDYGRAM/VALENTINES DANCE

Gr 5/6 students will be selling Candygrams for 50 cents each between Feb 5-8 in the front foyer at lunch. Candygrams will be delivered on Feb 14, Valentines Day. Money raised will be used for decorations at the Grade 5/6 Valentines Day Dance on Feb 14 in the gym.

SEXUAL HEALTH AND HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS

Many of our students will receive a Sexual Health and Healthy Relationship program from guest educator Samantha Strange. Students in Kindergarten, grades 4, 5 and 6 will receive lessons based on current BC Ministry of Education learning standards. Information letters will be coming home as well as a Parent Meeting on Feb 20 for families wanting to know more about the program.

JUMP ROPE FOR HEART

The Heart and Stroke Foundation has its annual fundraising Campaign underway. We are asking students to participate in the campaign by asking for donation from family and friends. There are two ways to donate; making a donation online or by giving a donation to the students. For an online donation you will receive an email from a student containing donation instructions. The goal this year is to raise \$1800. There are many great prizes including Jump Ropes, Mini Basketballs, Hover Air Soccer Balls, Light Up Scooter, V-Tech Kidizoom Action Cam, Gift Cards and Bikes. The finale for the fundraiser will be held in the afternoon of Thursday, Mar 14. Students will participate in a series of skipping activities finishing with a competition in the gym. Click on this [link](#) for more information for parents.

HOT LUNCH

There will be hot lunch available Friday, Feb 8 and Friday, Feb 22 this month. Thank you to the PAC for organizing this popular activity. Order forms should have come home.

KNITTING CLUB

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

PAC

The **February PAC meeting** is in room 126 on Thursday, Feb 21 at 8:45 am. This is a great opportunity to become involved in the school.

SNACK SHACK – snack shack is changing days. It will now be on Tuesdays and Thursdays

Upcoming Events

February 2019

Friday, Feb. 1	Newsletter home
	Gr 5/6 Hot Dog Lunch Fundraiser
Wednesday, Feb 6	Carnaval Volunteer Committee Meeting 2:45 – 3:30 pm
Friday, Feb. 8	Mid-Month Assembly - 8:45 a.m. – Jump Rope For Heart Kindness Month Art Activity
Wednesday, Feb 13	Aboriginal Cultural Day
Thursday, Feb 14	Spirit Day – Red and White Day Gr 5/6 Valentines Dance
Friday, Feb 15	District Pro-D (Students not at school)
Monday, Feb. 18	Family Day – (Students not at school)
Wednesday, Feb 20	Sexual Health and Healthy Relationships Parent Meeting -
Thursday, Feb 21	PAC Meeting – 8:45 am
Friday, Feb. 22	Month-End Assembly - 8:45 a.m. (Student of the Month)
Wednesday, Feb 27	Anti-Bullying Pink Shirt Day

March 2019

Friday, Mar 1	Assessment & Evaluation - 11:00 a.m. dismissal Newsletter Home
Tuesday, Mar 4	Sexual Health and Healthy Relationship program
Friday, Mar 8	Sexual Health and Healthy Relationship program Spirit Day – Fairy Tale/Fave Book Character Carnaval – 5:00 -7:30 pm
Monday, Mar 11	Report Cards Home
Mar 11-13	Parent Teacher Conferences
Wednesday, March 13	Class Photos Sexual Health and Healthy Relationship program
Thursday, Mar 14	Fruit Salad Spirit Activity/Jump Rope for Heart Wrap Up
Friday, Mar 15	Day in Lieu – (Students not at School)
March 18 – March 29	Spring Break
Monday, April 1	School reopens

Discover a new way for your child to learn French

DPAC Presents:

SOGI Education:

Myths and Misconceptions

“What are they teaching our kids?”

Feb 26 th , 2019

ES Richards Library 7:00 pm

33419 Cherry Ave. Mission

Studies have shown that including SOGI material in classrooms reduces all bullying, not just bullying in the LGBTQ2S communities.

Come learn more about what students are learning in classrooms.

SOGI stands for sexual orientation and gender identity

Presented by Sharon Widdows and Darran Forrest

Upcoming programs at the Mission Public Library

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

Mission Library events for February:

LEGO Club

Tues, Jan 8 to Apr 30, 3-4:15 pm

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

BeTween the Pages Book Club

Wednesdays Feb 13, Mar 13, Apr 10, 3:30-4:30 pm

Join a book club to discover new books, enjoy fun activities and make new friends! Please contact the library to register. For ages 9-12.

Harry Potter Book Night

Thursday, Feb 7, 6-7:30 pm

Any school aged muggles or wizards are welcome to attend this celebration of J.K. Rowling's wonderful Harry Potter book series. Find out which house you belong in and have fun with various other games and activities. Ages 8 and older.

Hugs & Kisses Puppet Show

Tues, Feb 12 6:45-7:30 pm

Grab someone you love and hurry down to the library for some heart-warming stories, songs, and a puppet show celebrating Valentine's Day.

Family Fort Night

Tuesday, Feb 19, 5:30-7 pm

Come to the library for fort building, games, and reading by flashlight! Snacks and fort materials provided. Bring your own flashlight.