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The weather is beginning to warm up and the days are getting longer as we move into February. January was a relatively quiet month for activities but we still had our Hot Dog Lunches, Healthy Eating Activity – “Make Your Own Yogurt Parfait”, and represent your school spirit team day. **February is going to be a**

busy month for Mission Central students. Students are participating in ice skating in January and February. Volleyball season has arrived and the Mission Central teams will begin play days Thursday Feb 13. Riot of Reading Family Literacy Day will be on Saturday Feb 8. We hope to see you there! There will be a Kick-Start Assembly for Jump Rope for Heart on Feb 13 to begin our annual fundraiser for the Heart and Stroke Foundation. The Empower Series for Parents continues this year on Feb 11 and 18 from 5-7 pm in the library. Mme Hedderson and students will be hosting the Scholastic Book Fair from Feb 18-21. Our second annual Carnival will be held on Friday, Feb 21 from 5-7:30 at Mission Central and our ADST students have been busy building new games for our community to play. We would like to give a **huge Thank You and Merci** to Lacey Construction for providing two carpenters, equipment, and materials for the day on February 4 to help our students build their Carnival games. Feb 26 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.

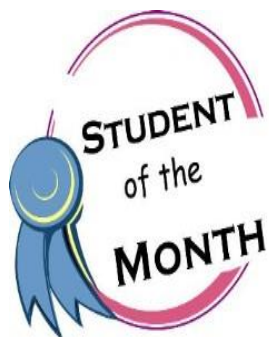
Report cards will be coming home March 9 and parent teacher conferences will occur afterschool/evenings from March 9-11. Classroom teachers will be letting you know their schedule and availability. March is going to be a short month scholastically with a two-week Spring Break occurring this month. The last day of school before Spring Break will be Thursday March 12 with the Jump Rope for Heart wrap-up event. Students will return to school March 30.

We would like to remind families 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. Also, please remember to send your children in clothes that are appropriate for the weather and to make sure that your child has an extra set of clothes as we have been having very wet and cold weather lately.

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 31 assembly, with congratulations going to Isabell M., Kaitlyn T., Colton M., Nathan D., Jayce B., Delia J., Isabella M., Sofia H., Matika W., Jake G., Chloe A., Lexus G., Sophia S., William E., Chey K., Mac S., Chloe H., Liam K., Dominic B., Talia B., William C., Caleb S., Allie St. J., Marli P., Jaxson B., Humza J., Sapphira W., Victoria S., Kady E., Benjamin L., Evelyn F., Chloe G., A'Lexus J., Payton H., Felix VB., Ruby K., Eden E., Pihu S., Abigail B., Jaxon L., 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 Joshua E., Abby M., Tia B., Charlette M., Kaitlyn T. Congratulations and thanks for being SUPER!!

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION



NOW is the time
TO REGISTER FOR
Kindergarten



Kindergarten registration for all students started Jan 20. 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. **If you know a family that is planning to register please ask them to register soon. Spaces are filling up quickly.**

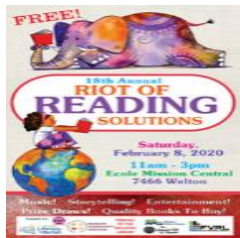
SPORTS



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 morning. Playdays will occur in February on the 13, 20, and 27. Mission Central will be hosting for all three playdays. There will be a district tournament March 5 at Hatzic Middle School. Thanks to coaches Gagne, Holland and Robinson.

RIOT OF READING : Saturday, Feb 8 - 11 am - 3 pm



The Riot of Reading Solutions - Mission's 18th Annual Family Literacy Fair at Mission Central Elementary on 7466 Welton Street. This is a one-stop-shop to connect with all those in our community who support families and literacy. There will be refreshments, music, entertainment, prizes, and quality books to buy. And it's all free, so come with your families and enjoy!

It's Carnival time! Mission Central will be having a Carnival festival fundraiser on **Friday Feb 21 from 5-7:30 pm**. Students in grades 4-6 are making the carnival games that will be played during the event. We have sent home a letter asking for donations for materials and raffle items. This will be a bilingual event and is open to Mission's community. Come eat, play games, and meet Bonhomme Carnaval.



We are planning to have a cake walk at Carnival. 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! This year, we are also having a bottle booth, if you are able to donate a can or bottle of non-perishable items (soap, cans, jars, etc.) then please send them with your child and they can bring them to the office.



We are looking for parent volunteers! Our next meeting is Monday, February 18th 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 Carnival, please let us know.



MISSION CENTRAL SPIRIT EVENTS

IT'S 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.



FEBRUARY 12TH: WEAR WINTER GEAR SPIRIT DAY Earn spirit points for your team and wear your winter wear. We have had some interesting weather this winter and let's celebrate our Canadian winter next Wednesday!

CANDYGRAM/VALENTINES DANCE

Gr 5/6 students were selling Candygrams for 50 cents each between Feb 4-7 in the front foyer at lunch. Candygrams will be delivered on Feb 13. Money raised will be used for decorations at the Grade 5/6 Valentines Day Dance on Feb 13 in the gym.



DIVISION 3 BAKE SALE AND FUNDRAISER TO SUPPORT AUSTRALIAN WILDLIFE



Div. 3 will be having a bake sale and Koala fundraiser next Thursday Feb. 13th at recess and lunch. Students will be selling baked goods for 50 cents each or a plate of 3 for \$1. They also have printed off 3D Koala figurines: Large Koala for \$4, Medium for \$2, and Small for \$1. All of the money raised will be donated to a wildlife charity in Australia.

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; 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 Skipping Ropes, Mist 'N Sip Water Bottles, Soccer Balls, Slip 'N Slide Knee Hockey, Gift Cards and Bikes. The finale for the fundraiser will be held in the afternoon of Thursday, Mar 12. 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 7 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. Thanks to Mme Hedderson for running this club for our students when it is raining and teaching them life skills.

PAC

The **February PAC meeting** is in room 126 on Wednesday, Feb 12 at 8:45 am. This is a great opportunity to become involved in the school.



Upcoming Events

February 2020

Friday, Feb 7	Hot Lunch
Saturday, Feb 8	Riot of Reading 11-3 pm
Tuesday, Feb 11	Empower Series – 5-7 pm Library
Wednesday, Feb 12	Spirit Day –Wear Winter Gear PAC Meeting 8:45 am
Thursday, Feb 13	Jump Rope for Heart Kickoff Assembly Grade 5/6 Valentine’s Day Dance Volleyball Playday – 3 pm

Friday, Feb 14	Non-Instructional Day – (Students not at school), Valentines Day
Monday, Feb. 17	Family Day – (Students not at school)
Feb 18 – 21	Scholastic Book Fair
Tuesday, Feb 18	Empower Series – 5-7 pm Library
Wednesday, Feb 19	Spirit Activity – Door Decorating for Carnaval
Thursday, Feb 20	Volleyball Playday – 3 pm
Friday Feb 21	Carnaval – 5:00 -7:30 pm
Wednesday, Feb 26	Pink Shirt Day Gr 5/6 Hot Dog Lunch
Thursday, Feb 27	Volleyball Playday – 3 pm
Friday, Feb 28	1/2 Day Assessment and Evaluation (Student Dismissal at 11 am) Newsletter Home

March 2020

Thursday, Mar 5	Volleyball Tournament – Hatzic Middle
Friday, Mar 6	Student Recognition Assembly 8:45 am
Monday, Mar 9	Report Cards Home Class Photos
Mar 9 - 11	Parent Teacher Conferences
Wednesday, March 11	Gr 5/6 Hot Dog Lunch Fundraiser
Thursday, Mar 12	Jump Rope for Heart Wrap Up Spirit Day – Wear Red and White
Friday, Mar 13	Day in Lieu – (Students not at School)
March 16 – March 27	Spring Break
Monday, March 30	School reopens

UPCOMING PROGRAMS AT THE MISSION PUBLIC LIBRARY

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

LEGO Club Tuesdays, 3 pm – 4:15 pm

Discovery Club (Please register online, ages 8-12)

1st & 3rd Wed of the month, 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm

Come and get excited about science, technology, engineering, art and mathematics - STEAM. There will be tinkering, coding, creating, experimenting and designing.

BeTween the Pages Book Club ((Registration required, ages 9-12) 2nd Wednesday of the Month, 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm

Paws 4 Stories (Registration required) 3rd Thursday of the month, 3:30 pm – 4:30 pm

Harry Potter Book Night Thursday, February 6, 6 pm - 8 pm



Love makes the World Go Round Puppet Show Friday, February 14, 2 pm – 2:45 pm

Birdwatching Scavenger Hunt Friday, February 14, 3:00-4:30 pm
Hunt for birds with a birdwatching backpack. Find all the birds and win a prize!

Beginner's Ukulele (please register online, ages 8-12)
Mondays, March 16 and 23, Wed Mar 18 and 25, 11:00am -12:00pm
This Spring Break program is for ages 8-12 and is taught by a music instructor. Ukuleles will be provided.

Raptor's Ridge Thursday, March 19, 10:30-11:30 am
Raptors Ridge will offer a rare and unique opportunity to view birds of prey up close and personal. Fun for the whole family.

Spring Break Special: Science World on the Road Friday, March 20, 2 pm – 3 pm

Go Big or Go Home: Giant Games Saturday, March 28, 10 am – 4:30 pm
Drop by and play our collection of giant-sized games, including Snakes & Ladders, Bananagrams, and more.

And one last reminder of our 2020 Carnaval! 😊

Hosted by École Mission Central's STUDENTS, STAFF and PAC at
7466 Welton Street, Mission B.C.

 <p>LOCAL FOOD TRUCK</p>	 <p>GAMES IN FRANÇAIS & ENGLISH</p>	 <p>RENCONTREZ LE BONHOMME CARNAVAL</p>	 <p>STUDENT-CREATED CARNAVAL GAMES 25¢ each</p>
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ÉCOLE MISSION CENTRAL'S 2nd annual CARNIVAL
A community-based **BILINGUAL** fund-raising carnival! Open to all!

<p>FRIDAY FEBRUARY 21 FÉVRIER 5-7:30pm</p>	 <p>VANCOUVER CANUCKS TICKETS RAFFLE</p>	 <p>CAKEWALK</p>
	 <p>SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR French & English books for sale in the library</p>	 <p>RAFFLE TICKETS BUY NOW! 50/50 & RAFFLE PRIZE BASKETS</p>

All funds raised will go towards purchasing books for the school's classrooms and library.

