

## February 2021

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We have had a quiet start to 2021 but we still had a fun Crazy Hair Day and wore black shirts to recognize racial injustice. February and March will be much busier months, Wildcats!

While staff and students at Ecole Mission Central are committed to kindness all year-round, on Feb 24 we will be participating in Anti-Bullying Day also known as Pink Shirt Day. Students and staff are encouraged to wear a pink shirt in support of Anti-Bullying. We are also celebrating Black History Month in classrooms and school-wide with different activities to honour and learn from Black culture and history.



On February 12, your child can participate in our Spirit Event by wearing red, pink or white to celebrate Valentine's Day. On February 17, classes will participate in two workshops organized by Siwal Si'wes focused on Indigenous cultural activities. We are looking forward to learning from local Indigenous community members and teachers.

Report cards will be coming home on March 9 and virtual Parent-Teacher conferences will occur after-school and evenings from March 9-11. Classroom teachers will be letting you know their schedule and availability soon. March will be a short month scholastically with a two-week Spring Break. The last day of school before Spring Break will be Thursday March 11 and learning groups will party in the gym for Beat the Winter Blues Beach Day. Students are encouraged to come in their school-appropriate beach wear. This will be our last fundraiser this year for the Terry Fox Foundation and encourage students to bring \$2 to support this cause as they have worked VERY hard running to this year to complete Terry Fox's Marathon of Hope. We hope to have completed the 7, 821 km by spring break. Students will return to school on March 29.

We encourage families to send students with a healthy lunch to school. We request that children do not come to school with pop. We have some healthy foods for students who forget their lunch or do not come to school with a lunch. Please encourage your child to come to the office if they need a lunch. Breakfast Club is running at the door of ISP in the mornings, any child is welcome to get a healthy snack in the morning to start their day off right.

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

Mr. Andrew Merry  
Principal

## Students 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 positive behaviour. The following students were recognized at our January 31 assembly, with congratulations going to Malia J., Dominic B., McKenna H., Beatrice I., Mansirat K., Natalia I., Meriam B., , Forest Y., Dayvah P. , Sammy B-L., Lily O., Lyla S., Olivia D. Lorelle J., Rian T., Sadie C., Lucas C., Hannah W., Tessa A., Miya M., Austin A., Alex I., Russell L., Jane M., Domenic V., Dante W., Parnoor S., Raina D., Alexander C., Jeffrey D., Alex S., Lukas D., Avy S., Teresa T O., Colton S., Eden E., Ishai H., Lawson T., Yuna M., Kaiden S-M., Allie St J., Owen M., Sye C., Lea I., Makenna V S., Paislee K., Tony K., Charlette M., Ryder N., Cherish S., Evelyn H., Kaiya P., Russell D., Rory M., Keira M-S., Allison T., Scarlett S.E., Sienna H., Liam K., Jackson L-S. Bravo et félicitations!

**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. Congratulations and thanks for being SUPER to our winners!

## KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Kindergarten registration has started. Families can register by calling the school to set up an appointment during the hours of 8:00 - 3:15 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 online at [www.mpsd.ca](http://www.mpsd.ca) or at the school.

## SPIRIT EVENTS

**Spirit Day: Wear RED, PINK or WHITE** To celebrate Valentine's Day, we encourage students to wear red, pink or white to school on Thursday, February 11. Feel free to wear hearts as well 😊

## February's Commitment to Kindness:



Every month, Mission Central will have a different theme to encourage kindness in our school. During the month of February, we will continue the work completed to build the Grinch's heart by doing activities and recognizing kind gestures. Staff members who see students being kind in their classrooms and in the halls will be giving students "Kindness Heart" tickets. Tickets will be posted on a hallway wall in the form of a giant Pink T-Shirt. Every Friday, we will draw names of two students who earned a heart during the week. Students are encouraged to wear a Pink T-Shirt February 12.

### INDIGENOUS CULTURAL DAY: February 17



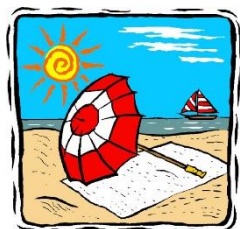
Chief Johnny William will perform an opening and closing ceremony. Each class will participate in two virtual workshops to learn a cultural activity. The students will have a lot of fun and learn a about our local Indigenous culture.

**COTTON CANDY:** Div 1 sold cotton candy by pre-order and the cotton candy will be delivered at the end of day Thursday Feb 11. Cotton candy sales are now closed and late orders cannot be accepted.



### MISSION CENTRAL'S MARATHON OF HOPE

Students have ran, walked or jogged 4, 487km of our goal of 7, 821km. Hopefully the weather improves and we can complete the Marathon by spring break. Students have been working very hard thus far and have been really engaged in this healthy fundraiser. We encourage students to bring \$2 on March 11 to donate to the Terry Fox foundation as we still have not achieved our goal of \$750.



### BEAT THE WINTER BLUES BEACH DAY! March 11

Learning groups will come and party in the gym with DJ Nero and dance to some sunshine and beach songs. Students can wear school-appropriate beach attire and even though we maybe can't travel to a hot location this spring break, we can at least kick spring break off with some fun! Thanks to some of our parents who are donating decorations to help make our gym into a fun holiday retreat. Who knows?

Maybe the weather will be warm enough to enjoy our local beaches 😊

### KNITTING CLUB



Knitting Club happens every Wednesday and Friday in the Library at lunch. Only one Learning Group at a time will be attending. Mme. Hedderson will inform Learning Groups when it is their turn to participate.

**PAC The February PAC meeting** is on Zoom on Wednesday, Feb 17 at 9:30 am. This is a great opportunity to become involved in the school. Link:

<https://ca01web.zoom.us/j/63296792551?pwd=cGFjMXVwTWw4OXpLaVZmVXEzYjI0Zz09>

### PAC MUSIC BINGO NIGHT A little fun to kick off spring break! **March 12 7:00-9:00pm**



A fun fundraiser for Mission Central families! Please contact PAC at [emcpacexec@gmail.com](mailto:emcpacexec@gmail.com) if you can help with prizes or sponsorship opportunities or have any questions. Bingo sheets are \$10 each and can be purchased by e-transfer to [cory@musicbingo.com](mailto:cory@musicbingo.com) (provide email address & school name in the notes) or by credit card through the event Facebook page. Please do not send cash to school or e-transfers to the PAC. PAC is also looking for sponsorships and donations; it's a great way to advertise your local business. See document sent by the school Tuesday morning for more info.

**February 2021**

**Commitment to Kindness: Anti-Bullying Pink shirts**

Thursday, Feb 11	Wear Pink, Red, White Cotton Candy Distribution
Friday, Feb 12	Professional Development Day – (Students not at school)
Monday, Feb. 15	Family Day – (Students not at school)
Wednesday, Feb 17	Indigenous Cultural Day, PAC Meeting 9:30 am
Wednesday, Feb 24	Pink Shirt Day, Pink Shirt and Black History Month Assembly
Friday, Feb 26	1/2 Day Assessment and Evaluation (Student Dismissal at 11 am) Newsletter Home

**March 2021**

Friday, Mar 5	Student Recognition Assemblies - Intermediate 9am; Primary 1pm
Monday, Mar 8	Report Cards Home
<b>Mar 8 - 10</b>	<b>Parent Teacher Conferences</b>
Thursday, Mar 11	Spring Break Celebration – Beat the Winter Blues Beach Party Wear school-appropriate beachwear
Friday, Mar 12	Day in Lieu – (Students not at School), PAC Music Bingo Night 7-9:30
March 15 – March 26	Spring Break
Monday, March 29	School reopens

**April 2021**

Friday, April 2	Good Friday - (Students not at School)
Monday, April 5	Easter Monday - (Students not at School)



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1 Honouring Black History Month	2	3	4	5
8	9	10	11 Spirit Day: Wear Pink, White or Red Distribution of pre-ordered Cotton Candy	12 Non-Instructional Day (Students not in session)
15 School closed FAMILY DAY	16	17 Indigenous Cultural Day 8:45-11:45am	18	19
22	23	24 Pink Shirt Day & Black History Month Assembly	25	26 Non-Instructional Half Day (Students leave at 11am)



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1 Commitment to Kindness: Brighten Someone's Day	2	3	4	5 Newsletter home Student Recognition Assembly 9am Intermediate 1pm Primary
8 Report Cards home Parent-Teacher Conferences	9 Parent-Teacher Conferences	10 Parent-Teacher Conferences evening	11 Beat the Winter Blues Beach Day - dress in beachwear Terry Fox fundraiser \$2 to finish the Marathon of Hope	12 Non-Instructional Day (Students not in Session) / First day of Spring Break PAC Music BINGO Night 7-9:30pm
15 Happy Spring Break	16	17	18	19
22	23	24	25	26
29 First Day Back from Spring Break	30	31		1 Good Friday (School closed)