

January 2021

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I would like to thank the staff, PAC, parents and students for all their time, generosity and efforts in making December a wonderful month. We started December off with communicating where students are at in their learning with report cards and Parent-Teacher Conferences. The last two weeks of school were incredibly busy and enjoyable with the first ever virtual Christmas Concert, Red/Green and Holiday Sweater Day, Christmas Door Decorating, Christmas Movies, French Immersion Christmas Magic Show, as well as many class celebrations.

Kindergarten Registration for French Immersion will be held the week of Jan 11-15 and for English during the week of Jan 18-22. The process is different this year. Pre-registration will occur online to avoid lineups at schools. This will determine the order of registration. Completion of registration will require coming to the school at a later date. See below for more information.

During January and February, Grade 5 Students will be participating in the Middle Years Development Instrument (MDI). Grade 4 students will be participating in the Satisfaction Survey as well as the Foundation Skills Assessment (FSA).

A reminder that Ecole Mission Central Elementary is a Scent-Free School. Several staff have severe allergies to scents and fragrances. I ask that you join me in ensuring that we have a Safe and Scent-Free workplace for our students and staff.

Please make sure that students are dressed properly as the weather can be very cold and damp this time of the year. Not only is it important for students to attend regularly, but that they also need to arrive at school on time as many important activities occur at the start of the day that set up for success for the remainder of the day.

Mr. Andrew Merry
Principal

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION FOR 2021-22



Due to COVID safety measures, we are making some changes to the kindergarten registration process.

FRENCH IMMERSION: Monday January 11 at 9am to Friday January 15 at 9pm

If you have chosen French Immersion as the best program for your child, then you need to pre-register your child starting **at 9am Monday, January 11, 2021**. This link will become live **starting at 9am** and will be available until 9pm Friday January 15: [Click on this link to fill in the pre-registration form \(French K\)](#)

You will be asked to provide the following information:

- The name and date of birth of your child
- The name, phone number and email address of a parent/guardian who can be contacted to complete the registration process at the school
- Your child's French Immersion Catchment School (Ecole Christine Morrison or Ecole Mission Central)
- If your child already has a sibling enrolled in the French Immersion program
- (if necessary) Cross-boundary request (yes/no)

Some important information for you:

Kindergarten French Immersion spots are assigned on a **first-come, first-served basis**. Students with older siblings in the French Immersion Program of Choice are given priority access to the program.

PLEASE BE ADVISED: Submitting this form does not guarantee your child a French Immersion spot. This is simply a Pre-Registration form.

ENGLISH: Monday January 18 at 6am to Friday January 22 at 6pm

If you have chosen English as the best program for your child, then you need to pre-register your child starting **at 6am Monday, January 18, 2021**. This link will be available until 6pm Friday January 22: [Click on this link to fill in the pre-registration form \(English K\)](#)

You will be asked to provide the following information, please come prepared

- The name and date of birth of your child
- The name, phone number and email address of a parent/guardian who can be contacted to complete the registration process at the school
- (if necessary) Cross-boundary request (yes/no)

PLEASE BE ADVISED: Submitting this form does not guarantee your child a spot in our school. You will also be required to complete the Registration Form and provide proof of your child's age at the school during your allotted time arranged with Mrs. Godley.

Mrs. Godley, our school's Administrative Assistant, will contact you to make an appointment with you at a later date for you to submit the required documentation and registration papers. She will send the information and package after the respective registration weeks.

We look forward to welcoming your children into our school. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school at 604-826-1414.

OUR SCHOOL'S COMMITMENT TO KINDNESS



In December, our students earned hearts to help grow the Grinch's heart by doing acts of kindness. Following the success of this initiative, our school we be having a theme every month to help focus our students' attention on the importance of acts of kindness. Starting January 18 will be a Pink T-Shirt to honour the anti-bullying Pink Shirt Day until the end of the month of February. Ecole Mission Central is committing to Kindness.

BLACK SHIRT DAY – Friday, January 15th



Black Shirt Day is meant to commemorate racial injustice experienced by Black Canadians as well as other Persons of Colour. Our school will be supporting this event following the approval by the Mission Public School's Board of Education. Here is an article from the Vancouver Sun: [Vancouver anti-racism advocates calling for Black Shirt Day | Vancouver Sun](#)

CRAZY (CREATIVE) HAIR DAY – Wednesday, January 20

Come wearing your hair in a creative way and participate in this month's Spirit Day!



KNITTING CLUB

Knitting Club has started up every Friday in the Library at lunch. If the weather is miserable, the club will also meet on Mondays at lunch as well. Mme Hedderson is working with one Learning Group at a time for several weeks each.

PAC

The **January PAC meeting** will be held at 9:30 a.m. online using Zoom Wednesday, Jan 20. This is a great opportunity to become involved in the school, anyone is invited to attend.

Upcoming Events

January 2021

Tuesday, Jan 5

Friday, Jan 8

Jan 11-15

Friday, Jan 15

Jan 18-22

Jan 18

Wednesday, Jan 20

Friday, Jan 29

School Reopens

Newsletter Home

French Immersion Kindergarten Registration week

Black Shirt Day – Racial Injustice

English Kindergarten Registration week

Focus on Kindness: Pink Shirt

PAC Meeting 9:30 am on Zoom

Crazy Hair Day

Student Recognition Assembly 9 am – Intermediate, 1 pm - Primary

February 2021 - Honouring Black History Month

Commitment to Kindness: Pink Shirt

Thursday, Feb 5

Thursday, Feb 11

Friday, Feb 12

Monday, Feb. 15

Wednesday, Feb 17

Thursday, Feb 24

Friday, Feb 26

Newsletter home

Spirit Day – Wear Red and White

Non-Instructional Day – (Students not at school)

Family Day – (Students not at school)

Indigenous Cultural Day - morning

Pink Shirt Day

Assembly – Pink Shirt Day & Black History Month

Non-Instructional Half-Day (Students leave school at 11am)

WINTER fun JANUARY JANVIER 2021

MONDAY LUNDI	TUESDAY MARDI	WEDNESDAY MERCREDI	THURSDAY JEUDI	FRIDAY VENDREDI
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4	5 First Day Back to School from Winter Break	6	7	8 Newsletter home
11	12	13	14	15 Black Shirt Day 
18 Commitment to Kindness: Pink Shirts 	19	20 Crazy (Creative) Hair Day  PAC Meeting 9:30 am	21	22
25	26	27	28	29 Student Recognition Assembly Intermediate - 9am, Primary 1pm

KINDNESS EVERYTHING FEBRUARY FÉVRIER 2021

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