

March 2020

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March will be a short month for students with Spring Break occurring the last two weeks of the month. Hopefully the weather improves so that the kids can enjoy the playground more often. This past month, we had a Kick Start Assembly for Jump Rope for Heart on Feb 13 to begin this annual fundraiser. That day, we also had our annual Valentines Dance on Thursday, Feb 13 in the gym for grade 5 and 6 students. Thanks to Ms. Storey, M. Gagne and Mrs. Hjort-Olsen for organizing and supervising the dance. Feb 26 was Anti-Bullying Day also known as Pink Shirt Day. Students and staff were encouraged to wear a pink shirt in support of Anti-Bullying.



We received a generous donation of \$548.90 from St. Andrew's United Church, raised during their Shrove Pancake Dinner on Feb 25 for our Breakfast Program. Thank you for your support. Students have been skating throughout the month of February and will continue into March. Our volleyball teams will be participating in the year end tournament on Monday, March 9 at Hatzic Middle School.

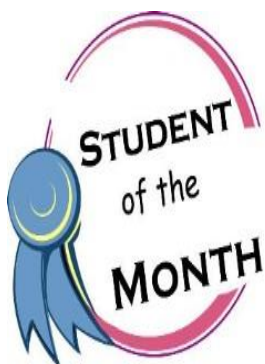
Report cards will be coming home on March 9 and parent teacher conferences will occur afterschool/evenings from March 9-11. Classroom teachers will be letting you know their schedule of availability. The last day of school before Spring Break will be Thursday, March 12 and students will return to school on Monday, March 30.

Mission Central's Bilingual Carnival was held on Friday, Feb 21 between 5:00 - 7:30. It was a fantastic event with games, food, prizes, cake and bottle walks, raffles and lots of fun for all ages. A big thank you to students, staff, PAC members, and families for all their hard work in preparing for and hosting Carnival. We would also like to thank Mme Hedderson, who also hosted Scholastic Book Fair during the event and the following week. We made \$908.12 in Scholastic products to purchase for our library.

Fraser Health has sent out a reminder that there are two important ways to prevent and control the spread of respiratory viruses in school settings. The first is for students and staff who are ill with respiratory illness symptoms (fever, cough, fatigue, and/or muscle aches) to stay home from school. The second way is the consistent practice of good respiratory etiquette and hand hygiene. For more information, please read this document for more information <http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/bulletin/20200228/covid-19-letter-for-parents-and-guardians.pdf> Please call the school to report if your child is sick at 604-826-1414.

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 Feb 22 assembly, with congratulations going to Madelyn L., Ryker J., Nevaeh S., Mikeihl G., Jackson C., Miya M., Alayna A., Elizabeth P., Mia L., Tessa A., Maya Z., Maxwell C., Mason K., Cloie B., Abbi L., Micah M., Chloe D., Meet P., Nevaeh H., Adam H., Sophia S., Darius T., Natalia I., Charlette M., Hannah P., Sienna H., Georgia M., Alan M., Emma S., Briella R., Jakov O., Emily C., Zoe Z., Sophie V., Avy S., Lizzy W., Maxx G., Paisley E., Adalynn C., Sadie C.

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 Tomi J., Jackson C., Rosa E., Cloie B., Natalia I., Adalynn C. Congratulations and thanks for being SUPER!!

STUDENT LEARNING SURVEY

Grade 4 students at Ecole Mission Central will be participating in the annual Student Learning Survey next Wednesday, March 11. A letter/email should have come home on Thursday informing families. Parents are encouraged to participate in the survey as well. The SLS provides feedback on the implementation of the curriculum changes, learning environment, student wellness and satisfaction, student belonging and engagement, and career preparation. The SLS is the only source of province-wide information about students’ learning experiences through the perspectives of students, parents/guardians, and school staff. Schools and districts use the SLS to make informed decisions around long-term planning and goal-setting, and in providing individual students with personalized support.

SCENT-FREE AND NUT-FREE SCHOOL

A reminder to families that Mission Central is a scent-free and nut-free school. Please do not wear fragrances/scents to the school as there are several members of the school with severe allergies. Please do not send products to school containing nuts or traces of nuts.



SPORTS

Volleyball

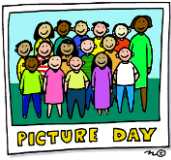


The Volleyball teams’ regular season has just finished. The three teams improved tremendously and showed great team spirit. Overall, our teams finished with 18 wins and 18 losses. The teams will be playing in the season end tournament Monday March 9 at Hatzic Middle School.

Good Luck! Thanks to coaches Gagne, Holland, Robinson and Kleindienst.

Track and Field Track and Field will begin practicing in April after Spring Break.





CLASS PHOTOS

Class photos will be taken on March 9 in the morning. We will begin right away so be sure to arrive on time.

DIVISION 3 BAKE SALE AND FUNDRAISER TO SUPPORT AUSTRALIAN WILDLIFE

Div. 3 held a bake sale and Koala fundraiser Thursday Feb. 13th at recess and lunch. Students sold baked goods for 50 cents each or a plate of 3 for \$1. They also have printed off 3D Koala figurines which were raffled off. Congratulations to Division 3 for raising \$350 for the World Wildlife Foundation – 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. 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 sometime after spring break. Students will participate in a series of skipping activities finishing up with a competition in the gym.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION Kindergarten registration for all students started on Jan 14. Families can register at the school office for English or French Immersion during the hours of 8:00 - 3:30. A birth certificate or passport is required along with proof of residence to register.



KNITTING CLUB

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

PAC The next **PAC meeting** will be held on Wednesday, March 11 at 8:45 am. Every parent/guardian is welcome to attend.

HOT LUNCH

There is no Hot Lunch in March

SNACK SHACK

Snack shack will be held on Tuesday and Thursday each week



Upcoming Events

March 2020

Friday, March 6	Newsletter Home Student Recognition Assembly
Sunday, March 8	Daylight Saving Time begins
Monday, March 9	Report Cards Home Class Photos Year End Volleyball Tournament
Wednesday, March 11	Satisfaction Survey – Gr 4 PAC Meeting – 8:45 am Gr 5/6 Hot Dog Lunch Fundraiser
March 9 – 11	Parent/Teacher Conferences
Friday, March 13	Day in Lieu
March 17– March 27	Spring Break
Monday, March 30	School Reopens

April 2020

Friday, April 3	Newsletter Home
Thursday April 9	Spirit Event: Movie/Book Character Day PAC Movie Night
Friday, April 10	Good Friday
Monday, April 13	Easter Monday
Thursday, April 23	Spirit Day: Earth Day
Friday, April 24	Month End Assembly – 8:45 am

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/Month, 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm

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

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.

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,