

October 2019

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September has flown by as we move into the fall. Classes are quickly moving forward with the important learning objectives for this year. Already there have been several great activities held in the school. Sept 27 saw the arrival of the Cops For Cancer Tour de Valley riders. The riders rode into the gym and entertained the students with a song, a dance and presentations to the school. Crazy Hair Day was Sept 25th. Our Back to School Barbeque on Sept 25 was an amazing success. Thanks to PAC for organizing and running this great event to bring the school and families together at the beginning of the year. On September 30, Orange Shirt Day was held at École Mission Central. Orange Shirt Day recognizes that “Every Child Matters” and honors those children and families affected by residential schools. “Orange Shirt Day is also an opportunity for First Nations, local governments, schools and communities to come together in the spirit of reconciliation and hope for generations of children to come”. All the students and staff in school were offered an orange ribbon. Students spent some time in class discussing the significance of the day. Div. 1, 2 and 3 walked to and from Heritage Park along with other students from MSS, HPMS, HMS as well as several other elementary schools to participate in the Orange Shirt Day activities held there. Students have been visiting the Community Garden to see the results of the planting back in June of last year.

This year grade 3 students will be participating in “It’s a Crime not to Read”. The program was organized through the FVRL and the RCMP. Officers will be coming into the schools to read to students once a month. October will see field trips to the Apple Barn and Pumpkin Patch for many of our Primary students. Grade 4 students will be completing the Foundation Skills Assessment (FSA) in October and November. Information should already have come home. Our music teacher, Mr. Ritchey retired at the end of September. We thank him for his service at Mission Central and wish him well. We welcome Mr. Frank Di Giuseppe as the incoming music teacher

A couple reminders after the beginning of the school year: There are students and staff at École Mission Central with **severe** allergies to foods and fragrances. Please do not send any type of nut products to school with your children and refrain from wearing scented products in the building.

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 first Student of the Month recognitions will be held during the Student Recognition Assembly on November 1st.

SPORTS

Cross Country

Our students are already training hard for the two meets this year. Meets are scheduled at Heritage Park on Oct 3 and at Hatzic Elementary on Oct. 10 starting at 3 pm.

Basketball

Basketball will be starting soon. Information regarding practices and games will be coming home soon.

Upcoming Events

Friday, Oct 4	Newsletter home, Wear Red/White/Canada, Terry Fox Run
Thursday, Oct 10	Picture Day, Cross Country Meet - Hatzic Park
Friday, Oct. 11	Hot Lunch
Monday, Oct 14	Thanksgiving Day (Students not at school)
Tuesday, Oct 15	Kindergarten Screening- Speech and Language
Wednesday, Oct 16	PAC Meeting – 6 pm
Thursday, Oct 17	Earthquake Drill,
Friday, Oct 18	Mann Farms Field Trip
Monday, Oct 21	Federal Election - Polling Site, Kindergarten Screening- Speech and Language
Wednesday, Oct 23	Spirit Team Assembly – Meet Your Team
Thursday, Oct 24	November Hot Lunch Orders Due
Friday, Oct 25	Non-Instructional Day (Students not at school)
Thursday, Oct 31	Halloween Parade

November

Friday, Nov 1	Student Recognition Assembly - 8:45 a.m., Hot Lunch Newsletter Home
Monday, Nov 4	Photo Retakes
Tuesday, Nov 5	Arts Starts Presentation
Friday, Nov 8	Remembrance Day Assembly
Monday, Nov 11	Remembrance Day (Students not at school)
Friday, Nov 15	Ready, Set, Learn
Thursday, Nov 21	Spirit Day - Moustache Day
Friday Nov 22	½ Day Assessment/Evaluation– Students dismissed at 11 am
Monday, Nov 26	DPAC Meeting at Mission Central
Friday, Nov 29	Student Recognition Assembly – 8:45 am

BREAKFAST CLUB

The Breakfast Club has started up again this year. WE NEED VOLUNTEERS to make it happen. Even if you can come 1-2 times a month between 7:30 - 8:30 am it all makes a difference in providing this valuable service to our students. Please contact the school if you can help.

HOT LUNCH

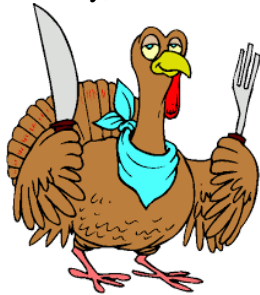
Hot lunch has started again at École Mission Central. There will be hot lunch available on Friday Oct 11 this month.

Thank you to the PAC for organizing this popular activity



THANKSGIVING DAY

Monday, October 14 is Thanksgiving Day. Students and staff will not be at school.



STUDENT PHOTO DAY

Individual student photos will be held on Oct 10. Samples will be sent home soon. Retakes will be on Monday, Nov 4

TERRY FOX RUN

The Terry Fox Run will be Friday, October 4 in the afternoon. Students are asked to wear red and white. Our goal is to raise \$600 or the equivalent of \$2 per student. Thanks for your support.

PAC MEETING

The October PAC meeting will be held at 6 pm. in room 127 on Wednesday, Oct 16. PAC needs helpers! If you can give as little as 2 hours a month to help out or even bake a batch of cookies or muffins will make a difference. Please take the time to fill out and submit the help request form. This is a great opportunity to become involved in the school.

HALLOWEEN PARADE

On Thursday, October 31 Ecole Mission Central will be hosting a Halloween Parade. Students will have a chance to wear their costumes after lunch for the Parade in the gym from 12:45 to 1:45 p.m.



EARTH QUAKE DRILL

École Mission Central is participating in the Great BC Shake Out on Thursday, October 17. Hundreds of schools and thousands of students across BC will get under their desks, hand onto the desk legs, and count to 60.

CHRISTMAS STORE

PAC is seeking donations for the Christmas Store. This great event happens in December and allows children to purchase gifts for family and friends for only a \$1 each. Additionally, the gifts will be wrapped for them as well.

MISSION PUBLIC LIBRARY

Events:

LEGO Club

Tuesdays, Sept. 4 – Dec. 18, 3pm -4:15pm

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

BeTweeN the Pages

Wednesdays Nov. 14, Dec. 12, 3:30 pm – 4:30 pm

Join a book club to discover new books, enjoy fun activities and make new friends!

Registration required. For ages 9-12.

Creative Ukulele Circle

Tuesdays, Oct 2-23, 7 pm – 8 pm

Join ukulele expert Don Olds as we make music together! We'll be learning new songs every week! Beginners welcome. Bring your own ukulele or have one provided.

Registration required.

Happy Halloween! Puppet show

Tuesday October 30, 6:45-7:30 pm

Come celebrate Halloween with a not-too-spooky storytime and a fun puppet show!

Costumes welcome!