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November 2019

A Message from the Principal....

Hello MJPS families!

The school year is well underway, and amazing things are happening throughout Michèle Jean PS! There is never enough time to describe all of the wonderful initiatives happening in our school, but I wanted to highlight just a few that may be of interest to parents:

Video Announcements: we now do our morning announcements as videos which teachers show in their classrooms. This allows the teacher to only show the announcements which are relevant to their class as well as pause announcements to discuss as needed. Another benefit is that parents can also watch the video announcements if you are wondering what clubs/teams are coming up at school. This is the address to watch the announcements: bit.ly/mjpsnews

Parent/Teacher interviews: progress reports will be coming home on Wednesday, November 13th. Parent/teacher interviews will take place during the afternoon/evening of November 14th and the morning of November 15th. We look forward to meeting with you to discuss your child's progress. Please make sure to stop at our lost and found area while visiting the school. We have hundreds of items that have accumulated since the beginning of the school year that we would like to return!

SCC updates: our School Community Council is hard at work to help support our students and families. A survey was recently sent to gather your feedback. This will allow the SCC to meet your needs. Please take a moment to fill out the survey at: <http://bit.ly/SCCNov2019>

We look forward to a great month ahead and working together to support your child's learning!

Thank you,

C. Douglas
Principal



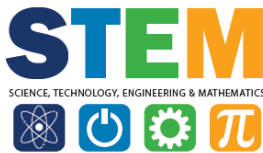
SCHOOL COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Everyone is welcome to attend the SCC meeting which will be held on **Thursday, November 7th, 2019, at 6:30 p.m.** in the library. Free childcare is available.

To communicate questions to the SCC, feel free to email the general mailbox at: Michaellejeanscc@gmail.com

If you have questions about fund-raising, please feel free to email: Michaellejeanscc.fundraising@gmail.com

GR. 2 STEM NIGHT



STEM NIGHT – GR 2’S ONLY

WHEN: November 7th, 2019

TIME: 6 :00-7 :45pm

COST: \$20.00 per student

There are only 24 spots available, and your child’s spot must be reserved by registering them on School Cash Online.

Registration can only be done on School Cash Online, and we will not accept walk-in payments in the office.



BUILDING INDEPENDENCE AT SCHOOL

As we give opportunities for our students to grow in independence, we ask parents to allow their students to walk to their classrooms in the hallways without parents accompanying them. It is an expectation that parents will allow their students to do that unless there are special circumstances. In that case, please stop into the office first. Thanks for your help with this!

NOV. 11



REMEMBRANCE DAY

On Remembrance Day we honour all who served and continue to serve our country during times of war, conflict and peace. Every year, at the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month, people who live in Canada as well as many other Commonwealth countries will stop what they are doing to observe a moment of silence to pay tribute to the sacrifices that were made and are still being made on our behalf. Over 6000 First Nations soldiers fought alongside the Canadian Forces throughout the First and Second World Wars. However, those who returned from the war quickly realized that the freedom that they fought for did not equally apply to them. This then, may also be a time to look both into the past and forward toward a better future for Canada’s Indigenous People.

We will have 2 assemblies on November 11th, one for our Primary students and a second for our Junior and Intermediate students.

Parents/families are welcome to join the Junior/Intermediate ceremony at 10:50am in the gym.



REPORT CARDS AND INTERVIEWS

Progress reports for all students will be sent home on Wednesday, November 13th. Interviews will take place on the evening of November 14th and the morning of November 15th. Please sign up for an interview time at <https://mjps.parentinterview.com>

Parent Code: jean19

Please keep note of your confirmation number, and bring your email confirmation with you

<p>OCTOBER 2019</p> 	<p>The following students received Above & Beyond nominations from their teachers on October 31st:</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Kiana C.</td> <td>Colin Q.</td> <td>Audrey B.</td> <td>Alvin J.</td> <td>Ryu P.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Olivia H.</td> <td>Nila T.</td> <td>Chaeah S.</td> <td>Trisheli K.</td> <td>Kamilah N.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Marisa T.</td> <td>Yusuf A.</td> <td>Shreya S.</td> <td>Grace K.</td> <td>Johnny H.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Shaye T.</td> <td>Kymilah M.</td> <td>Kavirsni K.</td> <td>Arnav B.</td> <td>Ezra D.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Anderson K.</td> <td>Munir P.</td> <td>Jensyn D.</td> <td>Abhimanyu S.</td> <td>Aria K.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Evelyn B.</td> <td>Kaitlyn T.</td> <td>Sienna E.</td> <td>Ashna T.</td> <td>Humira A.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Aleemah T.</td> <td>Ibrahim M.</td> <td>Cysenia D.</td> <td>Irena J.</td> <td>Avin B.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Noelle M.</td> <td>Dhaya B.</td> <td>Bahuli B.</td> <td>Malia G.</td> <td>Asia A.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Shruthika R.</td> <td>Lathikka S.</td> <td>Wahaj T.</td> <td>Cassandra F.</td> <td>Corrina B.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Muhammad S.</td> <td>Ellie A.</td> <td>Jada D.</td> <td>Adrianna M.</td> <td>Emily G.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Janagan B.</td> <td>Abigail S.</td> <td>Shafeeq Y.</td> <td>Jeffery R.</td> <td>Jada S.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Maya M.</td> <td>Jasmine M.</td> <td>Kristine T.</td> <td>Aryan Q.</td> <td>Adan T.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Haris M.</td> <td>Vanessa P.</td> <td>Tharun S.</td> <td>Faith H.</td> <td>Moses A.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Abesha K.</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	Kiana C.	Colin Q.	Audrey B.	Alvin J.	Ryu P.	Olivia H.	Nila T.	Chaeah S.	Trisheli K.	Kamilah N.	Marisa T.	Yusuf A.	Shreya S.	Grace K.	Johnny H.	Shaye T.	Kymilah M.	Kavirsni K.	Arnav B.	Ezra D.	Anderson K.	Munir P.	Jensyn D.	Abhimanyu S.	Aria K.	Evelyn B.	Kaitlyn T.	Sienna E.	Ashna T.	Humira A.	Aleemah T.	Ibrahim M.	Cysenia D.	Irena J.	Avin B.	Noelle M.	Dhaya B.	Bahuli B.	Malia G.	Asia A.	Shruthika R.	Lathikka S.	Wahaj T.	Cassandra F.	Corrina B.	Muhammad S.	Ellie A.	Jada D.	Adrianna M.	Emily G.	Janagan B.	Abigail S.	Shafeeq Y.	Jeffery R.	Jada S.	Maya M.	Jasmine M.	Kristine T.	Aryan Q.	Adan T.	Haris M.	Vanessa P.	Tharun S.	Faith H.	Moses A.	Abesha K.				
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	<p align="center">SCHOOL CASH ONLINE</p> <p>For safety and security reasons the Durham District School Board would like to reduce the amount of cash and cheques coming into the school. Please take a moment to register for School Cash Online, so that you can pay for items at school easily from home. First, go to the School Cash Online home page at https://DDSB.schoolcashionline.com/. Then, follow the steps to register on line. A confirmation email will be sent to you. You will need your child(ren)'s OEN number to connect them to your account. These numbers are found on your child's report card.</p>																																																																						
	<p align="center">PIZZA WEDNESDAYS @ MJPS</p> <p>Every Wednesday pizza will be on sale for \$2 per slice during the second break at 12:20-1:00pm. There will be two types of pizza: CHEESE ONLY and CHEESE & HALAL PEPPERONI. No pre-ordering is required. The profit from these food sales are used to support extra-curricular activities and special programs at the school.</p> <p>Thank you for your support!</p>																																																																						
	<p align="center">LUNCH LADY @ MJPS</p> <p>Lunch Lady operates at MJPS every Tuesday and Thursday. All orders are done <u>on-line</u>, and a menu can be viewed on their website as well. Please feel free to visit their website at www.lunchlady.ca to place your order.</p> <p>Children simply come to the front foyer on Tuesdays and Thursdays to pick up their lunches.</p>																																																																						
	<p>Still looking for before or after school childcare? Quality childcare is available right here at MJPS. Please contact SKD Bilingual Childcare at 905-239-6753.</p>																																																																						

Dates to Note



- Nov 1 –All Saints Day
- Nov 3 – Daylight Savings Time Ends
- Nov 6 – Picture Retakes
- Nov 6 – Diwali Ends
- Nov 7 - SCC Meeting – 6:30 p.m.
- Nov 7 – Gr 2 STEM Night (registrants only)
- Nov 10 – Mawlid-al Nabi
- Nov 11 – Remembrance Day
- Nov 12 – Guru Nanak Dev Ji Gurupurb (Birthday)
- Nov 14 – World Diabetes Day
- Nov 14 & 15 – Parent/Teacher Interviews
- Nov 15 – P.A. Day
- Nov 16 – International Day of Tolerance
- Nov 16 – Louis Riel Day
- Nov 17 – Bullying Awareness & Prevention Week
- Nov 19 & 20 – Vision & Hearing Screening
- Nov 20 – International Transgender Day of Remembrance
- Nov 25 – International Day for Elimination of Violence Against Women
- Nov 26 – Day of the Covenant
- Nov 27 – Bandi Chhor Divas
- Nov 29 - Above & Beyond Assembly



HINDU HERITAGE MONTH

Ontario is home to a large and vibrant Hindu community. Since the first Hindu immigrants arrived in Canada at the beginning of the 20th century, Hindu Canadians from across Ontario have made significant contributions across all fields: science, education, medicine, law, politics, business, culture and sports. Hindu Canadians have helped build Ontario into the multicultural success story that it is and have helped to build this province into the best place to live, work and raise families. They continue to help foster growth, prosperity and innovation throughout Ontario.

Hindu Heritage Month is an opportunity to remember, celebrate and educate future generations about Hindu Canadians and the important role that they have played and continue to play in communities across Ontario

Source: <https://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/s16035>

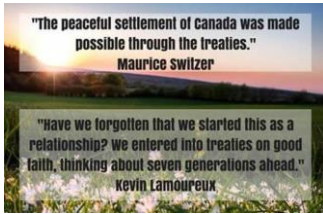


ALBANIAN HERITAGE MONTH

Ontario is home to more than 28 000 Albanian Canadians. During the month of November, people of Albanian origin celebrate the Albanian Declaration of Independence which declared them an independent and sovereign nation. Albania also commemorates Liberation Day in this month which is the day that it was liberated from Nazi Germany forces after the Albanian Resistance. On this day, the Province recognizes the meaningful contributions that Albanians have made to Ontario. It is an opportunity to remember, celebrate and educate future generations about Ontario's rich history.

Source: <https://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/16a29>

Nov. 3-10



TREATIES RECOGNITION WEEK

Ontario has designated the first week of November as **Treaties Recognition Week** to promote education. Treaties Recognition Week was introduced to honour the importance of Treaties and to help Ontarians learn more about Treaty rights and Treaty relationships. Treaties Recognition Week provides an opportunity for educators to continue planning curriculum-linked learning activities about Treaties and will help build awareness and a greater understanding of why we acknowledge the land/territory we are on.

Nov. 7



INTERNATIONAL INUIT DAY

On International Inuit Day, we celebrate the cultural, history, and impact Inuit people have on Canada and around the world.

Click here for a Storytelling Project: <https://www.itk.ca/taimannganit/>

Nov. 8



INDIGENOUS VETERANS DAY

National Aboriginal Veterans Day began in Winnipeg in 1994 when Indigenous veterans were not recognized in Remembrance Day activities.

Over 12,000 Indigenous people are estimated to have volunteered in all three wars, including 7,000 First Nations members, and approximately 300 died during these conflicts.

First Nations, Inuit and Metis people were not eligible for conscription because they were not citizens of Canada (they were also unable to vote), but many volunteered despite the challenges they faced, including traveling long distances from remote communities to enlist, learning a new language (English), and coping with racism against them. Indigenous people were not allowed to join the Canadian Air Force until 1942 and the Canadian Navy until 1943. Both men and women enlisted, serving as soldiers, nurses and in other roles. Many served with distinction, winning medals for bravery in action.

After the war, enlisted Indigenous people returned home to continued discrimination, including in some cases denial of benefits, loss of Indian Status, and expropriation of their land by the government for non-Indigenous veterans. It was only in 1995 that Indigenous veterans were allowed to lay wreaths commemorating their fallen comrades at the National War Memorial in Ottawa.

The first monument commemorating the role of Indigenous people during these three wars was dedicated in 2001 in Ottawa. It took until 2003 for the Government of Canada to provide veterans' benefits to First Nations soldiers who had been denied them in the past, and Metis veterans have never received them.

Source: <https://www.righttoplay.ca/en-ca/national-offices/national-office-canada/whats-new/honouring-indigenous-veterans-this-national-aboriginal-veterans-day/>

Nov. 16



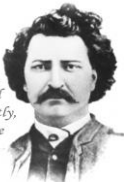
INTERNATIONAL DAY OF TOLERANCE

The United Nations has defined tolerance as respect, acceptance and appreciation of the endless richness of our world's cultures, our forms of expression and ways of being human (Declaration of Principles on Tolerance, 1995). The International Day of Tolerance encourages people to learn about, respect and recognize the rights and beliefs of others. It is also a time to reflect on the impact of intolerance and how various forms of injustice, oppression, racism and other forms of discrimination have a negative impact on society.

Nov. 16

Louis Riel

"I am more convinced everyday that without a single exception I did right. And I have always believed that, as I have acted honestly, the time will come when the people of Canada will see and acknowledge it."



LOUIS RIEL DAY

Louis Riel was a Métis man who is also called the 'Father of Manitoba'. He was a heroic and influential teacher and leader who took on the challenge of ensuring that the Métis people could preserve their heritage and identity. To do this, Riel headed a Provisional Government which negotiated the Manitoba Act and provided some protection for the French language. He was a man of strength and courage, but he was not seen as a hero by everyone. Riel was labelled as a traitor for taking a stand and defending Métis rights and was consequently executed by the Canadian government.

Louis Riel Day is held every year across the homeland on November 16, the anniversary of Riel's execution in 1885. While Louis Riel Day marks one of the great tragedies of Canadian history, its recognition demonstrates their continuing resilience and determination to regain their rights and preserve their way-of-life in Ontario and across the Homeland. To commemorate Louis Riel Day, MNO citizens and communities hold events across the province to recognize the many contributions of the Métis to Canada, to celebrate Métis culture and to highlight the struggles that Métis continue to face.

The great niece of Louis Riel, Augustine Abraham called for unity among Métis people. Listen to the voice of Alexandre, 7ans qui est Métis.

<https://unis.ca/videos?v=0j77zxwvot6ub>

Nov. 19-23



BULLYING AWARENESS AND PREVENTION WEEK

Bullying is defined as a form of repeated, persistent and aggressive behaviour directed at an individual or individuals that is intended to cause fear and distress and/or harm to another person's body, feelings, self-esteem or reputation. Bullying occurs in a context where there is a real or perceived power imbalance (Ontario Ministry of Education).

Looking at your School Climate Data and planning next steps is a part of how schools can work proactively in response to how students are feeling.

<http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/safeschools/climate.html>

Nov. 20



TRANSGENDER DAY OF REMEMBRANCE

Transgender Day of Remembrance is held in November to honour Rita Hester who was killed for being who she was. This day urges us all to raise awareness of the threat of violence faced by people who identify as transgender and the persistence of the prejudice felt by the transgender community.

DDSB Support Documents
Scroll to Recommended Reading

https://sites.google.com/s/1Fr78mY-T4608ykL8uSYMkEnyiNLHsOtG/p/1hs9LE3SjgY0Xo_hw7pV6SJNikZpsFEWr/edit

Nov. 23



HOLODOMOR MEMORIAL DAY

The Holodomor is the name given to the genocide by famine that occurred in Ukraine from 1932-1933 under Joseph Stalin's regime. As many as 10 million people perished. In Ukrainian, "Holod" means starvation/famine and "moryty" means to inflict death. This Memorial Day was introduced in 2009 in Ontario.

For more information and resources, please see:

<http://www.holodomoreducation.org/index.php/id/181>

Nov. 25



INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR THE ELIMINATION OF VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

Violence against women is still a devastating human rights violation present in today's world. For far too long, impunity silence and stigma have allowed violence against women to escalate to pandemic proportions—one in three women worldwide experience gender-based violence.

While gender-based violence can happen to anyone, anywhere, some women and girls are particularly vulnerable - for instance, young girls and older women, women who identify as lesbian, bisexual, transgender or intersex, migrants and refugees, indigenous women and ethnic minorities, or women and girls living with HIV and disabilities, and those living through humanitarian crises.

Violence against women continues to be an obstacle to achieving equality, development, peace as well as to the fulfillment of women and girls' human rights. All in all, the promise of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) - to leave no one behind - cannot be fulfilled without putting an end to violence against women and girls.

Source: <https://www.un.org/en/events/endviolenceday/>



This is an important message for days when schools are open and buses are cancelled and **your child is therefore unable to attend school.**

Parents/Guardians are required to report their child's absent by calling the Safe Arrival line (1-844-350-2646) or entering your child's absence using the SchoolMessenger website or app prior to the start of school. Please use the "Bus Cancellation" absence code. Your child's absence will be entered as a grant day that will not count as an absence on their report card or count against perfect attendance.

This process is intended to ensure that bussed students who attend school on a bus cancelled day arrive at school safely. It is important to be aware that if the absence is not entered, the SchoolMessenger system will generate calls asking you to verify the absence. The 'Bus Cancellation' absence code should only be used on days when busses are cancelled in your school zone.

If you have any questions please contact your child's school.

DENSA Dhamaka



DENSA cordially invites parents and students to participate in an evening of art, dance, and heritage.

DENSA Dhamaka (Celebration)

Date: Tuesday, November 19th, 2019

Time: 5:30 – 7:30pm

Location:

Da Vinci Public School

61 Williamson Dr. E. Ajax, ON

Sign up on Eventbrite to RSVP for this event:

<https://densaparentengagement.eventbrite.ca>

You will have an opportunity to attend TWO workshops during this fantastic celebration.

Diya Decorating – decorate your own diya (clay lamp).

Bollywood Dance – explore traditional and contemporary South Asian Dance forms.

Dandiya Decorating – decorate your own dandiyas (dance sticks).

Yoga – learn the origins of Yoga and practice Yoga poses and movements.



This event is proudly sponsored by Bollywood in Motion and Advaita Movement