

## November 2019 – Newsletter #3

Dear Albert McMahon Families:

As we move into our third month of the school year, teachers are busy teaching and assessing their students based on the grade-level learning standards.

This will lead up to our first term formal reports which go home on Monday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>. Student-parent-teacher conferences will be on Tuesday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> from 2:30 to 7:30 pm. Teachers will send out further information closer to the conference date.

Our cross-country team has wrapped up a successful running season. Our appreciation goes out to Cheryl Blondin and staff that supported this endeavour. Currently, we have had a large turnout of students for basketball this year! The schedule for games will be shared shortly. Miss Reist and Mr. Reist have been practicing and organizing in preparation for this season.

Our Me-to-We students have collected food donations through the We Scare Hunger food drive this past week and the generosity of our school community is on full display. The Streams of Dreams display is completed with the help of Mrs. Reist, the Streams of Dreams staff and numerous parent volunteers and our talented student painters! Peer counsellors and office monitors are well into their schedule of volunteering in the classrooms at lunch and in the office.

Thank you to PAC from all our teachers as their fundraising efforts support class field trips and

extra-curricular purchases for each classroom. It could be board games, playground equipment, etc. Plus PAC's support for the Home Reading program is essential to encouraging reading for enjoyment in all our students.

Our Remembrance Day assembly is on November 6<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am and all school community members are welcome to join us to honour our veterans that have served and are currently serving our nation.

Sincerely,



Hardeep Grewal  
Principal



Cyndie Anderson  
Vice Principal

### **PIZZA FUNDRAISER**

Our grade 5/6 classes will be selling pizza to raise funds for their year end field trip. Keep a look out for the pizza order forms that will go home the Friday before each order week. Pizza days in November will be: Thursdays: November 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for your support!

### **MOVEMBER**



We are also participating in Mustache Day for "Movember". Proceeds from candy gram sales will go to the Movember Foundation. Mustache Candy Grams will be on sale for \$1.00 each with a personal message from you to your child(ren). Spirit Club students will sell candy grams every day after school in the foyer from 2:30 to 3:00 pm starting November 18<sup>th</sup> through to the 21<sup>st</sup>.

## STREAMS OF DREAMS

Our school was so fortunate to have had Streams of Dreams facilitate their program with our students. Each classroom participated in a workshop on stream conservation and salmon habitat. After the workshop each student painted their own "dream" fish. All of the fish have now been installed onto our new fencing in the primary and intermediate grounds. A huge thank you to all of our parents who came out to volunteer throughout the program. Also a huge thank you to the P.A.C. for making this project possible due to their generous funding. The students, staff and parent volunteers enjoyed the project and we will continue to enjoy our work for years to come. Please come by and take a look.



## BOOK FAIR

The Scholastic Book Fair is back and will be open in the library beginning Friday, November 29<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 to 3:00 pm and continues Monday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> through to Wednesday, December 4<sup>th</sup>, from 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm. On December 3<sup>rd</sup>, the book fair hours will be 2:00 to 3:00 as well as from 5:00 to 8:00 pm. Scholastic always offers some great deals on books that are very popular with young people. Our school benefits by getting additional books for our library from the proceeds of the sale. So you get books for your kids to read at home and we get books for your kids to read at school - truly a "win-win" deal! Mark your calendars!



## WEST COAST RECESS



Please remember as the weather constantly changes we will continue to have a "West Coast Recess".

Students need an active break from the classroom environment and will be expected to be outside at recess regardless of the weather. Of course, consideration will be given to extreme weather conditions. Please ensure that your child is prepared for the possibility of inclement weather and an outside recess. This means, students come to school wearing a proper jacket and proper footwear. Umbrellas and boots are always a great idea on those wet west coast days. All students should keep a spare set of clothing (particularly pants) at school. Many thanks!

## LITTLE LEARNERS

Little Learners is an opportunity to connect with families with children 0-5. We play to learn, sing songs and listen to stories. Please come to the Albert McMahon library at 8:45-9:45 am on Friday, November 29<sup>th</sup> and share in the fun!

## **LIBRARY EVENTS**

### **DISCOVERY CLUB**

For ages 8 to 12 - please register online ([www.fvrl.ca](http://www.fvrl.ca))  
**Glow in the Dark Slime:** Wednesday, Nov. 6<sup>th</sup>, 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm

**Paper Planes Challenge:** Wednesday, Nov. 20<sup>th</sup>, 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm

### **LEGO CLUB**

Tuesday's, from 3:00 to 4:15 pm at the Mission Library. The Lego is provided, you bring your imagination!

### **BETWEEN THE PAGES BOOK CLUB**

Wednesday, Nov. 13<sup>th</sup> & Wednesday, Dec. 11<sup>th</sup>, 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm. For ages 9 to 12. Registration required.

### **PAWS 4 STORIES**

Thursday, Nov. 21<sup>st</sup> & Thursday, Dec. 19<sup>th</sup>, 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm. Read to a St. John's Ambulance dog.

### **FAMILY FORT NIGHT**

Tuesday, November 26<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 to 7:00 pm. Come to the library for fort building, games and reading by flashlight! Snacks and fort materials provided. Please bring your own flashlight.

### **LEARN TO CODE WITH OZOBOTS**

Friday, Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 pm to 3:30 pm. Celebrate Canada Learning to Code week at the library. We will be using Ozoblocky to code these mini robots. No previous experience necessary. For ages 10 and older. Registration required.

### **SNOWY STORIES PUPPET SHOW**

Tuesday, Dec. 17<sup>th</sup> from 6:45 pm to 7:30 pm. Celebrate the season's winter holidays with a festive puppet show! Fun for the whole family.

## **LOST AND FOUND**

Our lost and found is literally overflowing. Please have your children check the box located in the school foyer to see if they have any items in there. Thanks! We will be donating all the clothes to a local charity at the end of December.

## **CHALLENGE YOUR BRAIN!**

### **GRADE K - 2 LEVEL - BUG WATCHING**

I went bug watching after school every day for a week.

On Monday I saw 1 bug.

On Tuesday I saw 2 bugs.

On Wednesday I saw 3 bugs

On Friday, after I went bug watching I said, "Wow! It's a pattern!" How many bugs did I see that week? Use pictures, numbers and words to solve this problem.

### **GRADE 3 - 5 LEVEL - BUSY DAY**

A group of your friends have invited you to join them on Saturday to go to a matinee movie, get some lunch and play some video games. Your parents say you can go, but only if you do all your chores first. Your chores list includes doing your homework which will take you about 45 minutes, collecting and taking out all the trash which takes about 15 minutes, 30 minutes of folding laundry, and cleaning your room which usually takes about 45 minutes.

Your friends are getting together at 11:00 a.m. and you have a lot to do before your mom and dad will let you go. What time do you need to wake up?

### **GRADE 6 LEVEL - CHECKERBOARD DILEMMA**

Find a checkerboard or an image of one and solve this question.

How many squares are on a checkerboard? Be sure to organize your work so that it will be easy for others to follow your thinking and reasoning.



# November

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 Turn clocks back one hour	4	5 Crazy Bread for sale! \$2.00 for 4 pieces	6 Hot Lunch Panago Remembrance Day Assembly (9:00 am)	7 Photo Re-take Day  Pizza Day	8	9
10	11 Remembrance Day NO SCHOOL	12	13 Hot Lunch Subway	14 Pizza Day	15 PAC meeting 8:30 am	16
17	18 Movember candy-grams for sale - \$1/ea	19 We Dy  Movember candy-grams for sale - \$1/ea	20 Hot Lunch Eleni's Movember candy-grams for sale - \$1/ea	21 Pizza Day  Movember candy-grams for sale - \$1/ea	22 Half Day Assessments Dismissal at 11:00 am	23
24	25	26	27 Hot Lunch Hot Dogs	28 Pizza Day	29 Book Fair! 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm Little Learner's Club 8:45 - 9:45 am	30





# MISSION COMMUNITY SERVICES

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E: [info@missioncommunityservices.com](mailto:info@missioncommunityservices.com)  
[www.missioncommunityservices.com](http://www.missioncommunityservices.com)

FREE

Group Program

## Balanced Parenting Group

For parents /caregivers of children in the middle years (6-12 years) who:

- Feel powerless, frustrated, or worried about their **child's behavior.**
- Want to address problems with their child without starting a **big argument.**



### Learn to

- Get along better with your child
- Solve problems with your child
- Help your child become independent
- Increase your own confidence as a parent

### Where:

- MCSS, 33179 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave, Mission, B.C.

### When:

- Fridays from 10am – 12 noon
- October 11<sup>th</sup> - December 13<sup>th</sup>

**Childcare  
Provided**

### To pre-register for Balanced Parenting, please contact:

#### **Rachel Rudy (BSW)**

Family Support Worker

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# Parents!

## Let's Talk About

# Vaping

Heritage Park MS Cafeteria  
November 7th | 7:00-8:30pm

Information,  
Expert Panel Q+A, and  
Dialogue

Registrations Welcome:

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/78284624419>





## Cybersecurity Tips for K-12 Kids, Family, and Friends

Every child should be taught how to be safe online. In the new digital world, there are technological wonders, which often introduce cyber threats of many kinds. The online world can be a place of inappropriate conduct and content, where kids may feel anonymous. There are bullies, predators, hackers, and scammers that may pose a threat to your children. These factors can make it challenging for parents to guide their children today on interacting with others through technology. Providing this important guidance on online safety and privacy begins with talking about it and encouraging safe and smart decisions about online activity. Let's explore some concepts and tips that apply to keeping everyone safe online, regardless of age!

### What are the risks?

The online world has many cyber risks and concerning activities for kids and parents to recognize.

The following are some of the cyber risks:

- Cyberbullying is bullying that happens online. It can happen in an email, a text message, an app, an online game, or on a social networking site.
- Phishing/Identity Theft is when a scam artist sends text, email, or pop-up messages in a browser to get people to share their personal information. They can then use that information to commit identity theft.
- Sexting is the sending or forwarding of sexually explicit photos, videos, or messages from a mobile phone. In addition to risking their reputations, friendships, and safety, this could be illegal activity.
- Social Networking can help kids connect with family and friends, but it can invite danger if not used appropriately. Sharing too much information, posting pictures, videos, or words can damage reputation, hurt someone else, or invite a predator to contact the user. Once something is online, it may not easily be removed. Oversharing may be leveraged by online criminals to facilitate identity theft.

## What can you do?

- Start at an early age! As soon as children can use a computing device, it is time to talk to them about using it safely. Parents and family have the best opportunity to teach children!
- Know what your kids are doing. Consider having a common area in the house for the family to do online activity, where children can feel independent, but not alone.
- Keep an open and honest environment. Let your children know they can come to you with any concerns or questions about their online experience.
- Protect your children's information. Don't over-share information about your children and teach them this principle. Set social media accounts so only approved friends can see their content.
- Respond appropriately to cyberbullying. Tell children to ignore or block bullies, unless it becomes threatening. Report abuse to the website where it is taking place, or if you fear for your child's safety, report it to the authorities.
- Configure the security and privacy features on devices. Change default settings on your devices and enable security features like strong passwords, auto-updates, etc.
- Keep all your computers and mobile computing devices up to date with the latest security patches and anti-malware software.
- Consider installing or enabling parental controls on devices.
- Teach kids to be cautious of suspicious messages.

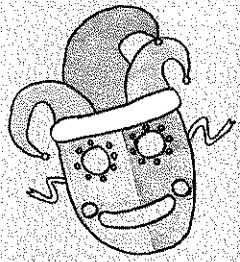
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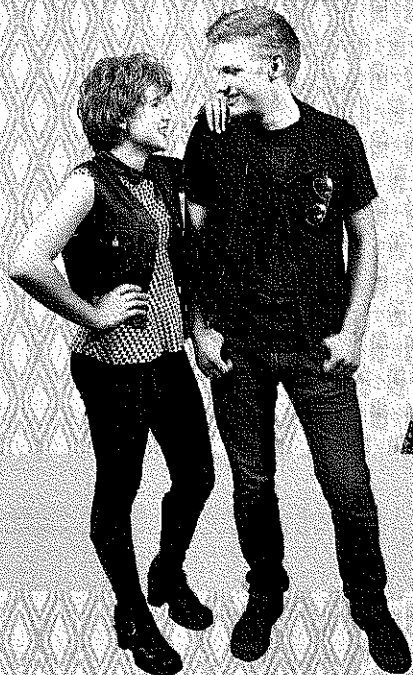




# Jesters Theatre

Presents

# The Dream Fairies

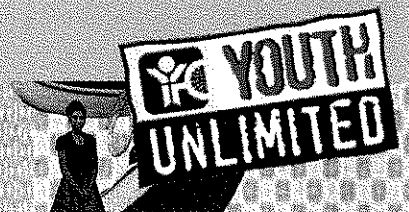


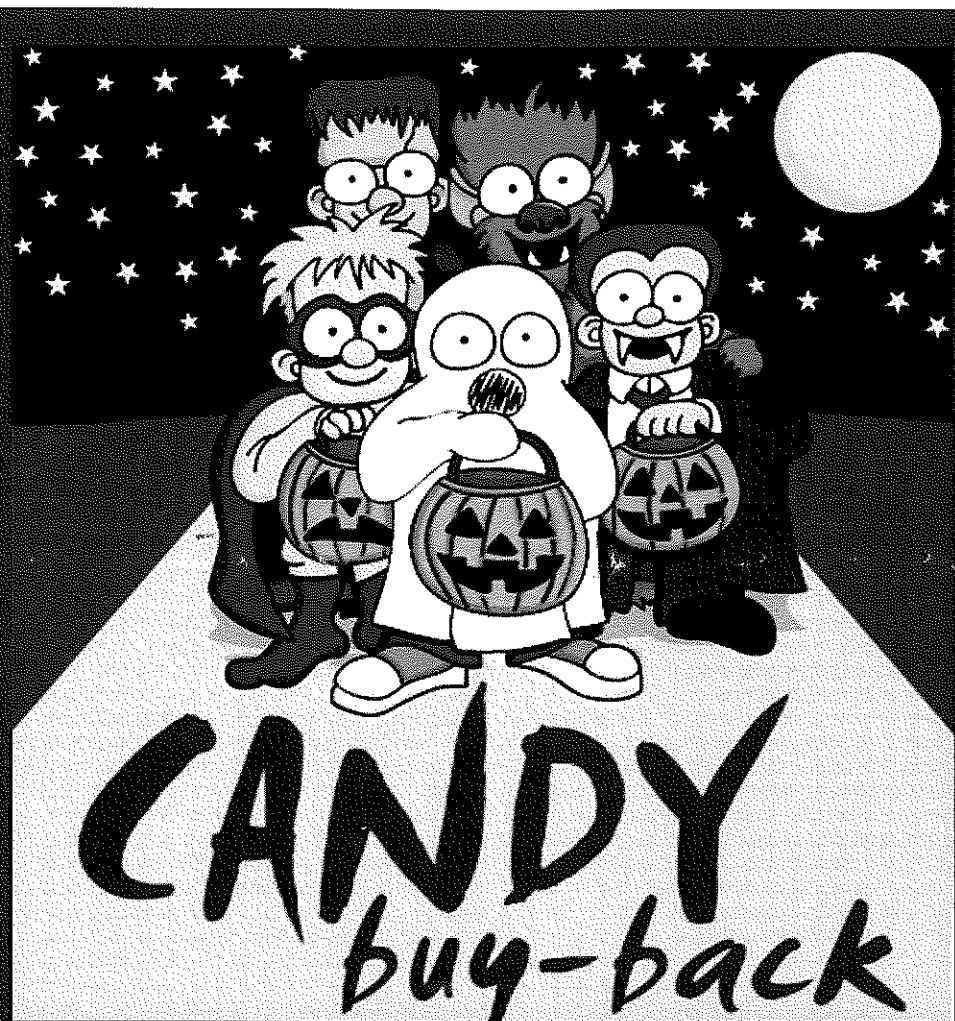
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Shows: Nov 22, 23, 29, 30  
(7pm nightly, 1pm Sat matinees)

Tickets @ [Jesters.ca](http://Jesters.ca)

Northview Church Mission





We know it's hard to resist all the sticky sweets at this time of year, but you can help your school PAC by donating your candy!

The top three schools will win:  
\$200, \$300 or \$500!

Drop off your candy at:  
Ridge Meadows Orthodontics  
108-22971 Dewdney Trunk Road  
Maple Ridge, BC

Contest closes November 15, 2019

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