

## December 2019 - Newsletter #4

Dear Parents/Guardians of Albert McMahon Students:



This week was quite eventful. Our school was bustling with families as students were sharing their learning with parents during conferences.

Parents received meaningful information about their child's academic and social-emotional progress so far this year. We also celebrated our school's 30<sup>th</sup> birthday and were honoured to have Betty McMahon and her family attend as well. Brent Hayden also shared inspirational stories about his journey that started at Albert McMahon Elementary in kindergarten when the school opened. Our school book fair and poinsettia sale were successful, and the United Way had a "Hi Neighbour" booth to make buttons with students and to ask them about what enhancements were needed in the Cedar Valley area, from a student's perspective. This evening would not have been possible without Cyndie Anderson, our vice-principal, our PAC and parents, and our staff. Thank you to everyone who donated trees and decorations as the tree lighting was a highlight.

For families with young children and toddlers, there is an Early Learner's Club meeting on Friday, December 13<sup>th</sup> in our library from 8:45am-9:45am. This is a great opportunity to play at different stations and make new friends.


Mr. Nguyen and our classes are preparing for our annual Christmas concert. He is coordinating all the classes and the program for another memorable show.

The concert is on Wednesday, December 18<sup>th</sup> and tickets will be sent home on the Friday, December 13<sup>th</sup>. (see page 2 for more information).

Also, if your child is missing any items of clothing, please check the lost and found box. We are hoping students or parents will recognize and claim any missing clothing, shoes, boots, water bottles, etc.

On behalf of our whole staff, I wish you and your family all the best for a safe and joyous holiday season.

Sincerely,



Hardeep Grewal  
Principal



Cyndie Anderson  
Vice Principal



### **INCLEMENT WEATHER**

Decisions about unscheduled school closures and bus route changes are almost always made in the early morning before school. This allows for the most current weather information to factor into the decision. This information is communicated immediately, generally before 6:15 AM. You can also visit the school district's website at: <https://www.mpsd.ca/District/weatherprocedure/Pages/default.aspx#/=->. or listen to the radio.

- CBC Radio One
- KKNW - 980 AM
- Country - 107.1 FM
- CKWX (News 1130) 1130AM
- STAR FM - 98.3 FM



### WINTER VACATION

Just a reminder that the last day school is in session for students before winter vacation is **Friday, December 20<sup>th</sup>**. Students are dismissed at 2:23 pm. Vacation starts on **Monday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>** and students return to school on **Monday, January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020**



when registering (ie. driver's or proof of purchase of residence or a notarized rental agreement). If you would like your child to attend a school other than their catchment area school, you must register at their catchment area school first and request a cross boundary form to fill out. This form will then be sent to the school you want your child to attend and that school will let you know if they have room to take your child. Decisions regarding cross boundary Kindergarten students may not be made until September 2020.

### CHRISTMAS CONCERT



We will be presenting our concert twice on Wednesday, December 18<sup>th</sup>. Tickets will be required to gain entrance into the concert. Because of limited seating capacity in the gym, two tickets per family will be issued for either the 10:30 a.m. performance or the 1:00 p.m. performance. Tickets will be delivered to your oldest or only child on December 13<sup>th</sup>. (There will be a few extra tickets available on a first come, first served basis. Please let the office know if you would like extras **AFTER** the tickets go home. Along with your tickets, we ask that you bring a non-perishable donation for the food bank when you come to the concert. The students are looking forward to performing for you on December 18<sup>th</sup>!

### LOST AND FOUND

The lost and found box has been emptied and has been set out in the hallways for parents and students to look to see if anything belongs to them. All items will be donated to the local charity the last day before winter break.

### KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Kindergarten registration for children born in the year 2015 will take place beginning **January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020** from 8am - 3pm and be ongoing. Please bring your child's Birth Certificate and proof of address along when you register so copies of these documents



can be made. Every new registration must provide legal documentation before we can accept them into our school (ie. birth certificate, passport, baptismal certificate or certification of citizenship). Kindergarten students must register at their catchment area school. We require proof of address

### SCHOOL DISTRICT FACEBOOK PAGE

Mission School District is pleased to announce that they are now live on Facebook. The purpose of this page is to share information and promote the School District.

Please **"like"** us them on Facebook and invite your friends to like the page. To find them, search for Mission Public Schools on Facebook or click the link to connect:

<https://www.facebook.com/MissionPublicSchools>

### 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, December 13<sup>th</sup> and share in the fun!



**ME TO WE**

The Me to We Grade 6 leadership group would like to say a huge thank you to the Albert McMahon community for their generous donation of non-perishable food during the We Scare Hunger food drive Halloween week. The grade six Me to We students worked hard to advertise the food drive and count, collect, pack and move the non-perishable goods. Ms. Corneil's truck was filled more than two times over! This will greatly help the local food bank over the Christmas season and beyond. Congratulations to Ms. Alves class for collecting the most items, making them the recipient of The Golden Can for a second year in a row!!! Please note the food bank is chronically in need of larger sizes of diapers for struggling families. Should your family have a box in the back of a closet you'd like to donate, feel free to bring them to Ms. Corneil's room; I will be happy to bring them to John at the Christmas Bureau on Logan Ave for you. On Nov. 19<sup>th</sup> the grade six Me to We students went to Rogers Arena to enjoy We Day, an inspiring event promoting the fact that youth make positive change in the world.



**Congratulations to Mrs. Alves' class!**




**Me to We at Rogers Arena**



The last day before Winter vacation begins is Friday, December 20<sup>th</sup>, 2019. Students are dismissed at the regular time - 2:23 pm  
**HAPPY HOLIDAYS!**

# December

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Report Cards Home Book Fair 2:00 to 3:00 pm	3 Book Fair 2:00 to 3:00 pm and from 5:00 to 8:00 pm Parent/teacher conferences 2:30 - 7:30 pm	4 Book Fair 2:00 to 3:00 pm Hot Lunch Soup & Bun Div. 2 & 3 to Burnaby Village Museum	5	6 No School in Session	7
8	9	10 Div. 5 to Burnaby Village Museum	11 Hot Lunch Panago Pizza	12	13 Galaxy Bowling Div. 5, 6, 7 & 8 Little Learners Club 8:45 - 9:45 am	14
15	16 Ugly Sweater Day and Santa Hat Day!	17	18 Christmas Concert 10:30 (A-K) and 1:00 (L-Z)	19	20 Galaxy Bowling Div. 5, 6, 7 & 8 Last day before winter vacation	

**SCHOOL RE-OPENS ON JANUARY 6<sup>TH</sup>, 2020**

**HAVE A SAFE WINTER BREAK!**

### REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL MISSION PUBLIC SCHOOLS:

We acknowledge that we work and learn on the Traditional, Ancestral, Unceded, and Shared territories of the Stó:lō people, the Matheqwi, Sq'ewlets, Qwó:ltl'el, and Leq'á:mel First Nations.

- ✓ Children **born in 2015** are eligible for Kindergarten in 2020-2021.
- ✓ Proof of age is required at time of registration: E.g. Birth Certificate, Passport, Permanent Residence Card, BC Services Card (Photo Version Only), Aboriginal Status Card, Certificate of Citizenship or Immigration Canada document.
  - **Please Note:** The BC Care Card is not acceptable proof of age.
- ✓ Proof of Residency in BC:
  - Parent's Care Card (not student's) / Parent's BC Services Card (not student's) / Driver's License / Municipal Tax Bill / Rental Agreement or Utility Bill.
- ✓ Proof of Physical Home Address (for Catchment Area Schools):  
**Note:** Driver's License / Proof of Purchase of Residence / Municipal Tax Bill / Letter Stating Current Address Notarized by a Lawyer or Notary Public / Rental Agreement (accompanied with a Gas, Cable, Telephone or Hydro Bill) / Credit Card Invoice, or Mortgage Statement.

### CATCHMENT SCHOOLS:

#### When & Where:

- ✓ **Monday, January 20<sup>th</sup> to Friday, January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2020**
- ✓ Registration must take place at your catchment elementary school.
- ✓ As a convenience to you, we have provided a fillable Registration Form for Kindergarten to Grade 12 on the website. This does not apply to our Schools of Choice (see application process below).
- ✓ **NOTE:** This is a fillable form only and must be presented in printed form, along with the required documentation (see above), to your catchment area school in order to **REGISTER** your child at that school.

### YOUR CATCHMENT AREA:

- ✓ Please see the **School Locator** at [www.mpsd.ca](http://www.mpsd.ca) for help in identifying your **catchment school**, or for any questions or additional information, please call the School Board Office at 604.826.6286.

**FRENCH IMMERSION:** École Christine Morrison and École Mission Central both offer a French Immersion program. See **School Locator** on our website for your catchment French Immersion school.

**DISTRIBUTED LEARNING:** Summit Learning Centre offers Distributed Learning. Visit Summit Learning Centre's website for details of our home learning program.

**C.O.R.E. PROGRAM:** Dewdney Elementary provides education based on the **C.O.R.E.** (Community Outdoor Recreation & Environment Education) program. Detailed information is outlined on the Dewdney Elementary School website.

**FOREST and NATURE PROGRAM:** Stave Falls Elementary provides education linked to BC's new curriculum through Outdoor Place-Based Learning in a Cultural Environment. Detailed information is outlined on the Stave Falls website.

### SCHOOLS OF CHOICE:

#### Our Schools of Choice are:

- Edwin S. Richards - Arts-Based program.
- Hillside Traditional Academy – Curricular outcomes in an environment based on traditional values.

Schools of Choice offer differing presentations of our educational curriculum. The opportunity to attend a School of Choice is open to all Mission residents.

Kindergarten **APPLICATIONS** to attend Schools of Choice can be filed at any time, and for any year of birth at either Edwin S. Richards or Hillside Traditional Academy. Please bring your child's proof of age documentation.

**PLEASE NOTE (Sibling Registration):** Parents with children currently attending either Edwin S. Richards or Hillside Traditional Academy will be contacted to register their kindergarten-aged sibling during the month of December at their present school of choice.



# Mission Secondary School

Presents: A Turkey Dinner for lunch!

A community event hosted by

Global Education - **Roadrunners** to Zambia 2020



Thursday, December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019

Time: 11:20am - 12:45pm

In the MSS Cafeteria



Come and support Mission Secondary students, our indicatives both locally and internationally and the Food Bank at our Christmas Lunch.

Cost: **\$15** plus a donation for the Food Bank and/or a pair(s) of new socks.

We have.....Raffle, 50/50, Scratch Card Draw, Auction - 1 ticket for \$3 / 3 tickets for \$5 / 10 tickets for \$10 / 30 tickets for \$20

Parking: *Mission Leisure Center*

See Kevin Matheny for tickets -

[Kevin.Matheny@mpsd.ca](mailto:Kevin.Matheny@mpsd.ca)

# Mission Students Have Heart ♥

## 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Christmas Community Dinner

Struggling this year? Financial hardship? Lonely? Or just want to share in the Christmas spirit? Mission Public Schools District Leadership Students, would like to invite you to attend our annual free Christmas Community Dinner...

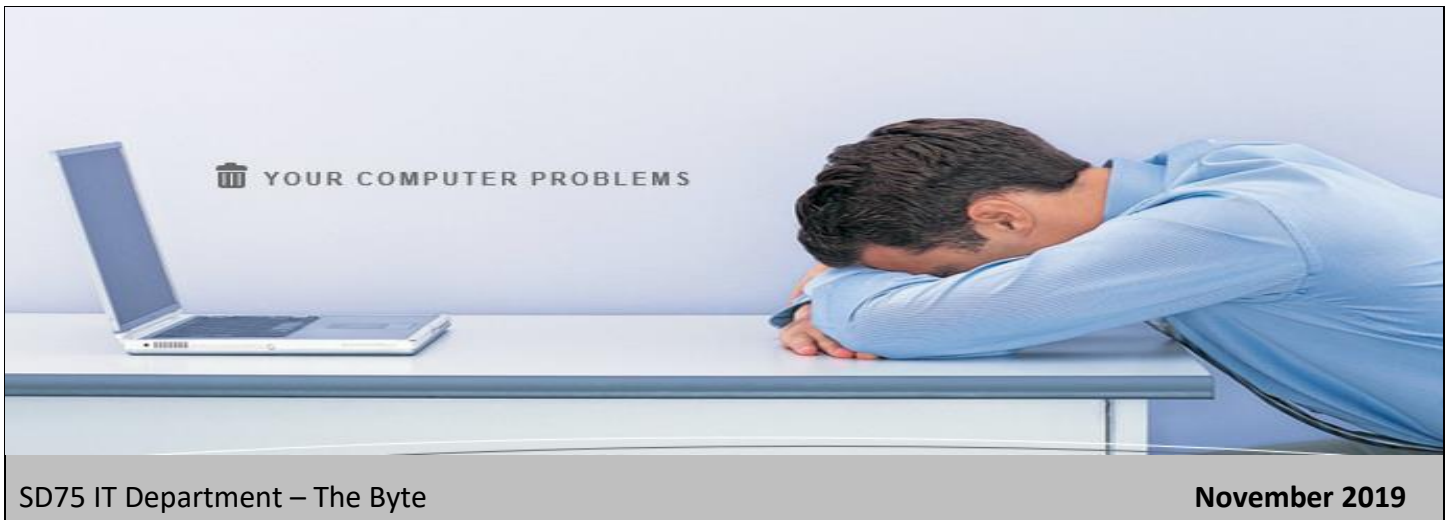
- ♥ **WHEN**: Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2019
- ♥ **WHERE**: Mission Senior Secondary Cafeteria  
32939-7<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Mission
- ♥ **TIME**: Doors open at 12:00 pm  
Lunch served at 1:00 pm

A Christmas dinner with all the trimmings, will be provided by Chef Kathryn Payne, and MPSD Staff and Students.  
Music will be provided by MPSD Student Choirs/Bands.

Crafts for children, and a visit from Santa  
Warm Clothing, Blankets, Toiletries and Gifts for Children may be available.

Free transportation will be provided by School-Bus volunteers at the following pick-up locations:

♥ Albert McMahon Elementary School (City Bus Stop, Front of School)	12:25 pm
♥ Mission Gateway Plaza (City Bus Stop, Cedar Valley Connector)	12:30 pm
♥ Mission Junction Shopping Mall (City Bus Stop)	12:35 pm
♥ Fraser Crescent at MCC	12:40 pm
♥ Mission Public Library	12:45 pm



## '8 Shopping Tips for the Holiday Season'

### **Happy Holidays & Safe Shopping!**

*Always trust your instincts. If an email or an attachment seem suspicious, don't let your curiosity put your computer at risk!*

It's that time of year again - holiday shopping has begun! Everyone is looking for those unique gifts, hot toys and cool electronics. Whether it is a hard-to-find toy for kids or the latest 4K smart TV, Black Friday sales seldom fail to pique the interests of even the most casual shoppers. Yet even after the chaos of Black Friday dies, both Small Business Saturday and Cyber Monday.

While it's clear that businesses are after your dollars during the holidays, you should be aware that cybercriminals are on the lookout, too. When it comes to holiday shopping, you need to be careful that you don't fall prey to these criminals. Here are some tips to follow for your holiday shopping.

### ***1. Do not use public Wi-Fi for any shopping activity.***

Public Wi-Fi networks can be very dangerous, especially during the holiday season. Public Wi-Fi can potentially grant hackers' access to your usernames, passwords, texts and emails. For instance, before you join a public Wi-Fi titled "Apple Store," make sure you first look around to see if there's actually an Apple Store in your vicinity, and thus, confirm that it is a legitimate network. To help stay secure, you should always be on the lookout for the lock symbol on your webpage.

### ***2. Look for the lock symbol on websites.***

When visiting a website look for the "lock" symbol before entering any personal and/or credit card information. The lock may appear in the URL bar, or elsewhere in your browser. Additionally, check that the URL for the website has "https" in the beginning. These both indicate that the site uses encryption to protect your data.

### ***3. Know what the product should cost.***

If the deal is too good to be true, then it may be a scam. Check out the company on ResellerRatings.com. This site allows users to review online companies to share their experiences purchasing from those companies. This will give you an indication of what to expect when purchasing from them.



#### ***4. Use a one-time use credit card number.***

Many banks are now offering a single use credit card number for online shopping. This one-time number is associated with your account and can be used in place of your credit card number. This way, if the credit card number becomes exposed, it cannot be used again. Check with your credit card company to see if they have this option available.

#### ***5. Keep your computer secure.***

When using your computer to do your holiday shopping, remember to keep your anti-virus software up to date and apply all software patches. Never save usernames, passwords or credit card information in your browser and periodically clear your offline content, cookies and history. You will want to keep your computer as clean as possible for online shopping. The world of online shopping can bring lots of new products to your door step and can prove to be a lot of fun finding that special gift. Just remember to be careful so that you don't make your data a special gift to cybercriminals.

#### ***6. Always use credit cards for purchases.***

Avoid using your ATM or debit card while shopping. In the event that your debit card is compromised, criminals can have direct access to the funds from your bank account. This could cause you to miss bill payments and overdraw your account. When using a credit card, you are not using funds associated with your bank account. This means you are better protected by your credit card company's fraud protection program. If you pay off the credit card balance each month, you won't pay interest and your banking information will be protected.

#### ***7. Don't leave purchases in the car unattended.***

Criminals can be watching and will consider breaking into your car to get the merchandise you just purchased. If you must leave some items in your car, consider leaving them in the trunk or glove compartment rather than in a visible location.



#### ***8. Beware of "porch pirates."***

When shopping online and receiving purchases by mail, make sure you are always tracking your packages. The US Postal Service, FedEx and UPS all have systems to track your packages, and all three utilize tracking numbers that can be used to figure out where your item is and when it should be delivered to your home. However, the only surefire way to thwart porch pirates is to not have packages delivered to your home at all. Consider having your holiday packages delivered to a family member, your workplace, or a trusted neighbor!

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# Pancake Breakfast

At the Mission Friendship Centre  
33150 First Ave.

December 25, 2019

8 am—10 am

Breakfast will be made by  
MFCS Volunteers

Mission Friendship Centre Society  
33150A First Ave.  
Mission, BC  
V2V 1G4



*Mission Friendship Centre Society*  
*Community Christmas Dinner*

December 20, 2019

12 pm & 2:00 pm

Come Enjoy a Nice Dinner Made by the  
Staff & Volunteers of MFCS

Everyone is Welcome!

\*Please only come to One sitting\*

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