



March 8th, 2019

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Principal's Message

Dear Parents/Guardians:

As we near Spring Break parents often ask what they can do to promote and maintain learning at home. One great thing that parents can do for their children (no matter what age) is to read aloud to them daily. Research has proven that reading aloud to your child improves brain development, literacy skills, language development and child-parent bonding. Reading to your child for as little as 15 minutes a day can create all these benefits. It is never too late to start! My challenge for all Cherry Hill parents as we head into Spring Break is to participate in the **March 21 Day Read Aloud Challenge**. As part of this challenge, parents are encouraged to read to their children for 15 minutes a day, 21 days straight. An attached promotional poster for the challenge outlines specific tasks for each day. As well, you can visit <https://sd75vlc.com/2019/02/28/21-day-read-aloud-challenge/> for more information and daily reading suggestions from staff around Mission Public Schools District.

Here are a few important dates coming up:

March 11th Report Cards sent home
March 11th Art Club canceled
March 12-14th Parent-Teacher Conferences
March 13th Class Photo Day
March 14th Jump Rope For Heart Skip Day
March 14th Lego Club canceled
March 15th Non-instructional Day, no school
March 18th First day of Spring Break, no school
April 1st, School re-opens, first day back
April 2nd, PAC Meeting, 6:30pm, Library
April 19th Good Friday, no school
April 22nd Easter Monday, no school

Thanks,
Shane Sliziak, Principal

Formal Report Cards & Parent-Teacher Conferences

A final reminder to parents that Spring formal report cards will be sent home on Monday, March 11th at the end of the day. Parents, please remember to return signed report card envelopes after you have reviewed the report. This helps us know it made it home and greatly reduces paper waste. I've had a chance to review each student's report and I am very happy with the growth of all our students. It takes a whole community to support our children, so I'd like to thank our teachers, support staff, parents and of course, our students for working so hard. Following reports on Monday, teachers are running parent-teacher interviews between March 12th and 14th. Messaging from each classroom division was sent home last week outlining meeting schedules and sign-up procedures. Please contact your son or daughter's teacher directly if you have any questions. Your attendance at parent-teacher conferences goes a long way in supporting your son or daughter's educational journey at Cherry Hill. 'Parents as Partners' is always the best way to support our children!

Jump Rope For Heart

We are happy to announce that Jump Rope for Heart is back on this year at Cherry Hill. We had our kick-off assembly on Monday and pledge forms were sent home. We have already raised over \$900 online and are already close to our \$1000 online goal! We have a total school goal of raising \$3000 dollars for the Heart and Stroke Foundation. Our skipping day is March 14th. Classes will participate in several skipping activities in the gym. If you would like to attend the event please make contact with your son or daughter's teacher to find out what time they will be skipping in the gym. I'd like to thank parents and other community members for their support with this great cause.

Lifetouch Classroom Photo Day

March 12th is class photo day. Class photos are typically completed at the beginning of the school day so please ensure your son or daughter is on time so that they do not miss being in their class photo. There are no retakes for this.

After School Club Cancellations

Parents, please note that Art Club will be canceled March 12th. Also, Lego Club will be canceled March 14th. Both clubs will resume in April when we come back from Spring Break.

Mission City ParticipACTION

The ParticipACTION Community Better Challenge is a brand new annual physical activity challenge that rallies communities to sit less and move more together. Physical activity and sport participation are great ways to build and strengthen bonds and help us all Community Better. Organizations, schools, sport groups and workplaces are encouraged to spread the word about the challenge to their members and surrounding networks as well as **track minutes on behalf of their organization.** Please see the attached flier regarding the challenge that will run between May 31st and June 16th. Our Healthy School Committee is in the process of applying for grant funding so that Cherry Hill can hold its own unique event. More to come on that next month.

Cherry Hill Volleyball & Upcoming Track & Field

We are very happy to announce that our volleyball team placed 7th in the District at the recent play-off tournament. There were a total of 24 teams, including all public and private elementary schools in Mission. Each player received a beautiful 7th place ribbon. Their coach, Lacie Carroll, reports a hard fought tournament! Many thanks to their coach and hats off to all the hard work the entire team put into a successful season.

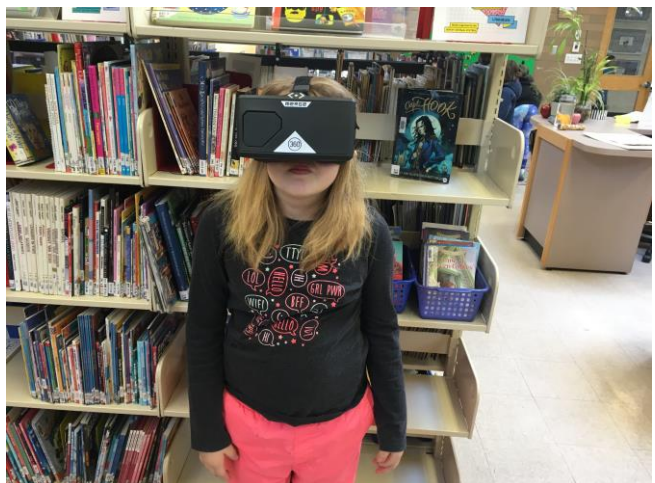
Track and field is right around the corner. Notices will be sent home when we come back from Spring Break for our Gr. 3-6 students. Running, jumping and throwing events will be available for interested students that can qualify minimum achievement requirements.



Students from Division 10 showing the love on Pink Shirt Day!



Students showing off their completed 'The Elders Are Watching' paintings. The project is well underway and very exciting.



Virtual Reality goggles are the newest addition to our library. Student have been using them over the last few weeks and they are a great way to discover far away places from right inside our library