

# CORONATION ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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## WINTER NEWSLETTER 2026

# CORONATION SCHOOL CELEBRATES

**BLACK**

**HISTORY**

**MONTH**

Dear Parents and Guardians,

There are so many wonderful things happening at our school! Here are some highlights for you!

Throughout this month, our school community has been recognizing Black History Month through engaging lessons and activities. Students have been learning about the accomplishments, contributions, and cultural heritage of Black communities. Assemblies and classroom discussions have provided meaningful opportunities for students to deepen their understanding and appreciation.

We also celebrated Staff Appreciation Week and recognized the hard work and commitment of our dedicated staff. Our teachers and support personnel contribute so much to creating a positive and supportive learning environment, and we are grateful for the care and effort they bring to our school each day.

We would like to extend a sincere thank you to parents for your generous donations and sending in treats for our staff.

Your generosity and support are greatly appreciated and help make our school community stronger.

Warm regards,

Best regards,

*Ms. Ravia Delis*

### IMPORTANT DATES

**FEBRUARY 27**-BOARD-WIDE PD DAY

**MARCH 2-MARCH 6**  
SPRING BREAK

**MARCH 9**- RETURN TO SCHOOL

**MARCH 13**- SCHOOL-WIDE TRIP: CABANE À SUCRE

**MARCH 16**- BOARD-WIDE PD DAY- DAYCARE OPEN

**APRIL 3- 6** EASTER HOLIDAY- DAYCARE CLOSED

**APRIL 28**- EVENING TALENT SHOW

**APRIL 29**- PD DAY- DAYCARE OPEN

### BLACK HISTORY MONTH CELEBRATIONS

Our elementary students are celebrating Black History Month with engaging activities that honor Black leaders, artists, and innovators! From storytelling sessions featuring inspiring figures to creative art projects showcasing Black culture, and interactive lessons that bring history to life, students are learning, reflecting, and celebrating together. It's a month filled with discovery, creativity, and appreciation! Here are some samples of the amazing things happening in February!

#### CYCLE 1

Students in Grades 1 and 2 celebrated Black History Month with an energetic and joyful Gumboots activity. After learning about the dance's origins in South African mining communities, the children explored how rhythm, movement, and teamwork can tell a story. They practiced simple stomps, claps, and boot slaps, working together to create their own rhythmic patterns. The activity gave them a fun, hands-on way to honour a rich cultural tradition while building a sense of community and appreciation for African heritage.



#### CYCLE 2

Cycle 2 students (Rooms 223 & 227 English classes) celebrated Black History Month in various ways. They read the biographies of important Canadians and their contributions such as Viola Desmond, Willie O'Ree, Mary Ann Shadd and many more. Students also practiced a passage from Dr. Martin Luther King's famous speech, I Have a Dream, and they saw real life footage of the historic speech given at the Lincoln Memorial in 1963.



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### CLASSROOM NEWS

#### Pre-School (K4/K5)

Our Pre-Kindergarten students have been enjoying yoga sessions and learning about emotions with Ms. Puynung (Carolina Choy) who is supporting them in developing self-awareness and calming strategies.

For the Month of February (Black History Month):

- Pre-kindergarten (Ms. Karen's class) K4:** The prekindergarten teacher introduced the students to Ruby Bridges by reading books about her life and watching a few video clips.
- Kindergarten (Ms. Shanna's class) K5:** The students have been introduced to inspiring figures such as Misty Copeland, Mae Jemison, and Rosa Parks. They are also working on a space-themed Mae Jemison craft.
- Kindergarten French Immersion (Mme Constant) K5:** The students have been learning about inspiring Black history figures like Martin Luther King Jr., Garrett Morgan, and Rosa Parks. Through stories and creative art activities, they explored these leaders' lives and the values of courage, kindness, and fairness.

Activities for our preschool students as we celebrate Black History Month:

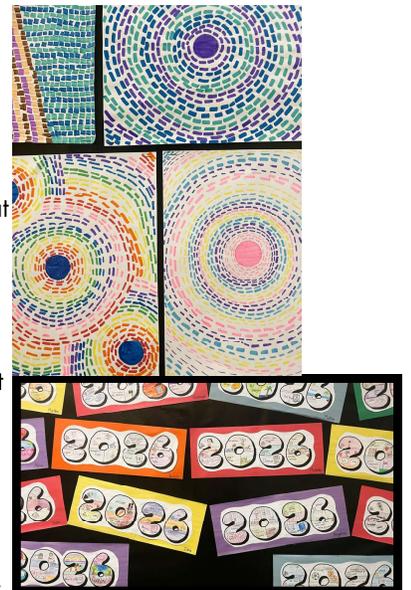
- February 10:** The students enjoyed a well-being-focused dance and movement activity with choreographer M. Richard Laubonet.
- February 12:** We celebrated 100 days of school with parents, and the Cycle One class visited our classrooms.
- February 18:** A special Zoom visit with a guest related to our space project, which we have already started. The visitor will answer the children's questions about space. Our virtual space activity is postponed and will be held on a new date.
- February 24:** We welcomed storyteller Ms. Dianea Phillips for a presentation to the preschool classes.

#### CYCLE 1

Ms. Ray's Grade 1 students dove into the magic of winter by exploring how snowflakes are formed, discovering that each tiny crystal grows in its own unique way. They created beautiful salt-and-watercolour snowflake art, watching the salt sparkle and spread just like real ice crystals. They also wrote about snowflakes through the lens of "are, have, and can," sharing thoughtful ideas about what snowflakes mean to them. The result was a blend of science, creativity, and imagination.

Miss Jennifer's Grade 2 class partnered with Mme. Simons for a bilingual project where students chose an animal and described, in both English and French, what it would wear to stay warm in a snowstorm. Their ideas were then turned into illustrations with the help of AI, creating a collection that highlights creativity, bilingual learning, and the fun of imagining together.

Madame Roxanne's Grade 1/2 class has been working thoughtfully on setting goals for the year 2026. Through discussion, reflection, and classroom activities, students explored both personal and academic goals, focusing on skills such as perseverance, kindness, and a love of learning. In addition, as part of Black History Month, students have been learning about the artist Alma Woodsey Thomas and exploring her work. Inspired by her vibrant style, they created their own art pieces, expressing creativity while developing an appreciation for diversity, history, and artistic expression.



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#### Cycle 2

Exploding into 2026! The Grade 3 class has been busy working to keep their New Year's Resolutions, some of which include eating healthier, learning and improving different sporting skills, and not interrupting when people are talking. 😊

They have also been learning about seniors and the elderly population through an Intergenerational Program. They had the opportunity to have some of their grandparents in class and were excited to interact with them, ask them questions, and learn more about them. In the coming weeks, they will also be visiting a senior's residence in the community to talk with them and make a craft together. What an incredible learning experience!



#### CYCLE 3

Grade 5 and 6 students are busy and engaged in many exciting activities. They started the new year with a wonderful trip to the Orchestre symphonique de Montréal at the end of January. Since then, they have been immersed in Black History Month learning, reading books about influential black leaders, participating in class discussions, researching, and exploring important topics. Meanwhile, outside of the classroom, some students are practicing with the soccer team, working on the yearbook, or rehearsing for the talent show.

Meaningful learning continues in the classroom through class novels, math concepts, French vocabulary, and reading and writing activities. We are very proud of our young scholars!

#### Kids 4 Social Change

K4SC Our Sock Drive is now complete! 🧦

We are very happy to share that Multicaf was very happy to receive our donation. Thank you to everyone who helped by bringing in socks. Your kindness helped make a difference for others in our community! In kindness, K4SC.

