

Marion Schilling Elementary School Newsletter

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"Learning is Cool at our School!!"

April 2, 2015

Dear Students, Parents/Guardians:

Term 2 Report Cards were sent home just before Spring Break. If you haven't already done so, please take the time to read your child's Report Card and review it with them. Discussing your child's progress and celebrating their successes is important. Please note the bottom section of your child's report card that indicates by month how many absences and late arrivals your child has to this point. Regular school attendance is very important for student achievement, as well as, fostering a sense of connection to school. Setting a



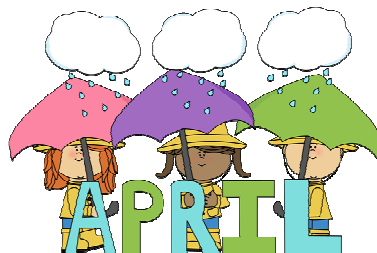
goal for Term 3, with your child, is also a great idea and helps show your children that you value education. Like you, we want all students to have a strong finish to this school year.

If you have any concerns with your child's progress, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher. We have our 4th and final **Early Closure set for Friday, April 10th**. Parents if you want an interview scheduled, please contact your child's teacher by either calling the school or writing a note in your child's agenda. Please be mindful that on Early Closure Days all students are dismissed at 12:30. Our school buses will not be running at noon, hence parents will need to make transportation arrangements for this day.

I want to take this time to thank all Marion Schilling families and staff members who were able to make it out to our Meet and Greet on Thursday, March 12th. It is always good to take time and socialize together.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Wood, Principal



WELCOME TO KINDERGARTEN

At this time we have 28 students who have registered to start Kindergarten in September. Our new students and parents will be visiting our school on Friday, April 10. Our Welcome to Kindergarten orientation is a fun-time for parents and children to participate in a variety of activities, meet other Kindergarten families, as well as, some MSES staff. Each of our new students will go home with a bag of resources, that parents will be able to use to help prepare their child for the upcoming school year! This is an exciting day for all! We can't wait to host our newest MSES students!



DAY OF SUCWENTWECW

On Tuesday, April 7th we will host our second annual Day of Sucwentwecw with an assembly at 1:00 pm to recognize the Secwepemc Nation and the histories of the original peoples and territories our school is located on. "Connections to the Land" is the theme for this year's Day of Sucwentwecw.

Prior to Spring Break, all of our students were very fortunate to participate in the making of a traditional aboriginal drum for their classes. I want to thank Peter Michel, Shane Camille, Marie Sandy and Daryl Laboucan for sharing both their knowledge and skills with our students in this very special project.



SCHOOL LOGO

Ms. McKenna has been working with students, staff and district staff to design a new school logo for MSES! We are nearing the final stages of this process. You can anticipate school t-shirt orders later this spring!!!

CONGRATULATIONS

Every year students and classes are invited to complete projects and participate in our District's Heritage Fair. At MSES, many students



submit designs for the annual Heritage Fair Stamp competition. Students design a stamp reflective of Canadian culture and submit a write-up explaining their design. Please join in congratulating Kendall Smith as her stamp design on maple syrup won!!! Kendall's design will be used on the Heritage Fair t-shirts that are provided for students who participate in the District Heritage Fair!

TRANSFER REQUESTS

If you plan on having your child attend another school in September, please let the office know so that you can complete the necessary transfer and registration forms.

Likewise, families who live out of our catchment area and want their child/ren to attend MSES in September should also notify their home school and complete a transfer form.

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

MSES is in the process of developing a new 3-year School Improvement Plan. Teachers and admin have been diligently working on reviewing our current goals and data and formulating our direction. The next SIP meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 8, following our monthly PAC meeting. All parents are welcome to attend both our PAC and SIP meeting.

OUTSTANDING SCHOOL SUPPLY FEES

If you have outstanding school supply fees (Agenda, School Supplies &/or Young Peoples Concert) please contact the school office and make arrangements to pay them. Making small payments throughout the course of the year is an acceptable format of payment. Please contact the office, if your fees are in arrears.



HEAD LICE

I want to thank those families who are being diligent with weekly head checks and subsequent treatments. As a school we continue to send home letters to all families in a class, along with families in classes of siblings, when we are aware of head lice. Our purpose in notifying our families is so you too can be extra diligent in checking for lice and nits. The primary responsibility for control of head lice rests with our families and not the school.

OUR NEXT NEWSLETTER WILL BE POSTED ON THURSDAY, April 30, 2015



Board Notes

From the Board Meeting of: MARCH 9, 2015

1. The Board enjoyed a presentation on Math Expo projects from two grade 5 students, who were accompanied by their parents and District Math Coordinator Amanda Russett.
2. The Official Opening for the NorKam Trades and Technology Centre will be held on Friday, March 13, 2015 at 10:00 am.
3. The Board received an update from Superintendent deBruijn on the administration of the Foundation Skills Assessment (FSA) for the 2014-2015 school year.
4. The Board approved Board Authority Authorized Course entitled: Outdoor Education/Fly Fishing Advanced 11/12.
5. The Board approved an amended Out-of-Province Field Trip application to include Chase Secondary students to travel to Drumheller, Alberta, along with students from Valleyview Secondary.
6. The Board approved the 2014/2015 Capital Project Bylaw #126821 for school bus replacements.
7. The Board received a Notice of Motion on the following policies:
Revised Policy 204.1 Trustee Seminars
Revised Policy 600.1 Code of Conduct
New Policy 1024.7 Emergency Procedure: Cancellation of Classes due to Extreme Weather
8. The next regular public Board Meeting will occur on Monday, March 30, 2015 at the School Board Office.