



Marion Schilling Elementary School Newsletter

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"Learning is Cool at our School!!"

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Dear Students, Parents/Guardians:

Who doesn't love a Winter Wonderland! Yesterday's snow reminds us of the importance of being ready for our upcoming Winter Season. Students should now start coming



to school with outdoor boots, jackets, mitts, hats and snowpants so they can play and enjoy our recess and lunch breaks. In addition, all students and staff should have a pair of indoor shoes. Mr. Idarola has put out the boot racks, so students can take their boots off as they enter the school. As many students will have the same boots, please take the time to write your child's name in marker on the inside of their boots.

Please join me in congratulating our Girls' Tier 2 Volleyball Team for a very successful season; playing all the way to the semi-finals. Our girls demonstrated good skills, teamwork and sportsmanship! Special thanks to Mrs. Hayashi for taking her time to coach our team and provide this wonderful opportunity for our students. We also want to thank all of our parent fans and drivers for making this season possible.



Term 1 Report Cards will be sent home with students tomorrow, Friday, November 28th. Please take the time to discuss your child's progress with them and set goals for Term 2. Please also take the time to review your child's attendance and lates for the Term. Regular attendance and on-time arrival at school are very important for both academic success and connection to school. If you were unable to set-up

a Parent/Teacher interview during our Early Closure yesterday, please feel free to contact your child's teacher to set up a meeting to discuss any concerns or have any questions you may have answered.

Home and school partnerships are always appreciated!

Sincerely,



Mrs. Wood, Principal

CHRISTMAS CONCERT!

"Snowed In" is the theme of our concert this year. Students have started practicing for our two performances on Wednesday, December 17th. Our afternoon performance will be at 1:30 and our



evening concert will be at 6:30. Students should be at the school by 6:00 pm for the evening concert. Our gym will be open for seating 30 minutes prior to the beginning of performances.

Students, staff and concert guests are encouraged to donate a non-perishable food item for the local food bank on Concert Day! Over 145 food items were collected on Halloween for the food bank!

PAC NEWS

Our next PAC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 11 at 6:00 pm. All parents are invited to attend monthly PAC meetings. Coffee and dessert will be served at our next PAC meeting.



POINSETTIA PICK-UP

Thanks to everyone who supported our PACs annual Poinsettia Fundraiser. The poinsettias will arrive on Monday, December 1. Please plan on

picking up your orders from 2:30 – 3:30 in the school library. To make alternate arrangements, please call Chris Ponti at 250-572-6521. If you didn't get your order in, there are a few extra ones. Reserve your poinsettia with Chris Ponti!



SCHOOL BUS CODE OF CONDUCT

Be Respectful, Be Responsible, Be Safe

Students who ride the bus to and from school are to be

registered with the School District's Transportation Department. Students may pick up a Bus Registration form from their bus driver.

Student safety is paramount and it is important that both the home and school take the time to reinforce expected bus behaviours. Students can be suspended from riding the bus, if they do not follow expected bus behaviours.

The Code of Conduct for School Bus Riders is as follows:

1. Riders shall arrive at least 5 minutes before bus departure times. Riders are to line up and enter the bus in an orderly manner.
2. Riders must remain seated and orderly at all times. Seats may be reassigned at the discretion of the driver, principal or principal's designate.
3. Eating of lunches and snacks shall be allowed at the discretion of the driver.
4. After disembarking, if riders need to cross the road from the designated stop, they shall do so 3 meters in front of the stopped bus. Crossing the road behind the bus is dangerous and not permitted.
5. Small carry on items contained in an appropriate fashion and that can be easily accommodated on the lap of the rider may be taken on the school bus (ie items that: are completely housed or contained in an approved case/container; will not impede the safe use of the seat with fellow student/s; are lower than the seat in front).
6. Smoking and the lighting of fires/matches or lighters, disrespect, inappropriate behaviour, and/or swearing is strictly prohibited.
7. The consumption or transport of alcohol, drugs/narcotics or any illegal substances is strictly prohibited.
8. Students must provide their principal and/or bus driver with written permission from their parent or guardian to ride a bus that they are not registered on or to disembark at a stop other than their normal location.

9. Students shall abide by the same Code of Conduct as would be expected at their schools. As the bus is an extension of the school, school principals have the authority to discipline any student who misbehaves both to and from school that includes at or near a bus stop.

10. Students will be held responsible for willful damage to the school bus.

TEEN ANXIETY WINTER GROUP (Ages 12 -14)



Many youth experience problems with worry. The Boys and Girls Club will be hosting six sessions that focus on learning about anxiety and developing "tools" that will help youth manage anxious moments as

they arise. Sessions are on Wednesdays from Jan 14 – Feb 18th from 4pm to 5 pm. For registration and screening, please contact Jocelyn Campbell, SD73 Mental Health Clinician at icampbell@sd73.bc.ca or 250-376-2266.

GRADE 4/5 SNOW PASS IS BACK!

If your child was born in 2004 or 2005, then you may sign your child up for their very own SnowPass.

The Grade 4/5 SnowPass is a national program and is valid at 31 ski areas in British Columbia!

Children will have three lift passes for each of the 31 ski areas in

British Columbia. The cost for families is \$29.95! Information and applications are available online at www.snowpass.ca



HEAD LICE

Please continue to do your part and help stop the spread of head lice. The management of head lice is the primary responsibility of each family. If your child has head lice, please take the time to effectively treat them and contact the school, so that we can notify other families in the class to also check and treat their children's heads. Parents may want to consider buy a hanger and suit cover bag from the dollar store. Students can then place their hat, scarves, mitts and coats in this bag and hang it in their cubby. For more information on head lice, how it spreads and how to treat it, please visit the following Interior Health **websites**:

<http://www.healthlinkbc.ca/heathfiles/hfile06.stm>
<http://www.interiorhealth.ca/YourHealth/SchoolHealth/HeadLice/Pages/default.aspx>

ALL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES CAN BE FOUND AT WWW.SD73.BC.CA

OUR NEXT NEWSLETTER WILL BE POSTED ON THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2014.