



# Marion Schilling Elementary School Newsletter

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"Learning is Cool at our School!!"

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Dear Students, Parents/Guardians:

Teaching and learning are in full swing at MSES! Last week we enjoyed a concert from Hoja, an accapella group from Calgary. They were lots of fun! This week Mrs. Cattermole joined the staff at MSES as a classroom teacher in our 2/3 class, replacing Ms. McKenna. Ms. McKenna will be supporting teaching and learning at MSES as a Literacy Resource Teacher. Next week, Ms. Hemminger will join our staff as a Certified Education Assistant. Please join me in welcoming new staff to Marion Schilling Elementary School.

I want to thank all of our families who were able to attend our Open House earlier this month. These provided parents an opportunity to meet their child's classroom teacher and to hear about some of the routines teachers have established, as well as curriculum that will be covered this school year. We do have another **Early Closure day scheduled for Wednesday, November 26**. This day is intended for parent/teacher interviews. You or your child's classroom teacher may initiate an interview. If you would like an interview with your child's teacher, please use your child's agenda to request a meeting. Please note that **all students will be dismissed at 12:30 and that no busses will be running at dismissal time.**



The weather has definitely changed and we are well into fall. This weekend, please remember to change your clocks back 1 hour. Please ensure your child leaves the home each morning dressed for the weather conditions of the day. All

students are expected to be outside until the 8:26 bell, as well as during recess and lunch breaks. On rainy days, it is important that your child has indoor footwear. Not only does this keep our floors dry, your child will be prepared if we have to leave the school quickly (ie fire drill, evacuation).

Sincerely,  
Mrs. Colleen Wood  
Principal



REMEMBRANCE  
DAY

## SCHOOL HOURS

I would like to remind parents that school now starts at 8:36 every morning with morning announcements and the commencement of instruction. Our doors open at 8:26. Students should not be dropped off early or brought into the school prior to the 8:26 bell, as this time is used by teachers to finalize plans for the day.

## PHOTO ORDERS

On Tuesday, students were sent home with their photo proofs. Orders are due on Wednesday, November 5<sup>th</sup>. Please make all cheques payable to LifeTouch.

If you prefer, you may go to [mylifetouch.ca](http://mylifetouch.ca) and order online. You will notice that you will have more background choices to choose from online.



Photo Retakes are scheduled for November 13.

## SHUSWAP LANGUAGE

Shuswap Language has not occurred at MSES to this point. We anticipate that it will commence in early November. Students in Grades 5-7 who have opted for Shuswap Language instead of French, are currently participating in French classes with their teachers and classmates.

## SCHOOL FEES & YPC

Tomorrow is our first Young Peoples' Concert at the Sagebrush Theatre. All students must have a permission form completed to participate in this school-wide field trip. Please ensure your child has returned their Permission Form.

If you have not paid for your child's school supplies (including agenda and YPC), please contact Mrs. Dickens and make arrangements for payment. We can accept installment payments for your convenience.

## TERM 1 REPORT CARDS

Term 1 Report Cards will be sent home with students on Friday, November 28<sup>th</sup>. 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 extremely important for student academic success and connection to school.

## HOMEWORK CLUB

Starting next week, MSES will be providing Homework Support until 3:05 Monday through Friday. Our Homework Club will be sponsored by Ms. Sandy, First Nations Education



Worker and will be in our Music Room. Parents please be aware that if Ms. Sandy is absent from work, there will be no Homework Club for the day.

## SUMMER READING BOOKS

Many students were provided with reading material over the summer months to help offset the "summer slide". Reading like any skill, slides if it is neglected even for a couple of months.

If you attended the Bright Red Book Bus and have books that you have finished reading, please return them to MSES and we will forward them to the Bright Red Book Bus. If you received books from MSES, please return them to Ms. McKenna in our Learning Assistance Room. All of our current Grade 2 students were sent home in June with 16 books to read! We trust they thoroughly enjoyed reading them over the summer. It would be appreciated if these books could also be returned to MSES so that another student may benefit from reading them. Thank you for taking the time to find and return these books. Special thanks to those families who have already returned their child's summer books!



## FOOD ALLERGIES

We have a number of students with both significant and life threatening food allergies in our school. We do not guarantee being a "peanut free" school. We do however, promote awareness within our

school and encourage students to frequently wash their hands, to both stop the spread of germs and cross contamination. If you have a child in any of the following classes, Mrs. Hayashi, Mrs. Patton, Mr. Dell, Mrs. Bunney, Mr. Desaulniers, & Mrs. Gustafson we would encourage you to limit "nut" products in snacks and lunches. Please also ensure your child knows when they have nut products and encourage them to wash their hands frequently and clean up after eating.

## ADMINISTRATION OF MEDICATION

Staff is not permitted to administer non-prescription medication. In order for us to administer prescription medication, a School District form must be completed by a Doctor, along with guidelines followed for the container that the medication is in.

Students with anaphylaxis are required to have 2 epipens at school. Policies do not allow us to administer Benadryl and then an epipen if conditions are not improving. Staff are trained each year on the administration of epipens.

## VERIFICATION FORMS

Thank you to all of our families for completing Student Verification forms and returning them to MSES. It is important that families keep our contact information, legal alerts and medical alert information up-to-date. If you change your phone number, your child's medical condition changes, or living arrangements change, please remember to contact the school office. Our ability to contact you in case of emergencies is extremely important. Thanks again for attending to this important detail.

## MEALS FORMS/PIZZA FORMS

We are pleased to be able to offer a monthly meals program for the convenience of our families. As a school, we like to have pizza days for students as they are a treat!

Our deadlines for both the Meals Program and Pizza Days are firm as they both need to be processed and then forwarded to our suppliers.

*DON'T MISS THE DEADLINE!*

Late meals forms will be processed only once a week. That means if you submit a meals form tomorrow or early next week, meals will not be available the first week of November for your child.

## PAC NEWS

Thanks to everyone who purchased magazines from our PAC's annual magazine fundraiser. Your support is very much appreciated.



Believe it or not, Christmas is not that far away! Our PAC will once again be selling poinsettias and wreaths. Your child/ren brought home information and order forms earlier this week. Poinsettia Orders

are due on November 14<sup>th</sup>. Please make checks payable to Marion Schilling PAC. Thanks in advance for supporting this fundraiser.

Many of you know that over the past few years, PAC fundraising has primarily focused on assisting the school in purchasing smartboards for our



classes. This, with your help, has been achieved and PAC would like to shift its focus on fundraising for new playground equipment for our children. The cost of playground equipment is significant and will

require a substantial increase in fundraising efforts. PAC needs your help to accomplish this. PAC is looking for creative ideas and business/corporate contacts within our community, that will assist in achieving our new goal. **Our next PAC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:00. Please come out and share your ideas!**

#### **HEAD LICE**

Please continue to do your part and help stop the spread of head lice. You can assist by doing regular weekly head checks. 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. Confidentiality and dignity of students/families will always be maintained.

#### **POKEMON CARDS/TRADING TOYS**

Students often like to bring favourite toys to school. At MSES we do not allow students to trade cards or toys as often someone is left being very disappointed. Your support in reinforcing the same message is appreciated. Please be aware that the school will not be responsible for lost precious and valuable items. We encourage students to leave these items at home.

**SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES CAN BE FOUND AT [WWW.SD73.BC.CA](http://WWW.SD73.BC.CA)**

### **SCHOOL BUS CODE OF CONDUCT** **Be Respectful, Be Responsible, Be Safe**

Students who ride the bus to and from school must 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. 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.

**OUR NEXT NEWSLETTER WILL BE POSTED ON THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2014.**