



Marion Schilling Elementary School Newsletter

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CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Thurs. April 7 Day of Sucwentwecw Assembly @ 1:30pm in our Gym ***All Welcome***
Thurs. April 14 Young People's Concert "Red Sky"
Mon. April 18 **Non-Instructional Day (No School)**
Wed. April 20 PAC Meeting @ 6:00pm
Thurs. April 21 Vincent Massey High School Band (Vancouver) performance 10:55am
Fri. April 22 PAC Hanging Basket Fundraiser - Deadline for order submissions
Tue. April 26 Mavericks' Pizza Day Lunch
Wed. April 27 "You Can Count on Me" (Kindergarten parents) (8:28 - 10:00am in our Library)
Thurs. April 28 Class Photos & Panorama School Photo (start time 8:40)
Thurs. April 28 Kamloops Honour Choir Performance (1:15 in gym)
Thurs. April 28 SD73 Young Artists' Conference
Fri. April 29 Skipping Demo for Jump Rope For Heart
Fri. April 29 Young Authors' Conference
Wed. May 4 Welcome to Kindergarten (2016/2017) (8:45 - Recess in our Gym)
Thurs. May 5 Young People's Concert "Goh Ballet"
Mon. May 16 **Non-Instructional Day (No School)**
Mon. May 23 **Victoria Day (No School)**
Tue. June 21 Parent Appreciation Tea & Talent Show (TBA: 12:15 - 2:00pm?)

DAY OF SUCWENTWECW ASSEMBLY

Please join us for our 3rd annual Day of Sucwentwecw Assembly tomorrow (Thursday, April 7th) at 1:30pm. We welcome Jackie Jules as our guest.

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 if required. 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/healthfiles/hfile06.stm>
<http://www.interiorhealth.ca/YourHealth/SchoolHealth/HeadLice/Pages/default.aspx>

STUDENT PICK UP & DEPARTURE

Procedure for Picking up Students Early from School or Change of Bus @ Dismissal

A reminder, please, to all parents/guardians that students need to be signed out at the office with a staff member present for any early pick-up from school. Also, if a bus student is not taking their regular bus after school for any reason; parents are asked to please contact Mrs. Dickens at the office. Thank you very much.

STUDENT TRANSFERS FOR 2016/2017

Requests for student transfers that will commence in September started on March 1, 2016 and will end at 12:00 noon on September 1, 2016. All submissions must be made in writing and forwarded to the receiving school's principal. All decisions regarding student transfers will be in accordance with Board Policy 300.1 School Boundaries and Student Transfer Requests.

TENTATIVE CLASS CONFIGURATIONS FOR 2016/2017

Projected enrolment for 2016/2017 has been sent to the School Board Office. This is based on our knowledge of new registrations and students leaving our school. Please contact Mrs. Dickens in the office asap if there are changes in schools regarding your child for next school year.

Tentative class configurations will be drafted and are adjusted frequently as we experience changes in our student registration. We hope that Gr1-Gr7 will be placed into their new classes by the end of the first week of school in September. Kindergarten parents will be contacted at the end of August to arrange meetings. If you feel the need to make us aware of anything pertinent regarding your child's needs, please provide it in writing to Mrs. Gordon (paper or email: dgordon@sd73.bc.ca by Monday, May 2nd. Only **written** input from parents will be considered. The staff works hard at developing placements for students. Some factors considered are: class size and composition, regulations, students' needs in academic/emotional/behaviour areas, gender ratio, best use of support from Certified Education Workers and other resources and parent input. If you are providing a letter, please do **not** request specific teachers but rather, provide information that we can use to best place your child. Any letters received by me, may be shared with teachers as tentative classes are being configured. It is the school's responsibility under the School Act to make the final placement.

Our daily enrolment changes very frequently and class configurations are definitely **tentative** as the time between now and the first week of September can bring many changes.

Thank you.

YOU CAN COUNT ON ME

We are very pleased to have the "You Can Count on Me" workshop for current Kindergarten parents in our Library on Wednesday, April 27th. Thank you to facilitator Doffy Bourbonnais for offering this valuable workshop.

WELCOME TO KINDERGARTEN 2016/2017

We are pleased to have our "Welcome to Kindergarten" (2016/2017) organized for K students starting in September, 2016 and their parents. This exciting meaningful event is a must to attend: *Wednesday, May 4, 2016 (8:45 – Recess in our school Gym)*

HAND WASHING

Staying Healthy is in Your Hands

It's easy for the average Canadian to feel a bit helpless amid the stream of news reports on pandemic flu. Yet experts say a simple way to reduce your risk is literally in your hands: good, frequent hand washing is the best way to prevent infectious diseases of all kinds.

Hands spread an estimated 80% of common infectious diseases like the common cold and flu. For example, when you touch a doorknob that has the flu on it and then touch your mouth, you can get sick. But these disease-causing germs slide off easily with good hand washing technique. Hand washing is easy to learn, cheap and incredibly effective at stopping the spread of disease-causing germs.

Steps for good hand washing technique:

- Remove all rings and wet your hands with warm running water.
- Put a small amount of liquid soap in the palm of one hand. Bar soaps are not as hygienic as liquid soaps because they stay moist and attract germs. If a bar soap is the only option it should be stored on a rack so that the bar doesn't sit in water.
- Rub your hands together for 20 seconds so you produce lather. Make sure you scrub between your fingers, under your fingernails and the backs of your hands.
- Rinse your hands well with clean running water for at least 10 seconds. Try not to handle the faucets once your hands are clean. Use a paper towel to turn off the water.
- Dry your hands with a single use paper towel. If you use a hand towel be sure to change it daily. During cold and flu season you may want to give each family member his or her own hand towel.
- Use hand lotion to put moisture back into your skin if your hands are dry.
- Model good hand washing technique to your children. Have them sing a song like "Twinkle Twinkle Little Star" while rubbing their hands together to teach them the amount of time it takes to clean their hands properly.

PAC NEWS

Next PAC meeting is April 20th, 2016 at 6:00pm. The deadline for orders for the Hanging Basket/Coupon fundraiser is Friday, April 22.



Board Notes

From the Board Meeting of: APRIL 4, 2016

1. The Board enjoyed a presentation from Director Coder on the International Education program in School District No. 73. He was joined by Program Counsellor Doherty and two international students.
2. The Board received an update on the district's Long Term Plan.
3. The Board passed a motion that the school and building on McGill Road be referred to Beattie Elementary School, effective August 1, 2016.
4. The following *Notices of Motions* were provided to the Board:
 - New Policy 927.1 Employee Health Information Privacy and Confidentiality
 - New Policy 930.1 Attendance-Employee
 - New Policy 933.1 Disability Management-Employee Specific

The next regular public Board Meeting will occur on Monday April 25, 2016 at the School Board Office, 1383 – 9th Avenue, Kamloops, BC.

From the Board Meeting of: MARCH 14, 2016

1. The Board announced that Ms. Alison Sidow has been selected as the new Superintendent of Schools for School District No. 73 (Kamloops/Thompson), effective August 1, 2016.
2. The Board enjoyed a presentation from District Math Coordinator Amanda Russet and Teachers Cody Hilton and Keith Wilson.
3. The Board rescinded a previous motion made at the Regular Public Board meeting on February 29, 2016 that reads, "Small-Cowden moved that Stuart Wood Elementary be renamed to McGill Elementary, effective August 1, 2016."
4. The Board approved the Amended School Calendars for 2016-2017.
5. The Board approved the Framework for Enhancing Student Learning as presented by Assistant Superintendents Churchley and Sidow.
6. The Board adopted revised Policy 1118.1 Transportation of Students.

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April is Autism Awareness Month

We invite you and your families to participate in the annual Chris Rose Therapy Centre for Autism **Walk for Autism.**

Autism affects around 1 in 68 children. It is characterized, in varying degrees, by difficulties in social interaction, communication & repetitive behaviours.



Saturday April 30th 2016

10am Registration * 10:30am Warmup * 11am Walk

For more information or pledge forms please visit: www.chrisrosecentre.org
Hope to see you there!



July 11 – 29, 2016

Popular favourites include:

- Band ■ Strings ■ Piano ■ Choir ■ Musical Theatre ■ Jazz Band ■ Guitar
- World Music ■ Beginning Band ■ Ukulele ■ Percussion ■ Drum Line & more!

General Music classes available for elementary school students.
Beginner, Intermediate and Advanced Classes available.

Register at KISSM.ca
Email info@klssm.ca
Call Kim 250-574-5437



Kamloops Canoe & Kayak Club (KCKC)
Spring Program and Summer Camps
Girls and Boys Ages 7 to 14



Come enjoy pure fun, sun-soaked days, making lifelong friends, and creating *awesome* memories all in a spectacular setting at Shumway Lake! The KCKC offers **one week** long **Summer Camps** where kids can learn and enjoy the **FUN**damentals of canoeing and kayaking sports, as well as experience our water trampoline and play water & dry land games with their friends. The **FUN** begins **July 4th – Sept 2nd from 8:30 am to 3 pm**. Only \$195/wk.

For those who can't wait 'till summer to get out on the water, & are looking for an alternative to soccer or baseball - we offer a **Spring Intro to Paddling** Program 1 or 2 evenings a week **Tuesday/Thursday 6:30 to 8 pm**. Begins May 31st. \$100 for 5 practices or \$180 for 10 practices.

For more information or to register please visit us at: www.kamloopscanoeandkayakclub.ca

Family programs available too! A family who paddles together....

Paddle your way to FUN with the KCKC!

