



Marion Schilling Elementary School Newsletter

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

- December 2 Early Closure Day @ 12:30; after school bussing will **NOT** be available
December 7 Non-Instructional (No School)
December 9 PAC Pizza Day
December 11 Report Cards go home
December 16 Winter Celebration Concert
December 18 Last day of classes before Winter Break
January 4 Classes Resume - 2016

WELCOME TO WINTER WEATHER

With winter weather upon us, it is wonderful to see our students coming to school with outdoor boots, jackets, mitts, toques and snow pants ready to enjoy Recess and Lunch outside breaks.

All students have been explained the sledding guidelines which include:

- Demonstrate respect and safety at all times
- Wear snow pants, mitts, jacket, toque and boots (please label items)
- All sleds must be light and be stored outside at all times and not blocking any entrances (Sleds are not provided by the school.)

With our transition into winter, we appreciate the cooperation with home and school to keep our hallways safe for everyone in our school. *Thank you very much.* Thank you to all staff for helping with getting boot racks and trays set up for all of our students and reviewing expectations.

To help have calm, quiet hallways, please consider the following suggestions:

- Arriving @ 2:35. Students are working in their classes until 2:35 and any hallway noise disrupts instruction.
- Supervising younger siblings. Running in the hallways is not safe for anyone.
- Leaving strollers outside.
- Having only 1 adult coming inside the school.
- Having your child meet you outside at a designated spot.
- Having intermediate siblings meet families outside rather than in the primary hallway. *By working together we have already started to achieve the goal of calm, uncongested hallways. Thank you very much. ☺*

WINTER CELEBRATION

Our students are working very hard with our music teacher, Ms. Gardner, to be ready to perform at our Christmas Concert scheduled for Wednesday, December 16th for every class K-Gr 7. The afternoon performance will be at 1:20pm and the evening performance will be at 6:15pm. Details have been sent with all the children. A reminder is that we are asking that every student meet at their regular classrooms when doors are opened at 5:50pm. Parents are then welcome to find a seat in the Gym. We hope to see all of our families out to celebrate the season with the wonderful performances by your children. ☺ Our school will also be collecting non-perishable food at the entrance for the Kamloops Food Bank if you would like to donate. Also, we will be collecting gently used or new mittens, toques, and scarves for our Mitten Tree, which will be donated to charity. Thank you for your support. ☺



VOLLEYBALL SEASON

A huge thank you to Mrs. Hayashi, Mrs. Aaltonen and parent Mrs. Nielsen for providing a great season of learning volleyball skills. Great effort and skill development, *Girls and Boys* teams!

NON-INSTRUCTIONAL DAYS

The Ministry of Education has provided two additional Professional Development / Non-Instructional Days for 2016 in order to implement the new BC Education Plan. The approved dates are January 22nd and April 4th. School will not be in session on those dates. ***Also a reminder that the upcoming Monday, December 7th is a non-instructional day and students will not be attending school.***

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.

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 that are 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 behavior, 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.

FIRST TERM REPORT CARDS

Report Cards will be sent home with students at the end of the day on Friday, December 11th. Please return signed report card envelopes to the classroom teachers.

PAC NEWS

Our next PAC meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 9th, at 6 pm. All parents are invited to attend monthly PAC meetings.

We ask that the QSP Magazine fundraiser orders be in by Friday, December 4th. You can renew online at www.qsp.ca by entering in our group #3700119 along with your information and your renewal will be automatically processed.

The first PAC Pizza Day is Wednesday, December 9th.

Thank you to all for supporting these various PAC fundraisers. The proceeds from these fundraisers will be going toward the ***New Playground Fund.***

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. 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>

LOST & FOUND

Several items have accumulated in our Lost & Found located across from the front office. The next time you are in the school, please take the time to go through our Lost & Found and reclaim items of clothing that belong to your child/ren.

BOARD NOTES

School District No. 73 Board Notes can be found at www.sd73.bc.ca.

