



# Marion Schilling Elementary School Newsletter

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## UPCOMING EVENTS:

- January 13 PAC Meeting @ 6pm  
January 21 Me to We Bake Sale (Lunch)  
January 22 Non-Instructional Day (No School)  
January 28 Pizza Day (No Meals Program lunch on this day)  
February 3 Early Closure Day @ 12:30pm; after school bussing will **NOT** be available  
February 8 Family Day Holiday (No School)  
February 11 Young Peoples Concert  
February 19 Non-Instructional Day (No School)

### EARLY SCHOOL CLOSURE

Wednesday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> is an early closure day. School will be dismissed at **12:30pm** for parent/teacher interviews. Please contact your child's teacher by calling the school or writing a note in your child's agenda! **Please be advised that no busses will be running at 12:30pm, so families will need to make arrangements for children to be picked up.** Thank you.

### BASKETBALL SEASON



Hello basketball fans! Our basketball season starts the week of January 18. Tier 1 boys (grade 7) practice Mondays after schools and play Tuesdays after schools. Tier 1 girls practice Tuesday and Thursday mornings and play Thursdays after schools.

Tier 2 boys (grade 6) practice Tuesday and Thursday at lunch and play Tuesdays after schools. Tier 3 boys (grade 4-5) practice Monday and Wednesday at lunch and play Wednesdays after schools. Thank you to all of the coaches and students who are participating this season and we are looking forward to a successful year.

### ME TO WE BAKE SALE

The Me to We students will be organizing a Bake Sale on January 21<sup>st</sup> to be held at Lunch break. Items will range in price from \$.50 - \$2.00. All proceeds go toward the building of a school in an underdeveloped country.

### 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 22<sup>nd</sup> and April 4<sup>th</sup>. School will not be in session on those dates.

### 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>

### PAC NEWS

All parents/guardians are considered to be members of our PAC and hence are invited to attend all monthly meetings. **Please plan on joining the PAC on Wednesday, January 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm for the next meeting!**

### BOARD NOTES

**School District No. 73 Board Notes can be found at [www.sd73.bc.ca](http://www.sd73.bc.ca).**

## BIG LITTLE SCIENCE CENTRE

Happy New Year to everyone, from the BIG Little Science Centre!

January at the BIG Little Science Centre

The BIG Little Science Centre is so very excited to announce that January has lots of fun and exciting activities for every one of all ages. January is literacy month; we have a science literacy focus, of course! Check out all the cool adventures we have organized for Unplug and Play week at the end of the month. Look for our Travel Booth as well!

The amazing series of speakers continues this week with **Elaine Sedgman and Fearon Blair**, both Master Gardeners, who will speak about Gardening for Pollinators and Other Insects., Wednesday January 13, at 7pm. Please join us to learn more about the natural world around us:

The BIG Little Science Centre is open Tuesday to Saturday 10am to 4pm. With over 140 different exhibits in the main hands-on centre, there is always something to try out and explore. We are located at 655 Holt Street. For more information, please do not hesitate to contact:

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## UNPLUG AND PLAY



January 23<sup>rd</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> is Family Literacy Week! The primary goal is to encourage families to find a healthy balance, spending more time playing and interacting

together which in turn builds literacy skills. Families are encouraged to take this week and spend time together participating in activities that don't require electronics. Suggestions include: sledding, skating, playing a board game, reading a book together, storytelling, cooking, etc.

## FAMILY LITERACY WEEK

Two educational presentations by Merlyn Horton brought to you during Family Literacy Week:

Parenting in the Digital Age  
 HGE C

Jan 28th from 6:30-8:30pm

Young Families, Social Media &  
 Providing Social Services  
 HGE C

Jan 29th from 9:00-12:00 noon



	LEARNING AREAS	HALLWAYS & WASHROOMS	PLAYGROUND	ASSEMBLIES, FIELD TRIPS & BUS
<b>SAFE</b> We control our words and bodies. We play safely and fairly. We follow instructions.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We use chairs properly: four on the floor.</li> <li>We wear indoor shoes.</li> <li>We sit to eat.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We walk quietly on the right in a straight line.</li> <li>We keep floors dry and boot racks tidy.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We walk or carry bikes, scooters, skateboards.</li> <li>We stay in school boundaries.</li> <li>We follow supervisors' instructions.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We stay with our teacher.</li> <li>We remain seated and face forward.</li> <li>We stay in designated areas.</li> </ul>
<b>RESPONSIBLE</b> We give our best effort. We are on time and prepared. We put litter in its place.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We cooperate and include others.</li> <li>We use our time wisely.</li> <li>We keep our area clean.</li> <li>We do our job.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We keep cubbies and lockers neat and tidy.</li> <li>We flush, wash &amp; leave.</li> <li>We report problems.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We care for the environment.</li> <li>We use equipment wisely and safely.</li> <li>We report problems to supervisors.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We pay attention.</li> <li>We wait calmly and quietly.</li> <li>We speak softly.</li> </ul>
<b>RESPECTFUL</b> We are kind, polite and honest. We keep hands/feet to self. We appreciate others' work. We wear appropriate clothing.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We are active learners: listen, think and join in.</li> <li>We allow others to listen, think and join in.</li> <li>We use materials properly.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We wait our turn.</li> <li>We allow others' privacy.</li> <li>We enter/exit calmly.</li> <li>We enter/exit through our assigned door.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We include everyone.</li> <li>We take care of property.</li> <li>We solve problems peacefully.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We sit quietly.</li> <li>We are good listeners.</li> <li>We show appreciation appropriately.</li> </ul>