



Marion Schilling Elementary School Newsletter

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

On behalf of our staff at Marion Schilling Elementary School, I would like to welcome all families to the 2015/2016 school year. As a school community, we look forward to working together to create the best education and opportunities for your child. As you know, it is very important for home and school to work together and we truly appreciate your support. Please contact your child's teacher throughout the year regarding matters of attention pertaining to your child.

Looking forward to a very successful school year!

Sincerely,
Darlene Gordon,
Principal

PEANUT & NUT ALLERGIES

We have students in our school who have a severe allergy to peanuts and nuts. For these children, eating, touching or smelling nuts and products containing peanuts, or peanut oil could trigger an allergic reaction called anaphylaxis. This reaction could be life threatening. For this reason, we ask that you do not send any peanuts, nuts, nut or peanut products, or peanut oil to school. This includes any treats that may be organized by classes.

Many children and adults enjoy eating nuts, peanuts, baking with nuts and peanuts, and peanut butter sandwiches. **We are requesting that students and adults do not bring nuts or peanut containing foods to school for snacks or lunches.** This will require reading product labels carefully.

Please help your child to understand the importance of not sharing food, utensils and food containers with other students. Also, please remind your child about the importance of having clean hands. Young children may need lots of reminders and assistance to wash their hands thoroughly before and after they eat.

Thank you very much for your understanding and support in this matter. We look forward to working together with our school community to make Marion Schilling a "peanut and nut sensitive" school and a safe environment for **ALL** of our children.

CLASSES FOR 2015/2016

It is our hope to have Grade 1 to 7 students placed in their 2015-2016 classes by the end of this week. We are anticipating 11 divisions. There are many factors considered when making placement decisions which include class size, students' needs in academic / social / emotional / behavioural areas, student leadership, gender ratio, composition regulations and parent input. Under the School Act, it is the school's responsibility to make the placement of the student to a teacher.

SAFE ARRIVAL PROGRAM

If you know that your child will be absent, please call the safe arrival number at 250-372-2027 before 8:15 am and let us know. This program is run by our secretary, Mrs. Cathy Dickens. We are looking for interested parents to volunteer to assist with this program. If you are interested in learning more about this program, please contact Mrs. Dickens. Thank you!

PAC

Welcome back!

Just a quick heads up to mark your calendars, our first PAC meeting of the year will be on Thursday, September 24th at 6:00 pm in the staffroom. We hope to see you there! Elections for this year's PAC will take place at this meeting.



EARLY CLOSURE

Early closures are scheduled for Tuesday, October 6th and Wednesday, October 7th at 12:30 pm for Parent/Teacher Conferences. As teachers will be setting times for meeting with parents/guardians, please contact your own child's teacher for scheduling. Thank you.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Cheques for school supplies should be made payable to Marion Schilling Elementary School. Please include the attached form when sending money to the school. Thank you.

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

Wednesday, October 21st, 2015 is our individual student picture day. Retakes will be November 13th, 2015. Class photos will be taken during the spring. LifeTouch Canada will be taking our school pictures again this year. Specific costs and packaging options will be sent home with the photos. There are no advance charges, and purchase is completely optional.

LUNCHES

Students who can go home for lunch have the choice of staying at school or going home. If students are going home, please provide a dated and parent/guardian signed note advising Mrs. Gordon. For those students who remain at school for the lunch break, lunches are eaten in their own classrooms from 12:32 to the 12:52 bell. Activities from 12:05 to 12:32 are generally outside, depending on the weather.

SCHOOL BUS

Transportation Assistance may be granted in accordance with the Public School Act to parents whose situation qualifies. Application forms are available at the school office.

Kindergarten to Gr. 3 – Distance to designated school for that attendance area is more than 4.0 km; or Distance to bus route is more than 3.2 km.

Grades 4 to 12 – Distance to designated school for that attendance area is more than 4.8 km; or Distance to bus route is more than 3.2 km.



Please contact Manager of Transportation, Mr. Dave Mell, at 250-372-5853 regarding any questions pertaining to bus transportation.

BELL SCHEDULE

8:28	Students enter building
8:33	Warning Bell
8:38	Announcements/Classes begin
10:10	Recess Break
10:25	Students re-enter school
12:05	Students exit for playtime
12:32	Students enter to eat
12:52	Warning Bell for Afternoon Classes
12:55	Classes Resume
2:35	Dismissal

STAFF FOR 2015/2016

Teachers

Karla Aaltonen
Brandon Bell
Noeleen Bunney
Murray Casey
Brian Dell
Luke Desaulniers
Carrie Graham
Jessica Greenwood
Ruth Hayashi
Elena Patton
Rachel Ray
Jennifer Stuckey
Paula Wild
Sandra Yeast

Librarian

Ruth Hayashi

Library Assistant

Wendy Sabyan

Custodians

Fred Iadarola
Cherlynn Lyons

Secretary

Cathy Dickens

Principal

Darlene Gordon

Certified Education Workers

Cindy Hawkins
Kelsey Hemminger
Tammy Noble
Teresa Redden
Tanya Robertson (StrongStart)

First Nations Education Workers

Felix Delorme
Marie Sandy

STRONGSTART

Our Dragonflies StrongStart Program will be up and running on Monday, September 14. Program hours are Monday through Friday from 8:38 – 11:38. Our StrongStart Program is a parent participation program for all children under school age. Attendance at our StrongStart Program is very flexible. We encourage as many of our future MSES students and parents to attend this program throughout the year.

MEALS PROGRAM

We hope to have Meals Program forms available for pick up within the next week with meal delivery to start Monday, September 21. Please see the front office for more details

PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE

Lynette Fleury is the Public Health Nurse for the area and school. Her role includes immunizations, control of communicable diseases, assisting in planning of care for students with special medical conditions and allergies, and working with you and the school staff to ensure your son/daughter has a healthy year. Please refer to the Interior Health's School Health Website at http://www.interiorhealth.ca/school_health.aspx for more information on the programs. The "Quick Guide to Childhood Communicable Diseases" is also a very helpful tool for parents – it is available at http://www.bccdc.ca/NR/rdonlyres/8061A728-C969-4F38-9083-B0296EF2A128/o/Epid_GF_childhoodquickguide_may_09.pdf.



From the Board Meeting of: AUGUST 31, 2015

1. The Board received a presentation from Christopher Seguin of Rotary Club (Kamloops) re: Support for Children in Schools and the Community, and a request to continue with the Family Dinner Program at NorKam Senior Secondary for the 2015-2016 school year.
2. Superintendent deBruijn provided the Board with the Ministry of Education Update re: Curriculum & Competencies, Assessment & Reporting.
3. The Board approved the recommendations and report outlining the facility and learning requirements for the consolidation of South Kamloops Secondary School into a single campus in September 2016; to continue to lobby for the replacement of South Kamloops Secondary School; and to make the South Kamloops Secondary renovation project top priority.
4. The Board approved a recommendation from Secretary-Treasurer Stretch for an increase to the district's Business Use Mileage Rate.
5. Secretary-Treasurer Stretch provided the Board with the Annual Review of Trustee Stipends Report.
6. The Board adopted new Policy 709.6 Education: Career Preparation Programs.

The next regular public Board meeting will occur on September 14, 2015 at the School Board Office, Kamloops, BC.

Marion Schilling Elementary
School Calendar for 2015 - 2016

September

Sept .8 School opens (12:00 PM dismissal)
Sept. 14 First day of StrongStart
Sept. 24 PAC Meeting @ 6:00 PM
Sept. 25 Non-Instructional Day
Sept. 30 Terry Fox Run

October

Oct. 6 Early Dismissal: conferences
Oct. 7 Early Dismissal: conferences
Oct. 12 Thanksgiving Day
Oct. 21 Individual School Photos
Oct. 23 Non-Instructional Day

November

Nov. 11 Remembrance Day
Nov. 13 School Photo Retakes

December

Dec. 2 Early Dismissal: conferences
Dec. 7 Non-Instructional Day
Dec. 18 Final Day of classes for 2015
Dec21-Jan 1 Winter vacation period

January

Jan. 4 Students return to classes

February

Feb. 3 Early Dismissal: conferences
Feb. 8 Family Day
Feb. 19 Non-Instructional Day

March

March 16 Early Dismissal: Conferences
March 18 Last day of classes
Mar 21-Apr 1 Spring Vacation period

April

April 4 Students return to classes
April 18 Non-Instructional Day

May

May 16 Non-Instructional Day
May 23 Victoria Day

June

June 29 Final Day of student classes
(AM only): Assembly; final report
cards home
June 30 Administrative Day: