

*Marion Schilling Elementary School*  
**DECEMBER NEWSLETTER**

December 12th, 2016

**'Home of the  
Mavericks'**



**Welcome to Winter...**

Twice the week before Winter Break and all through the school, students and teachers were following the rules. The classrooms were all decorated with festive fun and the students had learned lots and all the work was getting done.

It is that point of year once again where we look forward to spending time together with family and friends.

This month saw report cards go home, cold winter come in, and students and staff working together to present 'Best of the Box' Christmas performances. We welcome everyone to join us here at Marion Schilling for two shows - 9 am and 1:15 pm on Thursday, December 15th. Please bring a donation to the Food Bank as part of your Admission.

As we move into the coldest months of the year we remind students to please dress warm - hat, gloves/mittens, snow pants, warm jacket, and scarf. If the weather is too extreme for students to safely be outside we will adjust our indoor/outdoor expectations.

Thank you all those families that have adjusted their drop off and pick up location. Safety is a concern with parents using the South Driveway to drop off and pick up their students. Please respect the signage at the driveway entrance and use the Community Hall Parking lot for dropping off and picking up students.

All the best for a wonderful winter holiday...

Mr. G. Cumming ~ Principal

## Monthly Calendar of Events

December 14th	PAC Meeting in the Library
December 15th	Christmas Concert Performances @ 9 am & 1:15 pm in the Gym
December 16th	Last School Day - Winter Vacation
January 3rd	First Day back to school
January 20th	Inservice Day - No School

### SCENT CONSIDERATE

Students, parents, and visitors to the school are reminded that Marion Schilling is a Scent Considerate school. Please avoid wearing and/or bringing to school any body sprays, perfumes, colognes, etc that may cause someone else to have a reaction. Thank you for being considerate and respectful towards this.

### PARKING LOT

Student safety in our South Driveway/Parking lot is a concern. During the week of November 2st I was out directing and monitoring morning traffic to educate some of our families about the appropriate place to drop off and pick up their students.

A reminder bookmark was sent home with all student on Friday, November 25th to inform Parents about our safety concern in the South Driveway/Parking lot.

I appreciate and have noticed an improvement in dropping and picking up students in the appropriate locations (Valleyview Community Centre and the Valleyview Bible Church Parking lot), however there are still a few parents who feel this expectation does not apply to them.

Please respect students' safety, the sign posted at the entrance to the South Driveway/Parking lot, the bookmark and my words above. We do not want to see a child injured because someone is disobeying the expectations.

### SAFE ARRIVAL

Marion Schilling Elementary introduced a new Format and Process for Safe Arrival back in November. The staff is now all trained and the Program is up and running. ***Please use the new toll free number 1-844-350-2647 to report your child's absence or lateness.***

## **ATTENDANCE IS STILL AND ALWAYS WILL BE, IMPORTANT**

It is your responsibility to inform the school if your child is going to be late or absent. We have a “safe arrival” program at Marion Schilling and if your child is absent and we have not received a call from you, we will call your home and all other contact numbers. ***Please use the new toll free number 1-844-350-2647 to report your child’s absence or lateness.*** Also, if your child is going to be arriving late, please remind them that they must check in at the office. Thank you!

In addition, be sure your child knows what the family plan is for their after school care before they go to school. If the after school care is different from the norm be sure to write a reminder for your child in their agenda book. If your child will be riding on a bus they don’t normally ride or will be getting off at a different bus stop, write a dated consent note for the bus driver. Thank you.

## **PAC**

**The next meeting is Wednesday, December 14th @ 6:00 pm in the Library**

We encourage you to be involved in your children's education. Our aim is to make our children's educational experience the best that it can be. Come and meet other parents and share your ideas and concerns. We need your support.

## **STROLLERS IN THE HALLWAYS**

Due to Fire Regulations and keeping our hallways clear at all times I need to request that strollers be kept outside the school. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

## **STUDENT LEADERSHIP**

Our Students Leaders with the guidance from Mrs. Hayashi have a few initiatives they are working on:

Me to We students will be collecting non-perishable items or cash donations for the Kamloops Salvation Army at the Marion Schilling Christmas Concerts this week. Your support is greatly appreciated by many members of our society at what can be a very difficult time of the year.

Me to We students are collecting used batteries to give to a recycling depot to remove the zinc. Each year, nearly 450,000 children die due to complications associated with zinc deficiency. One AA battery contains the amount of zinc that can save the lives of six children. For every battery recycled, Teck will donate the value of zinc it contains to UNICEF in support of our Zinc & Health partnership.

<http://www.zincsavestives.com> There will be a plastic bucket in the office for the rest of the year. Students will tally their totals.

Thanks in advance to all families for their support.

## ENCOURAGING POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR

Marion Schilling Elementary is a PBIS school that promotes students to act appropriately and deal with conflict in a non-aggressive manner. I am very proud of our staff and students and being part of a strong, positive learning environment here at MSES.

A reminder about PBIS (Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports) with the underlying theme of teaching behavioral expectations in the same manner as any core curriculum subject. The primary prevention of positive behavioral interventions and supports (PBIS) consists of rules, routines, and physical arrangements that are developed and taught by school staff to prevent initial occurrences of behavior the school would like to target for change. Research indicates that 3-5 behavioral expectations that are positively stated, easy to remember, and significant to the climate are best. At MSES we are focusing on; Safe, Responsible, and Respectful behaviour.

The following Matrix outlines our school's expected behaviour with a focus on being Safe, Responsible, and Respectful. Please take a moment and have your student explain it to you!

# **SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD NOTES**

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