

MARCH NEWSLETTER

March 6th, 2017

‘Home of the Mavericks’



Student Leadership...

Seven, Grade 7s at Marion Schilling Elementary started with a simple question: Why PINK Shirt Day? What they found out lead them to creating a Student Lead Assembly highlighting the positive friendships, acceptance, and caring school community they enjoy each and every day at their school. Student Leaders created a video, collected some testimonials about bullying, presented a dance and decorated the gym with student's art work which were created based on Todd Park's book indicating

ways "It's Okay to be Different". A great day of Student Lead Learning!

This month I would like to have families focus on 'Unstructured Play' as it lets children choose their activity, toys and materials, without direction or interruption from adults. Research proves that children need space and time to explore and use their imagination, as this fosters creativity and learning. Free time can also give children a much needed break from an overly stimulated world.

As we move forward to Spring Break (March 20th to April 3rd) we have plenty of more learning to take place. Whatever your plans are for Spring Break I hope they are safe, happy, and create some lasting memories.

Mr. G. Cumming ~ Principal

PARKING LOT

Student safety in our South Driveway/Parking lot continues to be a concern. Although I have personally directed traffic away from the driveway, sent home numerous notices, and have placed several announcements this issue continues to be a problem. Please be part of the solution by dropping off and picking up students in the appropriate locations (Valleyview Community Centre and the Valleyview Bible Church Parking lot). If you are the problem - FIX IT!

Please respect students' safety... We do not want to see a child injured because someone is disobeying the expectations.

Monthly Calendar of Events

March 8th	Booster Juice Day
March 10th	Popcorn Day \$1/bag
March 16th	Second Term Report Cards Issued
March 17th	Popcorn Day \$1/bag - Student Leadership
March 20th	Spring Break Starts
April 3rd	Return to Class from Spring Break
April 7th	Day of Sucwentwecw
April 13th	Young Peoples Concert #3
April 14th	Good Friday - NO SCHOOL
April 17th	Easter Monday - NO SCHOOL
April 19th	Early School Closure @12:30 - NO BUSES
April 24th	Non-Instructional Day - NO SCHOOL

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.***

STRONG START

Our Strong Start Program is back in full swing again after the winter break. Thank you to all who have come out to enjoy this wonderful program for families of toddlers to age 5. Our qualified ECE instructor, Deanie Stevens is there to assist you and answer your questions while you enjoy this time interacting and helping your child make some new friends and explore new play centres. Drop in times are between 8:30am - 11:30am, Monday to Friday.

PAC

The next meeting is Wednesday, March 15th @ 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.

STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT

The Code of Conduct is intended to encourage acceptable student behaviour in order to establish and maintain a safe, respectful and caring learning environment. This code will clarify expectations for student behaviour while at school, while going to and from school, while attending any school function or activity at any location, or in other circumstances where engaging in the activity will have an impact on the school environment. The Code of Conduct prohibits discrimination on the basis of an individual's or a group's race, colour, ancestry, place of origin, religion, family and marital status, age, physical or mental disability, sex or sexual orientation, and gender identity or expression.

Students who contravene this Code of Conduct will be subject to progressive discipline, reflective of the age and maturity of the student, any special needs, and the severity and frequency of the unacceptable conduct. The discipline will be fair, consistent, and meaningful, for the purpose of making restitution and enhancing student responsibility and self-discipline. Special considerations may apply to students with special needs if these students are unable to comply with a Code of Conduct due to having a disability of an intellectual, physical, sensory, emotional or behavioural nature. The Board will take all reasonable steps to prevent retaliation by a person against a student who has made a complaint of a breach of a Code of Conduct.

School officials will notify parents, school district officials, and other agencies as deemed appropriate for any particular incident.

REGULATIONS

Schools must:

- a) Ensure Codes of Conduct are available to the public and are displayed in a prominent area in the school;
- b) Ensure Codes of Conduct are provided each year to all employees and students, and are provided to parents when students start attending the school;
- c) Communicate Codes of Conduct to students in an age appropriate manner.

Schools must review the Codes of Conduct annually with Parent Advisory Councils, employees, and students to assess the effectiveness of the Codes of Conduct in addressing current school safety issues.

GOTCHA BLAZER TICKET WINNERS ~

JANUARY TO MARCH 2017

The following students were the lucky winners of 5 Kamloops Blazers Tickets for the March 10th game vs Victoria Royals - the puck drops at 7 pm @ The Sandman Centre.

The students are encouraged to wear Red - Marion Schilling Colours and to bring a sign to the game to show their support for the Blazers - each month the Blazers give one School Group a Pizza Party for bringing the best signs to the game!

WEEK # 1 - Lane Beatty - Mrs. Bunney's

WEEK #2 - Attaia Walch - Mrs. Stuckey's

WEEK # 3 - Nic Hubbard - Mr. Dells'

WEEK #4 - Keagan van Leeuwen - Mrs. Pattons'

WEEK #5 - Kara Smith - Mrs. Bunney's

WEEK #6 - Tristan Dudley - Mrs. Stuckey's

SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD NOTES

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