

Marion Schilling Elementary School
NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER

November 2nd, 2016

**‘Home of the
Mavericks’**



Lest WE Forget...

Of all the holiday days in the school year Remembrance Day is the most meaningful. On Thursday, November 10th, the Staff, Students, and Community Members will take time to recall why we have the freedoms we enjoy each and every day. Please join us at 10:45am in our Gym.

As we approach the end of Term One here at Marion Schilling we are looking at Assessment and reporting on this via the First Term Report Card. These reports will be sent home on December 2nd. Please feel free to contact your student's teacher if you wish to discuss any questions and/or concerns with the assessment.

Over the next month we will be working towards reducing the drop off traffic in the school driveway. Many of you have noticed the entrance way sign that indicates students should NOT be dropped off down the South Driveway as it is far too congested. Please drop your student off in the Valleyview Community/Centennial Park parking lot and have them take the trail over to the school.

I look forward to the month ahead and working with our great staff here at Marion Schilling. As always we want to have good, positive, and clear communication with our families, therefore please remember to call or email to book an appointment with school staff. We all live very busy lives and appreciate the open communication.

Enjoy the wonderful Fall weather...

Mr. G. Cumming ~ Principal

Monthly Calendar of Events

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| November 3 | ME to WE - Vancouver |
| November 9 | Booster Juice Day - Orders due Monday, Nov. 7th |
| November 10 | Remembrance Day Assembly in the Gym @ 10:45 am |
| November 11 | Remembrance Day – NO SCHOOL |
| November 15 | Picture Retake Day |
| November 18 | PAC Poinsettia Orders Due |
| November 22 | Pizza Day |
| November 23 | Booster Juice Day - Orders due Monday, Nov. 21st |
| December 2 | First Term Report Cards Distributed |
| December 5 | Non-Instructional Day – NO SCHOOL |
| December 7 | Booster Juice Day - Orders due Monday, Dec. 5th |
| December 16 | Last Day Before Christmas Vacation |

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.

SAFE ARRIVAL

Over the next few weeks Marion Schilling Elementary school will be introducing a new Format and Process for Safe Arrival. Training for staff is taking place early in November and information on the New Safe Arrival Program will be communicated via a Synervoice Message later in November. **Please use the new toll free number 1-844-350-2647 to report your child’s absence or lateness.**

PAC

The next meeting is Wednesday, November 16th @ 6:00 pm in the Staff Room.

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.

Order forms have gone home via the classrooms for the 2016 Poinsettia PAC fundraiser. Orders are due to the office by November 18th with delivery (plant pick-up) at the school November 29th between 2:30 - 4:00. Questions or Orders? Contact: Chris Ponti 250-572-6521 or email: chrisponti@shaw.ca *Thank you.*

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.

WET, WINTER WEATHER ~

With the wet, winter weather coming and that means proper footwear. Students should have an 'inside' pair of shoes, along with proper/adequate winter footwear. Students are encouraged to bang off their outdoor shoes prior to entering the school in order to keep hallways free of melting wet snow.

SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD NOTES

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