

Marion Schilling Elementary School

OCTOBER NEWSLETTER

October 4TH, 2016

‘Home of the Mavericks’



What a great start to the school year...

It is hard to believe that we are heading towards Thanksgiving Break already. We have been busy in and around the school this past month and we are now settling into our classrooms, regular routines, and daily schedules.

I want to express my thanks to all the staff and families for their patience and understanding while we placed students into their classrooms. I also want to extend another warm welcome to all the new families to the Marion Schilling Community. We are very proud of our school, the open and positive culture we have, and the belief we have in our students to grow into amazing learners.

I appreciate those parents who have reached out and made an appointment to come and discuss concerns they have and remind all families to please respect the fact that we all have very demanding schedules and booking an appointment via a phone call or email is the best way to set up a meeting.

Thanks to all those who attend our Family Math Nights. Mr. Fredriksson was very impressed with the interest and turnout here at MSEs.

One final reminder. Student drop off and pick-up should not be done in the South Driveway. Please meet or drop off your child(ren) at the Community Hall. The South driveway is used by staff and School District 73 employees only.

Have a great month of October...

Mr. G. Cumming ~ Principal

Monthly Calendar of Events

October 5th	Booster Juice Day
October 10	Thanksgiving Day – NO SCHOOL
October 12	Early Closure #1 – Parent/Teacher Conferences @ 12:30 (NO BUS)
October 13	Early Closure #1 – Parent/Teacher Conferences @ 12:30 (NO BUS)
October 18	Pizza Day
October 21	Non-Instructional Day – NO SCHOOL
October 28	School Photos
November 11	Remembrance Day – NO SCHOOL

BOOSTER JUICE SALES

Starting on October 5th we will be having Booster Juice Sales twice a month. Order Forms will be sent home the week prior to Booster Juice Days. Please send the completed order form back to your child’s classroom Teacher. The snack size Booster Juice has two servings of fruit and will cost \$4.25. All funds raised from the sales will benefit students at MSES.

ATTENDANCE IS 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. Calling us first saves a lot of time. **(250-372-2027)**. Prior to 8:00 am and after 3:30 pm you can leave a message on our answering machine. 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. If you want your child to leave the school grounds during lunch hour or go to an alternate location after school, write

a dated consent note for the supervisor. If your child walks home for lunch, please write a consent letter to the school to inform us. Thank you.

PAC

The next meeting is Wednesday, October 19th @ 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.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

All students will have their photos taken on **Friday, October 28th**. For best results, brightly coloured clothing should be worn and hair should be groomed. Please bring a comb and your BEST SMILE!

BUS DRIVERS & ROUTES

If you have any problems or questions regarding bus routes, please call the Kamloops District Transportation Department @ **250-372-5853**. As you can appreciate the school cannot be responsible for organizing and monitoring over 175 students and their bus schedules. It is vital that families arrange for and plan their child's daily transportation to and from the school. We appreciate your understanding with this issue. If you require a form for transportation assistance, please contact the office at Marion Schilling.

EARLY ARRIVAL

Our school **doors are opened at 8:20 am each day** to welcome back our students for another day of learning. *On cold weather days, please be mindful of sending your child too early, as the doors are not opened until 8:20 am.* Thank you for your time, consideration, and support with early arrival.

VERIFICATION FORMS

Parents are reminded that verification forms are due back to the school ASAP. These forms need to be reviewed each year and updated (change info if required i.e. address, phone number changes, etc). Please review, sign, and return to your child's classroom teacher.

SCHOOL FEES

Parents are reminded that School Supply Fees are now overdue and need to be submitted as soon as possible. If you have any questions and/or concerns over the payment of school supply fees please contact Mr. Cumming at the Office. Thank you for your prompt action towards paying the school supply fees.

PARENT-TEACHER INTERVIEWS/EARLY DISMISSAL

On **October 12th and 13th** students will be dismissed at **12:15 pm** in order for Teachers to conduct Parent-Teacher Interviews.

Parents please make arrangements for your child to be picked up at 12:30 pm on both October 12th and 13th. BUSES WILL NOT BE RUNNING FOR EARLY DISMISSAL.

Information will be conveyed to Parents about the Parent-Teacher Interviews in two ways; Synervoice Message from Mr. Cumming and Hard Copies via the Classroom Teacher.

PIZZA DAY

Orders for our first Pizza Day fundraiser have gone home with students today. If your child is ordering a pizza lunch, please fill out and return the order form to the school tomorrow as we have a very short turn around for ordering this month. Please feel free to send back the following order form:

MARION SCHILLING PIZZA HUT SALES ~

October 18th, 2016

Students' Name: _____

Teacher: _____

Please Circle Your Choice:

PEPPERONI HAWAIIAN CHEESE VEGGIE

Personal Size Pizza and a Juicebox \$5

*exact change please in a Ziploc or Envelope.