

*Marion Schilling Elementary School*  
**SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER**

September 8th, 2016

**'Home of the Mavericks'**

**Welcome Back to the 2016-2017  
School year...**



Summer Break brings many memories of lazy days, family trips, ice cream, staying up late/sleeping in, and warm nights. However, it also is a break from routine, allowing for freedom of play.

Welcome back to Marion Schilling Elementary and a daily routine of early mornings, making lunches, riding the bus, gaining knowledge, homework, class trips, friends and friendships.

The Staff at Marion Schilling Elementary are pleased to welcome over twenty new students and five new staff members, along with our returning group of over 240 students.

Thank you to the parents/caregivers for your patience and understanding while classes are being formed and students are placed into their new learning environments.

I would like to introduce myself to the Marion Schilling Community. I have lived in Kamloops for the past 43 years, I am a product of the Kamloops-Thompson School System (RLC, Valleyview, and SKSS), my daughters attended MSES for their Elementary school years, and my wife was the former School Nurse. By being appointed Principal of MSES my whole family has now had a role in the school in some way.

This is my twenty-sixth year as an employee of SD73; Logan Lake Elementary (Grade 5/6), Beattie Elementary (Grade 6/7), McGowan Park Elementary (Grade 6/7), Lloyd George (VP/Grade 6/7), Westsyde Secondary (VP), and Barriere Elementary (Principal).

I am very excited about being part of a strong, positive learning environment here at MSES.

Throughout the school year students and staff will be utilizing PBIS: A Behavioural Management System that focuses on doing what is effective and positive when it comes to interacting amongst the students and staff while at Marion Schilling Elementary School. The staff will consistently discuss methods to improve and build on students' positive behaviour at our monthly Staff Meetings.

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.

MSES has an 'open door policy, however we encourage parents and caregivers to have open and respectful conversation with the school. As we are all very busy and have many daily practices and duties, I am requesting that issues, concerns, feedback, and communications take place by contacting the school and booking an appointment with a staff member you wish to meet with. This approach allows for meaningful and productive conversation. I appreciate your understanding with this practice.

We hope all of our students enjoy their year of learning here at MSES.

Mr. G. Cumming ~ Principal

## Monthly Calendar of Events

September 9	Opening Assembly @ 10:45 AM in the Gym
September 14	Meals Program Orders Due to office by 3:00 pm
September 21	Mug & Muffin Welcome Back @ 8 am
September 21	PAC Meeting @ 6 pm
September 23	Non-Instructional Day - No School
September 27, 28, & 29	Family Math Nights in the Gym 6 pm to 7 pm
September 30	Terry Fox Run @9 am
October 10	Thanksgiving Day Holiday - No School
October 12	Early School Closure @ 12:30 pm - Parent Teacher Interviews
October 13	Early School Closure @ 12:30 pm - Parent Teacher Interviews
October 28	Individual School Photos

## Medical Alert Planning

Parents: Remember, it is your responsibility to let the school know if your child has a serious health condition or requires medication at school. Contact the school office if you would like more information or to pick up the required forms. If your child already has a form on file at school please review and update the plan as soon as possible.

## Family Math Nights

Family Math was developed by the EQUALS program of the Lawrence Hall of Science at the University of California, Berkeley. Its mission was to improve mathematics teaching and learning in classrooms and schools, providing activities and methods to help students succeed in mathematics, especially female and minority students. It is interesting to note that since the 1980's in Canada, females have achieved as well or better than males in all areas of Mathematics except one - spatial relations.

Family Math focuses on parents and children learning mathematics together. It gives parents and children opportunities to develop problem solving skills and to build an understanding of mathematics with hands on materials. Students (that is parents and children alike) will learn how to think about a problem using such strategies as looking for patterns, drawing a picture, working backward, working with a partner, solving a problem by its components, solving simpler related problems or eliminating possibilities. Having a wealth of strategies allows for choices of ways to start looking at problems. We will also learn several mental math strategies and shortcuts.

Many different activities will be presented over the three evenings. Activities are "free standing" for the most part. That is to say, activities can be adapted for many levels and it may not be necessary to have attended previous evenings in order to learn from any evening's presentation. Although some parents will attend all three sessions, there is benefit from coming out to even one of the evenings. The Family Math program is a wonderful opportunity to involve parents with their child's development of understanding in mathematics.

A little about the Instructor, Thor Fridriksson: taught for over 35 years, spent 20 summers travelling around United States and Canada teaching Mathematics methods to teachers., he worked at Thompson Rivers University teaching Mathematics methods in the Education Department, presented the Math Expo program in our district for 25 years and has presented the Family Math program in School District # 73 for 5 years. In 1991 Thor received the British Columbia Association of Math Teachers Outstanding Teacher Award. One might say that he is a little crazy about mathematics.

**Please join Thor for three consecutive Math Nights: September 27, 28, & 29th in our Gym**

## Bell Schedule

Welcome Bell: Students enter the Building	8:20 am
Warning Bell: Students ready at their desks	8:30 am
School Starts: Students ready to learn	8:35am
Recess	10:20 - 10:35 am
Lunch Starts: Play time outside	12:15 pm
Lunch Meal time in classrooms	12:40 - 1:04 pm
Lunch Ends	1:04 pm
Dismissal	2:35 pm

## 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.

## 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 an **Application for Transportation Assistance**, please contact the office at Marion Schilling.

## SCHOOL STAFF ~

Gordon Cumming - Principal

Brandon Bell - Teacher

Noeleen Bunney - Teacher

Pamela Cairns - Teacher (Luke Desaulniers)

Murray Casey - Teacher

Brian Dell - Teacher

Carrie Graham - Resource Room Teacher

Ruth Hayashi - Teacher

Susan Mark - Teacher

Elena Patton - Teacher

Rachel Ray - Teacher

Jen Stuckey - Teacher

Paula Wild - Teacher

Sandra Yeast - Teacher

Cathy Dickens - Secretary

Jadwiga Adamczyk - Library Assistant

Amanda Chapman - CEA

Felix Delorme - Aboriginal Education Worker

Kirsten Dickey - Aboriginal Education Worker

Kendra Hackney - CEA

Cindy Hawkins - CEA

Fred Iadarola - Custodian

Kuljinder Khabra - Custodian

Lana Moore - CEA

Tammy Noble - CEA

Teresa Redden - CEA

Jessica Greenwood - LART (Maternity Leave)

## MUG & MUFFIN

The Staff at MSES would like to welcome back families by inviting them to join us in some social conversation on **Wednesday, September 21st at 8 am for some coffee and muffins (fruit too).**

## 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!

## Strong Start Program

Participate with your young child (aged birth to five) in play-based early learning activities – including stories, music and art. At no cost to families, this early learning drop-in program helps prepare children for success in Kindergarten. StrongStart BC programs provide rich learning environments designed for early learning development – language, physical, cognitive, social and emotional.

Qualified early childhood educators lead learning activities where children find opportunity to make friends and interact with others of similar ages.

The overall learning experience is shared as parents and caregivers attend with their children and are encouraged to get involved in activities like telling stories, playing games and serving healthy snacks. Join us to learn new ways to support your children's learning, get information about community programs and services and make valuable connections with others attending the program.

This past Summer Ms. Robertson, Marion Schilling's Strong Start Educator moved to the Lower Mainland. Over the past several weeks the School Board Office has been interviewing to secure a new Strong Start Educator for our Program. Once a qualified early childhood educator has been hired we will announce when our program will be ready for Parents and their children. We appreciate your patience with this situation.

## PAC

Welcome back after a wonderful summer and good luck to everyone in the new school year. If there are any parents interested in becoming a part of our PAC, **the first meeting is Wednesday, September 21st @ 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.



# Marion Schilling Elementary PAC Report



**Hello** and welcome back everyone to a new and exciting school year! Our first PAC meeting will be held at 6:00 pm on September 21<sup>st</sup> at the school. All parents and guardians are automatically members of the PAC and everyone is welcome to join in the discussions. There is no requirement to take on an executive position and it is a great way to keep up to date with school events. Please join us and we look forward to seeing you.

## DISNEY'S ICE AGE ON ICE

Interior Savings Credit Union has donated 2 sets of 5 tickets in their catered suite at Sandman Center to the October 2<sup>nd</sup> show! PAC is holding a fundraising raffle to go towards new playground equipment! Tickets will be \$5.00 each or 3 for \$10.00 and sold at the school and in the community starting next week. We are looking for some volunteers to work tables on the 17<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup> of this month at Valleyview Square. Please call Chris at 250-572-6521 if you would like to help out.

## Playground Update



The playground fund is ~\$5,313.50. The goal is to raise \$70,000-\$80,000 to replace the existing playground.



**DID YOU  
KNOW?**

All parents are members of the Parent Advisory Council. The purpose of the PAC is to advise, communicate, assist, organize, and contribute. The PAC executive is elected annually and takes direction from all the members. The PAC meets monthly to plan and to discuss initiatives to support its purpose.

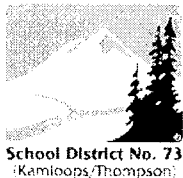


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Contact Info



Marion Schilling Elementary School PAC



## SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 73 (KAMLOOPS / THOMPSON)

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September 6, 2016

To: Staff, Parents, and Students:

### **Re: Welcome Back!**

On behalf of the Board of Education of School District No. 73 (Kamloops/Thompson), I welcome you back for another exciting and successful school year. In particular, a warm welcome to all new students, parents, and staff who are joining the district for the first year.

The Board also takes this opportunity to welcome Ms. Alison Sidow, our new Superintendent of Schools. Ms. Sidow has been with the district in the Assistant Superintendent capacity for several years and we are pleased that she has agreed to step into this leadership role. She brings with her many years of teaching, administration, and leadership in both urban and rural school districts, as well as two years working with the Ministry of Education. Please join us in making Ms. Sidow welcome in her new role.

Sincerely,

Denise Harper, Chairperson  
Board of Education

DH/csh

# ELEVATE YOUR GAME

Boys and girls grades 5 to 9



## FALL PROGRAMS

### GROUP TRAINING

Our group training assists the aspiring player by teaching them the necessary fundamental skills required to succeed in the sport of basketball. Group size is 8 to 15 players

Grades 5, 6, 7 boys and girls—Monday

6 to 7pm | Juniper Elementary | Sept 19, 26, Oct 3, 17, 24, 31, Nov 7 | \$100

Grades 8, 9, 10 boys and girls—Sunday

7:30 to 8:30pm | Valleyview Secondary | Sept 18, 25, Oct 2, 16, 23, 30, Nov 6, 13 | \$100

### 4 on 4 LEAGUE

ProHop's 4 on 4 league is for boys and girls and set the stage for the athletes to develop game like skills in a game like context.

Participants are placed on co-ed teams. Teams play 1 or 2 games each session.

Gr 5, 6, 7 boys and girls—Sunday

6 to 6:45pm | Valleyview Secondary | Sept 18, 25, Oct 2, 16, 23, 30, Nov 6, 13 | \$100

Gr 8 & 9 boys and girls—Sunday

6:45 to 7:30 pm | Valleyview Secondary | Sept 18, 25, Oct 2, 16, 23, 30, Nov 6, 13 | \$100

### ABOUT PRO HOP

ProHop Basketball has been offering basketball training for 8 years and caters to all athletes wishing to further develop their individual skill and improve their basketball IQ. ProHop offers training Nov to March, and ProHop club teams play April to July.

### REGISTER OR INQUIRIES

Neil Farber | Email: vikingsvb@gmail.com | Phone: 250 819-3155





# School Supplies 2016 – 2017

School supplies may be purchased through our school. Participation in the school supply program ensures that the school will supply all pens, paper, crayons, scissors, exercise books, etc, for the school year. All students in Grades 1 – 7 are asked to purchase an Agenda for \$9.00, even if they do not participate in the school supply program.

All Marion Schilling Elementary students will be attending Young Peoples' Concerts at the Sagebrush Theatre. The cost for these 4 performances is \$15.00 and has been included.

\*\*\*If you choose to purchase your own school supplies, please notify your child's classroom teacher and the office ASAP. A list of required supplies and quantities that your child will need for the year can be picked up at the office. A classroom teacher may add an item/s throughout the year.

Grade	Basic Supplies	Young Peoples' Concert	Agenda	Total
K	\$29	\$15	None	\$44
Miss Yeast Gr 1	\$29	\$15	None	\$44
Grade 1-3	\$29	\$15	\$9	\$53
Grade 4-7	\$44	\$15	\$9	\$68

*For your convenience, you may complete one form for your family. Please return this completed form, along with payment as soon as possible **TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE**. You may pay in cash or write a cheque payable to Marion Schilling Elementary School.*

## Marion Schilling Elementary – School Supplies/YPC Payment

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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**Total Payment Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

(This form will be stamped and returned to you. It will serve as your receipt.)



# Marion Schilling Elementary

Phone 250-372-2027 Fax 250-377-2227

<http://mschilling.sd73.bc.ca/>

## MEALS PROGRAM

(Beginning Monday, September 19, 2016)

Our meals menu will again be sent out one month at a time. For the first partial month, all students will receive a hard copy. After that, only students who order regularly will be provided with a hardcopy. Please check for paper copies at the front office as well as on our school website.

Parents choose the frequency of days they want their child to participate in the Meals Program. The cost of a meal is \$4.00. A subsidized meal rate is available if needed by contacting Mr. Cumming. If you have any questions about the Meals Program, please do not hesitate to contact the School Office. If your child has ordered a meal and is absent, the meal will be placed in the fridge with your child's name on it.

Please complete the form below and return it to the school office, with payment (cash or cheque) by **WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14<sup>TH</sup> AT 3:00 pm**. Cheques may be made payable to Marion Schilling Elementary School. You may either check that you want meals for every day on the month, or list the dates desired below.

Mon	19	2 % Milk	<b>Hot- Perogies &amp; Smokie</b>	Granola Bar
Tue	20	Apple Juice	Turkey, Cheese, Crackers, Grapes	Cookies
Wed	21	Fruit/Veggie Juice	Chicken Strips & Dip	Raspberry Muffin
Thur	22	Choc Milk	Ham & Cheese Sub	Yogurt Cup
Fri	23		<b>School Closed</b>	
Mon	26	2 % Milk	<b>Hot- Hot Dog</b>	Oatmeal Cookie
Tue	27	Apple Peach Juice	Pepperoni Pizza	Orange Wedges
Wed	28	Fruit Medley	Chicken Bites & Dip	Blueberry Muffin
Thur	29	2 % Milk	<b>Hot-Cheese Ravioli</b>	Fresh Friut
Fri	30	Choc Milk	Chicken Strip Wrap	Fresh Cut Apple slices

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### MEALS PROGRAM PERMISSION FORM

**Due by Wednesday, September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2016 @ 3:00 pm**

Student's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher / Division \_\_\_\_\_

Dates Meals Wanted:

All Meals for the month      9      X \$4.00     36  .

Just these days: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ X \$4.00 = \_\_\_\_\_