

Marion Schilling Elementary School
DECEMBER NEWSLETTER

December 1st, 2017

'Home of the Mavericks'



- Fresh Air Fridays @ MSES - November 24th, 2017 -

Come Celebrate with US - Winter Celebration

Winter Holidays are upon us and the Staff and Students of Marion Schilling invite you to join us on Thursday, December 14th at 1:30 PM and 6:00 PM for our Annual Winter Celebration. Invites were sent home a few weeks back with all students and extra are available on the Office counter. Please encourage your family and friends to join us.

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.

A big thank you to all those who donated to Mr. Evans' and Mrs. Moores' Class Coat Drive this past November. There will be plenty of warm coats for those in need this winter.

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.

All the best for a wonderful winter holiday...

Mr. G. Cumming ~ Principal

MONTHLY CALENDAR OF EVENTS -

December 1st	Report Cards Home
December 1st	GOTCHA DRAW WINNERS @ Kamloops Blazers Game
December 4th	Inservice Day - no school for the students
December 6th	Booster Juice Day
December 12th	Pizza Day
December 12th	A Christmas Carol - Hayashi/Ray, Dell & Naylor to attend
December 13th	PAC Meeting @ 6 pm in the Staff Room - all are Welcome!
December 14th	Winter Celebration in the Gym - Matinee @ 1:30 pm & Evening Show @ 6 pm
December 22nd	Final Day of school prior to Winter Break
January 1st	Happy New Year - all the best for a great 2018
January 8th	Welcome Back

MEALS PROGRAM INFO -

The Meal Program menu is available through your child's classroom teacher and on our school website: mschilling.sd73.bc.ca.

(Reminder: It is the responsibility of students/parents to submit meals orders to the office. Remember, that a day or two of notice is required if you are planning to join the program mid-month.)

ATTENDANCE IS ALWAYS 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. Please call 1-844-350-2647 **before 8:30 am** or visit: ktsd.schoolconnects.com

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 your child is going to be arriving late, please remind them that they must check in at the office. Thank you!

PAC

The next meeting is Wednesday, December 13th @ 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.

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.

WINTER CELEBRATION -

Marion Schilling Elementary invites Family and Friends to attend our Winter Celebration. Come and Enjoy the Seasonal Sounds of our Intermediate Choir and Partner Class Singers.

There will be two Performances on Thursday, December 14th: 1:30 pm and 6 pm

****Entrance by donations to the Kamloops Food Bank - Non-perishable and/or cash donations will be accepted.**

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.

WET, WINTER WEATHER -

With the wet, winter weather comes the need for proper outerwear and 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.

BASKETBALL COACHES & LUNCH SUPERVISORS

Marion Schilling is looking for a few Basketball Coaches for the upcoming Season (January - March). If you are interested please contact the school at 250-372-2027.

We are also looking for qualified lunch supervisors - Knowledge, experience and training:

1. Able to **demonstrate interest** in working with and interacting with children
2. Experience of **working with children** in an educational setting is preferable
3. An awareness and **ability to identify issues** that children may experience and how they can be resolved
4. **Good communication and listening skills**
5. Awareness of **equal opportunities**
6. **Basic courtesy** in everyday relationships is required

Application Forms are at the Office and can be completed and submitted to Mr. Cumming. This role would start in January and run through until the end of June.

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.

Marion Schilling's Behaviour 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!

Wishing you and yours a Very Merry Christmas

Marion Schilling Elementary is proud to recognize ‘our own’, Rachel Farrow, who will be performing in the Western Canada Theatre’s offering of “A Christmas Carol”. (A new version by James MacDonald, from the book by Charles Dickens.)



Rachel Farrow

Belinda Cratchit, Christmas Past #1, Want

At WCT: Debut

Elsewhere: Rachel has had the opportunity to develop her stage presence through talent shows and recently performed a solo in the spring rendition of *A Jungle Book* at her school. She has also performed at the Festival of Performing Arts Honours Concert on piano. Rachel is very excited to be working with such a great cast and crew in what will hopefully be her first of many productions! Special thanks to James MacDonald for giving her the opportunity to grow her abilities and explore acting as a possible career.

>Opening night is Saturday Dec 2.

> There are nightly shows (except Sundays) until Dec 12.

> Tickets are available at Kamloops Live! Box office 250-374-5483 or wctlive.ca

