

Marion Schilling Elementary School
JANUARY NEWSLETTER

January 11th, 2018

'Home of the Mavericks'



'And now we welcome the New Year - full of things that have never been'

Happy 2018 - Health and Happiness to YOU!

With Winter Holidays in the rearview mirror we are looking forward to the New Year and the possibilities it can bring. We hope that your Winter Break was filled with lots of laughs and time together as a family.

As we move into January and the cooler winter months please have your student dressed appropriately. We still have many items left behind in our Lost & Found that still need a home.

I would like to welcome Mrs. April Wilds to our Lunch Time Supervision Team. April will be supporting the needs of our students in order to ensure a safe and happy playground.

Mr. G. Cumming ~ Principal

MONTHLY CALENDAR OF EVENTS -

January 17th	PAC Meeting @ 6 pm
January 24th	Booster Juice Day
February 5th	Young Peoples Concert #2 (Depart school: 915am - Arrive school: 10:45am)
February 12th	Family Day - NO SCHOOL
Feb. 13th - 16th	Kindergarten Registration
February 14th	Pizza Day / Valentine's Day
February 22nd	Non-Instructional Day - NO SCHOOL
February 23rd	Non-Instructional Day - NO SCHOOL

MEALS PROGRAM INFO -

The Meal Program menu is available through your child's classroom teacher, at the school front office, 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, January 17th @ 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 - FOODBANK DONATIONS -

Our Marion Schilling Elementary Winter Celebration saw over 22 boxes of food and \$250 worth of donations for the Foodbank. THANK YOU!

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 STILL 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 ONE MORE qualified lunch supervisor - 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!

As of December 31st, 2017 we saw 160 referrals to the Office for Minor Incidents and over 350 GOTCHAS for students doing the right thing.

UNPLUG & PLAY -

Literacy in Kamloops (LinK) has invited our students to participate in Interior Savings Unplug and Play Family Literacy Week which takes place January 21st to 28th. The goal is to encourage families to find a healthy balance, and to spend more time playing and interacting together, which in turn builds literacy skills.

Some things parents can do at home are : limit screen time to allow for more creative play, establish family rules for screen time for ALL family members, and have parents model the behaviour and habits they ask of their children.

The goal of LinK is to provide a better balance in children's recreational time and technology use. This has become an annual event in Kamloops/Thompson with over 5,500 students participating each year, increasing an awareness that healthy balance=healthy families.

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.

Acceptable conduct includes the following:

Students are expected to:

- a) Respect themselves, others, and property;
- b) Attend school regularly and be punctual for all classes;
- c) Engage in purposeful learning activities and set high standards for personal achievement;
- d) Show consideration for diversity: the thoughts, feelings, and heritage of others;
- e) Use electronic systems in a respectful, responsible, and ethical manner;
- f) Conduct themselves in a polite, respectful, and cooperative manner;
- g) Dress in a manner that appropriately reflects a school environment.

Unacceptable conduct includes but is not limited to the following:

Students are expected NOT to:

- a) Engage in behaviours that interfere with the learning of others;
- b) Engage in behaviours that create unsafe conditions;
- c) Bully, cyberbully, harass or intimidate others;
- d) Engage in threatening or violent behaviours;
- e) Retaliate against a person who has reported incidents;
- f) Possess, use, or distribute illegal or restricted substances;
- g) Possess or use weapons;
- h) Damage property;
- i) Use personal technology devices, such as cell phones or cameras, during the school day except where expressly authorized.

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.

SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD NOTES -

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

Happy New Year!

