

# Marion Schilling Elementary School



## January Newsletter



Happy New Year! Here is hoping that 2022 is a good year for all of our Marion Schilling students, staff, and families. Thank you to families for your patience and cooperation during the gradual return to school plan. It is exciting to have students back at school.



Calendar of Upcoming Dates	
Jan. 24	School of Choice Kindergarten Registration Begins
Jan. 24	School Spirit Literacy Week Begins
Feb. 3	Kindergarten Round Up
Feb. 4	Professional Development Day (No School for Students)
Feb. 7	Catchment School Kindergarten Registration Begins
Feb. 21	Family Day (No School)

### Unplug and Play Week is January 23 to January 30.

Mrs. Anderson, will be supporting this during regular library blocks with related resources, discussions and activities connected to each day's theme. Students will be informed of the various community offerings. There will be a variety of school-wide School Spirit / Literacy activities during this week. There will be more information coming about the week full of school spirit and literacy fun.

### Welcome

A BIG welcome to Melissa Macdonald who has joined the Marion Schilling Staff. Melissa is our new Aboriginal Education Worker. She has great ideas and we look forward to all of the Cultural Activities she will be bringing to our school.

### Masks and Mask Wearing

Students, grades K to 7 must wear masks indoors and on buses unless they have a mask exemption. As we are now implementing enhanced safety measures, daily reminders will be given on the announcements regarding mask wearing.

**It is the students' responsibility to bring a mask from home.** We are encouraging students to have two masks at school in case one gets lost or dirty. Students will have their masks on their person during gym times, and when dressing to go outside. We recommend a lanyard to help students keep masks easily accessible.

### Kindergarten Registration

If you have students entering Kindergarten next year, please be aware of the following dates:

- Schools of Choice Information Night  
January 12, 2022
- Schools of Choice Registration  
January 24 to 28, 2022
- Kindergarten Round up  
February 3, 2022
- Catchment School Registration  
February 7 - 11, 2022

## Kindergarten Registration COVID Protocols

- K registration will be done by pick up and drop off this year (or siblings can bring home a registration package).
- Parents should drop off the registration package directly to someone (not left in a bin outside, as the returned package will have private info).
- If parents need to, they can make an appointment in person, however answering any questions via phone is encouraged.

\*\*\* If you are in the new Ralph Bell Elementary School catchment area, you will be submitting your application at Marion Schilling Elementary School.

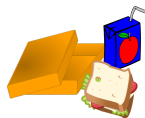
## Munch-A-Lunch

The February Meals, Booster Juice and Pizza Day menu has been uploaded to the Munchalunch website. Deadline for ordering is Wednesday, Jan. 26th @ noon.

**Reminder:** On dates with multiple items, like a Booster Juice and a Meal, you have to drag each item over separately to order. Also, remember to check the body of your email reminders on Booster Juice dates to determine if a meal was also paid for that day. Payment is due upon time of order.

**Place your orders at:**

<https://munchalunch.com/schools/marionschilling>



## Direct Drive PAC Fundraiser

Information was sent home with students about a Direct Drive Fundraiser. In order to continue providing learning initiatives, technology resources and experiences for the students of Marion Schilling Elementary, the PAC is asking parents and guardians, who wish to, to make a donation via the Munch-A-Lunch system. Please contact a member of the PAC if you have any questions.

## Lunch Parent Supervisors

We are once again in search of lunchtime supervisors. Supervisors are asked to be here for one hour a day and are paid a small honourarium for your time. Please contact the school if you are able to help. We appreciate help even if it is just a day or two a week.



## Basketball

Marion Schilling Elementary School will have three basketball teams. There will be a Tier 1 Rec Girls Team and a Tier 1 Rec Boys team for Grades 6 and 7. There will be a Tier 3 co-ed team for Grades 4 and 5. We thank staff and community volunteers for helping to coach or sponsor these teams. Please note that due to upgraded safety measures, spectators will not be allowed at this time.

## Water Bottles

Just a friendly reminder that it is important that students drink water during the day. Please help your child / children to remember a water bottle each day. It is helpful when these water bottles are labeled with students' names.

## School Messenger

SD73 is enhancing the use of SchoolMessenger. Attached is more information on how to set up text messages as an option for the SchoolMessenger announcements. This enhancement is to provide more choice to parents on how they receive important information from schools. The benefits of SchoolMessenger include:

- Parents can choose how to be notified (email, phone call, text message) (coming in January)
- Absences are easier to report at 1-844-350-2647 , on the app, or website
- More timely notification in an emergency
- Schools can respond faster when a student is unexpectedly absent. Please continue to report student absences before 8:30 am on the day of the absence (you can report absences in advance as well).

## Report Cards

It is that time of year. Parents you will be receiving a written point of progress (report card) in early February. Please communicate with your child's teacher if you have any questions. Please sign and return the report card envelope to acknowledge that you have seen and read the report card. These envelopes will be used again in June.

## Reporting Proficiency Scale

A four-point provincial proficiency scale will be used to communicate student progress in all areas of learning. It describes levels of proficiency in relation to the learning standards of the provincial curriculum.

**EMERGING:** The student demonstrates an initial understanding of the concepts and competencies relevant to the expected learning.

**DEVELOPING:** The student demonstrates a partial understanding of the concepts and competencies relevant to the expected learning.

**PROFICIENT:** The student demonstrates a complete understanding of the concepts and competencies relevant to the expected learning.

**EXTENDING:** The student demonstrates a sophisticated understanding of the concepts and competencies relevant to the expected learning.

## Skating

We have been allocated some skating times from the City of Kamloops. These times will run January to March. Most of these sessions occur at Valleyview Arena. Teachers will let parents know when skating days are. Students are asked to bring skates; a CSA-approved helmet; and gloves. The school does have some skates to lend students. Please inform the teacher ahead of time if your child will require skates. We are not permitted to lend out helmets from the school. Students must come to school with a helmet that parents have approved of.

## Newsletter Pizza Party

With a New Year there are new goals. We have a goal to get more families reading our monthly newsletters. If you have read this newsletter, please have your child write their name and their favourite type of pizza on a scrap piece of paper. We will collect these papers at the office. Students who bring papers to the office will be entered in a draw to win a pizza party with the principals. Eight names will be drawn. We will do the draw on Friday, January 21.