

# Marion Schilling Elementary School



## October Newsletter



It is hard to believe that October is already here and we have already completed a month of school. Your administration team is continuing to enjoy making connections with students and their families. This is truly a supportive community school. We are noticing that Marion Schilling students are very welcoming. Thank you to all for your positive wishes and words as we continue to get settled into our new school.

Deb Piggini, Principal

Karla Chernoff, Vice Principal

### Calendar of Upcoming Dates

Oct. 21	Early Closure Day 12:46
Oct. 22	Professional Development Day (No school for students)
Oct. 25	D.E.A.R. (Drop Everything and Read)
Oct. 26	Photo Re-Takes and Class Photos
Oct. 29	School Halloween Activities
Nov. 10	10:45 Remembrance Day Observance (Virtual)
Nov. 11	Remembrance Day - No School for Students

### Raise a Reader

Thank you to all who donated to the Raise a Reader campaign. It was a huge success this year. The School District raised **\$2289.90** in less than an hour. With

matching funds from Decoda, that means: **\$4578.80** will go towards Kamloops / Thompson literacy programs like: One to One Reading, Parent Child Mother Goose, Come Read with Me, the Bright Red Bookshelves and Bright Red Book Bus.

### Terry Fox Run

Students participated whole-heartedly in the Terry Fox Run. Thank you to the students in Mr. Bell's class who helped direct students on where to go during the run. All students demonstrated perseverance, positive attitudes, and courage. Thank you to all who donated. We will let you know when we know the total of donations received.

### Drop Everything and Read

Drop Everything And Read is on Monday, October 25 at 1:00. There will be activities leading up to this day and students will be reminded about the importance of reading. There will be a school wide reading Bingo challenge, wherein one intermediate and one primary student can win a small prize from the library via a random draw after submitting their Bingo cards.

Bring a favourite book on this day and be prepared to drop everything and read.



### Halloween

With Halloween being on a weekend this year, students are invited, if they choose, to wear their Halloween costumes on Friday,

October 29. Costumes still must comply with the SD 73 dress code. Student faces must be visible. Props that resemble weapons are not allowed. Costumes cannot contain extreme gore. Excessive sweet treats are discouraged at school. Students are not permitted to bring in food / treat items to share with classmates (for example, cakes). We aim to have a fun day of Halloween activities, while keeping students safe.



## Pokemon Cards

Please help remind students that they are no longer allowed to bring Pokemon Cards to school. We have had many problems arise because of Pokemon Cards.

## Nature's Fare 3% Club

We are registered in the Nature's Fare 3% Club. For those of you who shop at Nature's Fare, please save your receipts and send these receipts to school. We will be collecting these receipts at the office and submitting them to Nature's Fare. We then get 3% back on the total of those receipts to put towards school initiatives. Nature's Fare is located at 1350 Summit Drive (Unit 5). They have grocery items, skin care products, and vitamins.

## No Dogs Allowed

Please remember, according to bylaw, dogs are not permitted on school grounds. Let's work as a community to keep our fields clean and free of dog feces.

## Bear Aware

We have had some bear sightings around our school. Here are some friendly

reminders about how to be bear aware. Please keep your garbage out of reach. Compost responsibly and keep that fruit picked. Check your yard for bear attractants (pet food, dirty barbecues, and bird feeders). Most importantly, do not feed the bears. We have appreciated parents helping us out if there is a bear in the neighbourhood.

## Munch-A-Lunch

The Nov. menu is loaded. Order deadline is: Wednesday, October 27th @ noon.

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

Place your orders:

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

## FSA Tests

The Foundation Skills Assessment is administered to all students in Grade 4 and 7 in all schools in British Columbia. All students in Grades 4 to 7 are expected to write the FSA. Principals and teachers do not have the authority to excuse students from writing. All students in attendance will be required to participate. Attached is further information regarding the FSAs.

## Volleyball

There are still discussions going on with the District Elementary Sports Council with regards to volleyball. We will update once we have more confirmed information.

Thank you so much to April Wilds who has been volunteering her time to work with the Grade 6 / 7 girls.