

# Marion Schilling Elementary School



## February Newsletter



garage, the school is taking donations of skates. It is helpful to have a collection of skates at the school for the students who do not have skates when their classes go skating. Currently, we have quite a few pairs of smaller sized skates, but not a lot of bigger sized skates.

Calendar of Upcoming Dates	
Feb. 14	Valentine's Day
Feb. 21	Family Day (No School)
Feb. 23	Pink Shirt Day
Mar. 11	Lockdown Drill #2
Mar. 21	First Day of Spring Break
Apr. 4	School Reopens

### Direct Drive PAC Fundraiser



### Pizza Party With the Principals - January Winners

Congratulations to the following students whose names were drawn to win a pizza party with the principals: Sirkka, Jackson, Kara, Skylar, Rylie, Jaeben, Evelyn, and Jake. Thank you to their parents for reading the January newsletter. Keep reading . . . you never know when we might have another draw.

### Skates

Families if you happen to have an extra pair of skates crowding up your basement or

Remember you can still donate to the PAC's 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.

### Changes to the Lunch Schedule

With our field either icy or full of water, we tried a reversed lunch, meaning primary students would eat first and then go outside and intermediate students would go outside first and then eat lunch. We started this as a trial, and we felt it was successful, so we are continuing it indefinitely. This gives our intermediate students more to do at lunch, including access to the playground.

## Report Cards

Report cards were sent home with students either February 7 or February 8. If you did not yet receive the report cards, perhaps check your child's backpack. Please see your child's teacher with any questions or comments. If at any time you would like to meet with your child's teacher, please see them to make the arrangements; they are always here to help. Remember to sign and return the report card envelope so it can be reused in June!

## New Adventures for CEA, Tonya Silver

It is with mixed emotions that staff and students had to say "good-bye" to one of our CEAs, Tonya Silver. Tonya supported many students at Marion Schilling during her time here. She is hard-working, patient, and kind. Tonya and her family decided to make a big move, and they have moved across Canada to Nova Scotia. From all of us here at Marion Schilling, we wish Mrs. Silver and her family all the best on their new adventure.

## Welcome to Our New CEA

Replacing Tonya Silver is Jennifer Drummond. We welcome Mrs. Drummond to our staff. She has been busy familiarizing herself with the school and getting to know both staff and students. The Marion Schilling school community looks forward to working with you in the upcoming months.

## Munch-A-Lunch

The March Meals menu, Booster Juice Day and Pizza Day have been loaded to the Munchalunch website. Please ensure that orders are completed by noon, Wednesday,

February 23rd. As always, payment is required upon submission of order.

**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 ordered for that day.

**Place your orders at:**

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

## ANTI BULLYING DAY – PINK SHIRT DAY

Across our district on Feb. 23 staff and students are asked to arrive at school in as much pink as they can. By wearing pink, we are recognizing that we need to make schools places where all children feel safe and accepted.



## Cell Phones

If phones are brought to school they must stay out of sight and are only to be used (including recess / lunch / after school) with staff permission, most often to contact parents and caregivers. Student photographing and video-recording can only be on a school device and under the direction of the classroom teacher for an assignment. For the well-being of all, we expect student cooperation with technology.

## **Inside Shoes**

We kindly ask that you send your child with a pair of comfortable inside shoes. Children should not be in sock feet in our building. This poses a risk for slip and fall injuries and in the event of an emergency your child will not be prepared for a fire drill or evacuation.

## **SchoolMessenger**

We hope you have now 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)
- 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).

## **Basketball**

Marion Schilling Elementary is very proud of all of the efforts of our basketball teams. Students are representing Marion Schilling proudly. We are seeing many successes and wins. Way to go, all students! Thank you to our coaches, scorekeepers, refs, teacher sponsors, and parent drivers. It is an exciting season of basketball action.

## **Battle of the Books**

Battle of the Books is just getting started. Meetings have occurred to gauge student

interest, and there is a lot of interest. More information will be coming as the Battle of the Books gets underway. Thank you to the students who have shown an interest and thank you to the staff members who are helping to organize these teams.

## **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 honorarium 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.

## **Kindness is the Norm - February Kindness Calendar**

Students have been given a daily kindness challenge. This has been very well received at Marion Schilling. We have observed many acts of kindness. Let's keep changing the world, one kind act at a time.

## **Pride Wear Order**

Please see the Pride Wear Order form (attached to email). If students require a hard-copy of the form, please get students to ask their classroom teachers.

## **Pizza With the Principals**

If you have read this newsletter, please put your child's name on a scrap piece of paper. On the scrap paper, please include the answer to this question: Where can families donate to the PAC Direct Drive Fundraiser? Have your child drop off their scrap papers to the office. We will once again draw eight names for a pizza lunch. The pizza lunch will be on Monday, February 28.