

# Marion Schilling Elementary School



## May 2023 Newsletter



Welcome warmer weather and welcome to May! We hope all the moms out there had a great Mother's Day! The month (and school year) is flying by. Our students, and staff, have had so many great accomplishments. We are proud of their perseverance and resiliency as we get close to the end of the school year. Thank you to our parent community for the continual support and communication. It is lovely to be part of such a caring school community.

Mrs. D. Piggin, Principal

Ms. K. Chernoff, Vice Principal



### Calendar of Upcoming Dates

May 19	NID - No School for Students
May 22	Victoria Day - No School
May 23	Zone Track Meet
May 31	District Track Meet
June 1	Wear the Rainbow
June 8	Speed Control Performance
June 13	Booster Juice Day
June 20	Domino's Pizza Day

### Student Affordability Fund Information

Over the next few weeks the District Board Office will be processing reimbursements for online payments, if you agreed to receive a rebate from the Student and Family Affordability Fund you may see it applied to your account or refunded to you. Questions can be directed to Marie McGivern at the School Board Office, (250) 377-2554.

### Terry Fox

We received a letter from the Terry Fox Foundation thanking students and staff for our loyalty, support, and participation in the Terry Fox School Run. We also received a 25 year pennant which represents how many years the school has been participating. Terry's road 43 years ago was a lonely one. He was alone in the physical, mental, and emotional effort running 42 kilometers required. As the pennant suggests: The spirit of Terry Fox lives here at Marion Schilling! Our fundraising total for the year was just under \$500.00. Way to go Marion Shilling!

**Happy Long Weekend!**

**No School for Students on Friday,  
May 19 - Non-Instructional /  
Professional Development Day**

**No School Monday, May 22 -  
Victoria Day**



Eureka Science will be visiting Marion Schilling on May 25 and 26. Thank you to our PAC for funding this amazing learning experience. Eureka Science will be doing specialized labs in all classrooms during these two days. Check out their website for fun summertime activities and camps.

<https://www.tru.ca/eureka/summer-camp.html>.

## Class Placements For Next Year (2023 / 2024)

It is that time of the year when we start looking at potential class placements for the next school year. When making up classes, considerations are given to gender balance, learning needs, teaching styles, social dynamics, academic groupings, class size limits and where possible, parental requests. Tentative class lists are made through staff conversations first before parental requests are looked at. While this gives parents a chance to advocate for their child and their educational needs, it by no means guarantees that the request will be honoured so please keep this in mind. Ultimately, the SCHOOL ACT gives the principal the final say on any child's placement in their school. If there are any educational reasons you would like us to consider for your child(ren), please send an email to Mrs. Piggin ([dpiggin@sd73.bc.ca](mailto:dpiggin@sd73.bc.ca)). The deadline for emails is Friday, June 2.

## Are You Moving for 2023-2024?

Families of Marion Schilling Elementary School that plan to move for September 2023 should contact Mrs. Dickens or Mrs. Pigginn as soon as possible and let them know your plans to relocate. Our classes are extremely full so knowing we potentially have spots in K-7 would be extremely helpful as we plan for the upcoming school year.



## Munch-A-Lunch

Please have your June Meals, Booster Juice and Pizza Day selections entered by Wednesday, May 24th @ noon, so that preliminary orders may be sent to the caterers. The portal will be closed for ordering Friday, May 26th @ 3pm. (The last meal date offered is Friday, June 23rd. Parents, please be sure to send lunches with your child for the last week of June.)

**Reminder: All balances must be paid upon submission of June orders/before the close of the school year. Several Field Trips are being offered over the remaining weeks. Meals may not be delivered before groups leave the school to attend these functions.**

## Shoes

We are now in the season of flip flops and sandals. Please still send running shoes with students so they can safely participate in gym classes. Students are expected to have footwear on their feet when outside and on the playground.

## Track and Field

Well done to students and staff for a successful School Track Meet on Wednesday, May 10. Students participated in our School Track Meet proudly, safely, respectfully, and responsibly. Prior to the track meet, students worked hard training and preparing for their events. We wish all those students advancing to the Zone Track Meet good luck. We know you will all represent Marion Schilling Elementary School in a positive manner.

## New Reporting Policies Coming 2023 / 2024

Information for parents and caregivers regarding the changes to K-12 Student Reporting Policy are now available in 8 languages. The documents aim to help parents and caregivers understand the upcoming changes to the K-12 Student Reporting Policy, which will be implemented this fall for the 2023/24 school year. The complete information package can be found on the [K-12 Student Reporting Policy Information for Families](#) web page.

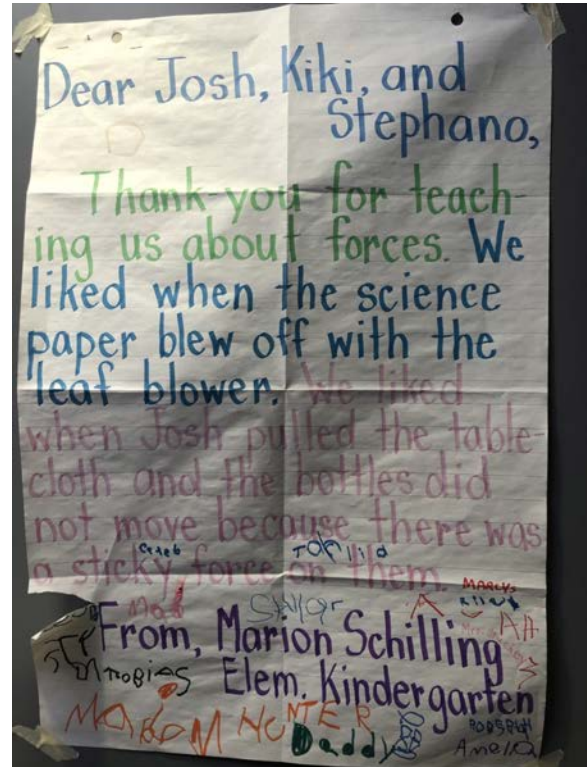
## May is Mental Health Month

Mental health is wealth, especially during Mental Health Awareness Month, which is celebrated in May. The stigma around mental health and treatment has long existed, even though this has started to change. Still, people hesitate to seek help or even talk about it with their loved ones for fear of being judged and facing unnecessary backlash.

Show Your School **PRIDE**  
Wear the Rainbow  
June 1!

## Science World on the Road

Science World visited our school and entertained students with experiments while teaching students about force and motion. This was an entertaining and educational presentation. We were happy to host Science World and we received an email from them saying that they love our school.



## **Parking Lot and Speed Limit**

Student safety is our top priority. Please remember the staff parking lot is not meant for student pick-up or drop-off. We recognize that there are circumstances when this may happen, but please slow down and pay attention to students who may be rushing to class. Please remember to slow down when driving in the school zone around the school. Thank you to parents and community members who are reporting, we truly want to work on this issue and make pick-up and drop-off as safe as possible.

## **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.

## **Thank You**

Thank you to all of our student school leaders who so much to make our school a better place. The examples our older students set, help and inspire our younger students. Together we make Marion Schilling a GREAT place to be! Go Mavericks Go!



## **Talent Show Wednesday, June 14 1:00**

**Thank you to Ms. McCourt for your help!**

**Students have been showing us their talents and it is sure to be a great show!**

**We will do our final two days of 'looking' at talents next week on Tuesday and Wednesday.**

**Students who have not yet shown us their talent, it is not too late. We hope to have the 'final' list of performers ready by the end of next week.**

## **Thank You PAC!**

Thank you to the members of our PAC and the parents who volunteered . . . the 80s NEON Dance was so much fun and a HUGE success! The DJ played great music to get families up and dancing. The decorations were 'grooving.' What an amazing event to get our school community together!

AND

Thank you PAC for the recent purchase of some playground equipment. Students love the soccer nets and students are having fun with all the new balls, rackets, and skipping toys they now have access to.