

Marion Schilling Elementary School



September 2024 Newsletter



Welcome Back to another school year. We hope all families had a restful, relaxing, fun summer. It has been great to have students back in the building. There are many smiles as students see their friends and meet new ones. We had a great start up with our 'Expectation Rotation' and our 'Fun Day'. This year we welcomed many families from outside of Kamloops, and are excited to show everyone how great Marion Schilling is and what it means to be a Maverick.

Deb Piggini, Principal

2024 / 20235 Staff	
Principal	Mrs. D. Piggini
Secretary	Mrs. C. Dickens
Grade 7	Mr. B. Bell
Grade 6 / 7	Mrs. R. Ray
Grade 6	Mr. D. Ngo
Grade 4 / 5	Mrs. M. Naylor
Grade 4 / 5	Mr. B. Dell
Grade 3 / 4	Mr. L. Desauliers
Grade 2 / 3	Mrs. C. Jacobson
Grade 2 / 3	Mr. D. Olsen
Grade 2	Mrs. E. Moroz
Grade 1	Mrs. E. Patton
Kindergarten	Mrs. K. Bos

LART	Mrs. L.Hanlon & Ms. K. Flinn
Prep	Ms. J. Ewert & Mrs. R. Gatey
Library	Mrs. M. Anderson

Secwepmestini	Ms. T. Thomas
CEA	Mrs. C. Hawkins
CEA	Ms. T. Noble
CEA	Mrs. S. Gjaltema
CEA	Ms. L. McLeish-Brown
Library Assistant	Mrs. L. Lord
AEW	Ms. H. Lewis
Strong Start / Just B4	Mrs. S. Bauer
Before/After School Care	Ms. M. Duggan
Day Custodian	Ms. P. Brown
Evening Custodian	Ms. R. Shultz
Afternoon Custodian	Ms. M. Crystal

School Fees

Grades K - 3 - \$52

Grades 4 - 7 - \$68

These costs include all supplies the student may need throughout the year as well as \$20 for ArtStarts. ArtStarts includes hosting performances throughout the school year that all students will attend.

For your convenience, you may login to your child's SchoolCash Online account and complete payment there. We encourage parents to use this online payment system, as

it is economical and provides consistency of materials throughout the classroom. Paying online is quick, efficient, and safe. Please check your emails & junk folders for the new subscription email if you have not yet registered with SchoolCash Online. If you are opting to remit to the OFFICE, you may pay in cash or write a cheque payable to Marion Schilling Elementary School. (Please see attached school supply form).

Bell Schedule

8:25	Welcome Bell
8:31	School Begins
10:05	Recess Begins
10:20	Recess Ends
12:20	Primaries Eat / Intermediates Playground
12:40	Primaries Outside / Intermediates Move to Field
1:00	Intermediates Inside to Eat
1:20	Classes Resume
2:40	Dismissal

Positive School Climate

We continue to focus on creating and maintaining a positive school climate as part of our school goals this year. As such, we have several days throughout the year to focus on fun themes for the students and staff to participate in. A crew of grade 7 leadership students are taking on organizing and advertising these days. The first of these was on **Friday, September 20** where students and staff came dressed in their favourite season clothing.

Terry Fox

Students will be participating in Terry Fox activities on Friday, Sept. 27. Intermediate students will participate in a neighbourhood run. Primary students will be running on the field. We will be collecting 'Tloonies for Terry' donations at the school. There is also on-line fundraising. Our school goal this year is to raise \$500. Please consider donating. <http://www.terryfox.ca/MarionSchillingElementary>



Lifetouch PHOTO DAY

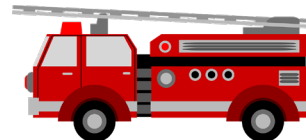
Tuesday October 15th

More information will be sent home closer to that date.

Retakes will be Wednesday, November 13 just in case the first attempt does not meet your standards.

Fire Drills and Lock down Practices

All schools in SD#73 must have 6 fire drills a year and also two lockdown practices. Should your child talk about these drills when they get home, please reassure them that we practice these so that in the event of an emergency we all know what is expected.



Personal Electronic Devices

Cell phones - I pads - Smart watches -
Computers - Ear pods

At Marion Schilling student PEDs:

**Will not be used during school time:
Welcome bell at 8:25am to the end of
school at 2:40pm (or extended if on a field trip
that extends beyond these times)**

**Students will be expected to store their
devices in a secure location so as not to
cause a distraction, their device will not be
on their person during the school day**

**If students are found to be using their
devices, they will be**

- **First taken and placed in a sealed paper bag visible at the student's desk, and that is where it will stay until the end of day**
- **Further offenses, the student's device will be removed and stored in the office until the end of the day**

We ask that if parents are trying to reach their children they call the school and leave a message

At no time will students be allowed to take pictures or videos of other students

School Sports

School sports are an integral part of a student's school experience and we are fortunate to once again have school sports available to our students. Staff are in the planning stages of creating team lists and staff support for our teams. If you are a parent who would like to volunteer to help our staff with one of the teams, please contact Mrs. Hanlon.

For volleyball we have numbers for:

-Tier 1 Girls comp team -coach Mrs. Naylor

-Tier 3 girls team - looking volunteers

-Tier 3 boys team - looking for volunteers

Games will be Wednesdays after school starting the week of Oct. 22. Ideally we have 1-2 practices a week. If this is something you might be interested in helping with, please contact Mrs. Hanlon.

Attendance is 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: go.schoolmessenger.ca**

In addition, Please:

- 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 note for your child's teacher.
- 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!

Student Verification Forms

Student verification forms have recently gone home. **Please return them to the school as soon as possible.** It is very important for all information to be checked carefully so that we have emergency contact phone numbers and other current information readily available.

This information ensures that your child will have appropriate care in the event of injury or illness. **YOUR MOST CURRENT EMAIL ADDRESS IS IMPERATIVE** so please ensure it is correct on this form.

Please be sure to correct both front and back and sign and date the form.

Consent Forms

Also, you should have received a package of coloured consent forms. Please read, sign, and return these forms to the school.

ABORIGINAL EDUCATION

We are honoured to work, learn, teach, play and grow on the traditional, unceded territories of the Secwepemc Nation, specifically the territory of the Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc People.

Our Aboriginal Education Worker, at this time, is Ms. Heather Lewis. We are so fortunate to have her working with our school community. Families of First Nations students can expect a consent form/letter to arrive home soon after school opens regarding Aboriginal Services. If you have any questions regarding this letter and its importance please give us a call at the school.

Munch-a-Lunch

The Meals Program lunches will begin on **Tuesday, September 24th.** Thank you for your attention to such a quick order turn around. Please check the Munchalunch website over the next week for the October menu. Any questions or concerns, please contact the school office @ 250-372-2027.



Strong Start

StrongStart is a preschool program designed for parents and caregivers to participate with children aged birth to five in one-on-one, play-based early learning activities including stories, music and art. This early learning program helps support children's learning and prepare them for success in kindergarten at no cost.

Facilitators are qualified Early Childhood Educators. They provide carefully selected materials and activities that promote the development of social, emotional, physical, cognitive, and early literacy skills necessary for lifelong learning.

Marion Schilling does have a Strong Start Program led by Mrs. Shae Bauer. Please call the school for more information (250 -372-2027).



Letter of Fair Notice | 2024-2025

Parents please take time to read the Threat Assessment letter as sent by the superintendent.

This letter indicates how our district handles these situations in our schools. As the principal, I want to reassure the community that I will take action. It is attached to this newsletter.

[Letter of Fair Notice For Parents and Students 2024-2025.pdf](#)

CRIMINAL RECORD CHECKS

All volunteers that are going on ANY trip with your class, or are driving as volunteers require a CRIMINAL RECORD CHECK. This is of no cost to the adult but is site specific for our school. Most CRC's last 3 years and remain on file for Ms. Dickens and teachers to check when they expire for you.

For application for Volunteer's Criminal Record Checks please visit:

<https://justice.gov.bc.ca/criminalrecordcheck>

Please use access code: 4F6EGWJB9M

Or access through the BC Service Card App on your phone

From the PAC

Movie Night

PAC is excited to present our first family event of the year! Join us for an outdoor movie night with feature film Kung Fu Panda 4. Admission is FREE!! Bring your chairs and picnic blankets for an exciting outdoor movie and grab all your favourite movie watching treats from our concession.

Young Entrepreneur Opportunity

PAC will be sponsoring 2 tables at the craft fair this year to highlight young entrepreneurs from Marion Schilling. If your student has a craft item/art item that they make and would like to sell at the Craft Fair on November 9th, please email pacmarionschilling@gmail.com for more information.

Fundraising Goals

PAC is working hard this year to meet our fundraising goal of a set of new Chromebooks. With your support we can meet our goal and deliver the much needed tools to enhance student learning and experience at Marion Schilling Elementary. You can offer support in so many ways! Spread the word about our fundraising effort to friends, family and neighbours, volunteer at our fundraising initiatives, and stay up to date on our progress.

Hot Dog Day

October 8th, 2024 is Hot Dog Day put on by PAC and all the wonderful volunteers. Hot Dog forms will be going home next week. You can also purchase meals through the Munchalunch portal.

The next PAC meeting this year will be on Oct 16 at 6:00pm. We will meet in the school library.

Please join the Facebook page: 'Marion Schilling Elementary School PAC' to stay up to date on everything happening with the school and to ask questions.

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REPORT CARDS

The Ministry of Education now has K-9 Student Reporting Policy. Research has shown that good communication between the home and the school is key to student success. Communication should provide up-to-date information about student progress and involve the student, the teacher, and the parent(s)/guardian(s) in meaningful dialogue throughout the school year.

New this year: Parents will receive 3 Reports of Progress in December, March, and in June. Parents will also receive 2 Interim reports in November and February.


A four-point provincial proficiency scale will continue to 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 curricula.

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.

PROFICIENCY LEVEL 			
Emerging	Developing	Proficient	Extending
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •The student is beginning to demonstrate basic knowledge in relation to the learning standards •Works with ongoing support 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •The student demonstrates some knowledge in relation to the learning standards •Works with some support 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •The student demonstrates good knowledge in relation to the learning standards •Works independently 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •The student demonstrates knowledge beyond the learning standards •Works independently and can support the learning of others
<p>"I am just getting started." "I learn best with help."</p>	<p>"I get some of it." "I am beginning to do more and more on my own."</p>	<p>"I get it." "I can do it on my own."</p>	<p>"I get it and go beyond what is expected of me." "I can teach it to a friend."</p>

MYEDBC PARENT PORTAL

If parents have not created a Parent Portal in MYEDBC, it would be helpful for you to do that. First term report cards will be posted first to the Portal, and then a paper copy sent home at a later time. **Second and third term report cards will only be published to the portal this year.**

Parents will NOT receive a paper copy so this is very important.

Here are the instructions to help guide you through the registration process of the Portal: Each parent or guardian or household will have their own separate account.

To Access the MyEducation BC System

1. Visit [MyEducation BC](#)
2. Make sure popups are enabled for your browser.
3. Your user name (LOGIN ID) will be: (the email you gave the school)
4. The password is in the email that was sent to you last year (when the account was created). If you have forgotten your password, please click on the “I forgot my password” link and follow the instructions before contacting the school.(NOTE: Both user name and password are case sensitive).

Once you are logged in, look on the right side of the page for a box entitled “Reports”. In this box, you will see a link to a PDF version of your child’s report card. You will be able to access the report card for a month. You may also download and save it for your records.

There is support information on the school website (under Parents and Students Heading, MyED BC parent and student Portal), the following video also shows how to login to MyED BC and find your child’s report card.

<https://youtu.be/ctpSVMbotJY> or <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ctpSVMbotJY>

Upcoming events:

September						
Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
1	2 Labor Day	3	4 Primary Expectation Rotations	5 Intermediate Expectation Rotations	6 Fun Day	7
8	9	10	11 Kindergarten attend full day	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20 Crazy weather day:	21
22	23 NID	24	25	26	27 Terry Fox Run 'Twoonies for Terry' Orange Shirt Day	28
29	30 Holiday - Truth & Reconciliation	Truth & Reconciliation Week - Sept 23 - 27 - Various activities in classes				

October

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat.
		1	2 Kindergarten School Bus Safety training 1:20pm	3	4	5
6	7	8 Group Activity: Literacy Stations	9	10	11	12
13	14 Thanksgiving	15 Photo Day	16	17	18	19
20	21	22 Vision Screening 11:00am	23	24	25 NID	26
27	28	29	30	31 Halloween Costume Parade Pumpkin carving contest		