



McGowan Park Elementary School

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Principal's Newsletter to Parents and Guardians

February 11, 2014

MISSION STATEMENT

McGowan Park School is committed to the development of the child as a unique individual.

Welcome to February everyone! It's hard to believe that the year is more than half over but we are full steam ahead with students working hard in their classrooms on curricular learning outcomes and beginning to prepare for March assessment and report cards.

February is a good month for reflection and caring and I encourage you to take the time to share in your child's wonderful accomplishments and growth! Please stop to admire the many bulletin board displays of fabulous student work around our school too! We welcome you at our wonderful school!

Pink Shirt Day!

We encourage our students to wear pink on February 25 to demonstrate an awareness of Anti-bullying Day!

It's School Time!

Student registration for Kindergarten in School District #73 will take place on March 4, 5, and 6 from 9 - 12 and 1 - 3. Please bring your child's original birth certificate and Care Card when registering. You must also bring proof of residential address.

Online Safety!

Our students in grades 5, 6, and 7 attended Pacific Way Elementary on Jan. 28 to hear a presentation by Jesse Miller, a social media expert from Vancouver. In that presentation Mr. Miller highlighted the importance of students having their parents know what social media apps they were using. He

stressed the fact that when one uses social media, one is connecting to the entire world, whether you think you are or not and how scary & dangerous this could be not knowing who is looking at your 'site' or even replying to you. He also told kids to turn off their devices more often in order to engage in face to face social situations with friends or family.

We will continue to bring educational opportunities around social media to our students as part of their education on this important topic.

Science Fair News!

As an extra-curricular event, intermediate students have been offered the opportunity of creating a science project to share at a science fair coordinated by Miss Baerg. Students registered with Miss Baerg in December. It will take place here in the library on Friday, February 28th. Set up will be first thing in the morning (8-8:30) with judging from 8:30-12:00, class tours or parent visits will be from 1-2:30, and tear down will be right after school. The top projects will go on to represent McGowan at the Cariboo-Mainline Regional Science Fair in April. Good luck to all participants!

Lice is Not Nice!

This is the time of year in school that we seem to have issues with head lice again! We ask that you please be prudent about checking your child's head on a weekly basis and follow the protocols for Interior Health's management of head lice. Please contact us if you do locate any of those pesky creatures!

www.interiorhealth.ca/YourHealth/SchoolHealth/HeadLice/.../Head_Lice..

Hot Lunch with the Principal Draw!!

Name: _____
Grade: _____
Teacher: _____
Allergies: _____

Please submit completed form to the office to win the January lunch!

(Happy lunch winners for January were Carter Birks and Hayley Howatt who enjoyed a scrumptious lunch supplied by Ms. Wickes!)

School Registration for 2014/2015

Attached to this newsletter is information from School District No. 73 regarding upcoming Parent Information Meetings, Kindergarten registration and Student Transfer requests.

Winter Carnival

The winter carnival is being held on Thursday, February 20th. Please remember to get your raffle basket donations in as soon as possible. Now is a wonderful time to do some spring cleaning and clear out any books or small toys for someone else to enjoy.

Reminder!

Check our school's website to view the newsletter or send an email to Ms. McParland at bmcparland@sd73.bc.ca to receive an emailed copy of the newsletter each month!

Thanks, Cori Wickes

**From the Board Meeting of:
JANUARY 13, 2014**

1. The Board enjoyed a presentation from elementary students who participated in the recent Math Expo. The students were accompanied by Cynthia Morrow, the District Elementary Numeracy Coordinator.
2. The Board received an update on the School Calendar process for 2014-2017 from Superintendent Sullivan.
3. The Board approved Capital Project Bylaw 126596 for Carbon Neutral Projects.
4. The Annual General Meeting of the School District No. 73 Business Company will be held on February 13, 2014, at 2:30 pm at the School Board Office.
5. Superintendent Sullivan and Vice Chair Karpuk recognized the Kamloops Daily News for its many contributions to the life of the community and to the education sector. News Reporter Jason Hewlett was in attendance.

The next regular public Board Meeting will occur on Monday, January 27, 2014, at the School Board Office, 1383 - 9th Avenue, Kamloops, BC.

**From the Board Meeting of:
JANUARY 27, 2014**

1. The Board enjoyed musical student presentations from L'ecole South Sa-Hali. The students were directed by teacher Mme Gauley. Principal/Directrice Patti Holm was also in attendance.
2. The Board enjoyed a presentation from students involved in the Student Voice from South Kamloops Secondary. Vice Principal Sdoutz explained the potential role of Student Voice at the district and school level.
3. The Board received the Class Size and Class Composition Report from Assistant Superintendent deBruijn.
4. The Board approved the recommendations of the School Calendar including a two-week Spring Break starting in the 2014-2015 school year.
5. The Board approved the slate of Board Authority Authorized Courses for the NorKam Trades and Technology Centre. For more information please visit <http://tnt.sd73.bc.ca/wordpress/>
6. The Board approved an out-of-province field trip request for students from NorKam Secondary to participate in a linguistic and cultural exchange visit to Antoine de Saint-Exupery in Montreal, Quebec, in May 2014.

The next regular public Board Meeting will occur on Monday, February 3, 2014, at the School Board Office, 1383 - 9th Avenue, Kamloops, BC.

**From the Board Meeting of:
FEBRUARY 3, 2014**

1. **The Board enjoyed a presentation from Coordinator Judy Dunn about the Summer Reading Program, "Rec 'n Reading".**
2. The Board enjoyed a presentation from the Boys and Girls Club of Kamloops about "Power Start", a program that helps bridge the gap between home and school by providing transportation to school in the morning and a nutritious breakfast. Executive Director Traci Anderson and volunteer Darren Crundwell were in attendance.
3. The Board discussed the recommendations contained in the Boundary Review Report provided by Superintendent Sullivan.
4. Superintendent Sullivan provided the Board an update on the recent Social Media issue. Social Media expert Jesse Miller has made several presentations to schools and parents about on-line safety.
5. Superintendent Sullivan acknowledged the Leadership Development candidates that were attending the public meeting.
6. The Board approved support for the Kamloops Thompson Regional Heritage Fair. Kamloops will host the 2014 Provincial Heritage Fair from June 29-July 3, 2014.

The next regular public Board Meeting will occur on Monday, February 17, 2014, at the School Board Office, 1383 - 9th Avenue, Kamloops, BC.

Dates to Remember - Revised February 4, 2014

FEBRUARY 2014		APRIL 2014	
Feb. 3	Gymnastics - Mrs. McCaugherty's and Mrs. Pawliuk's class	April 4	Jump Rope for Heart
Feb. 5	Skating - Ms. Scott's and Mrs. Reilly's class	April 4	Pizza Day
Feb. 7	Skating - Mrs. Cavani's and Mrs. Abraham's class	April 10	RIH Tour - Mrs. McCarthy's class
Feb. 10	Family Day - No School	April 15	Flag Football starts
Feb. 12	PAC Spaghetti Lunch	April 17	Non-Instructional Day - No School
Feb. 12	Skating - Ms. Scott's and Mrs. Reilly's class	April 18	Good Friday - No School
Feb. 12	Gymnastics - Mrs. Fredin's class	April 21	Easter Monday - No School
Feb. 14	Gymnastics - Mrs. McCaugherty's and Mrs. Pawliuk's class	April 23	Spring Production - Cast #1 - Dress rehearsal at 9:30 Spring Production - Cast #1 at 7:00
Feb. 18	Gymnastics - Mrs. Fredin's class	April 24	Spring Production - Cast #2 - Dress rehearsal at 1:00 Spring Production - Cast #2 at 7:00
Feb. 19	Skating - Mrs. Cavani and Mrs. Kossey's class	April 29	The Little Shoemaker performance with Roger Dallaire in the school gym at 1:30
Feb. 20	Winter Carnival	April 30	McGowan Parloff at Hillside Stadium - 10:30 to Noon
Feb. 21	Non-Instructional Day - No School		
Feb. 24	Basketball Playoff - Week #1	MAY 2014	
Feb. 25	One Woman Circus Performance at 9:00 a.m.		
Feb. 26	Skating - Mrs. Borden/Mrs. McCarthy/Mrs. McCaugherty's class	May 2	Hot Dog day
Feb. 28	Science Fair - Library Closed	May 15	Football Jamboree
		May 15	Zone 1 track - 1200/1000 m -10:30 to noon
MARCH 2014		May 16	Non-Instructional Day - No School
		May 19	Victoria Day - No School
Mar. 3	Basketball Playoff - Week #2	May 20	Zone 1 Track meet - 8:30 to 2:30
Mar. 7 to Mar. 11	Sun Peaks - Grade 6's and 7's	May 26	District 1200/1000 m - 10:30 to noon
Mar. 14	Report cards go home	May 28	District Track Meet - 8:30 to 2:30
Mar. 17 to Mar. 23	Spring Break - No School		
Mar. 24	First day back following Spring Break	JUNE 2014	
		June 6	Pizza Day
		June 24 to June 26	Camping - Mrs. Oryschak's class
		June 26	Last Day of School - Early Dismissal

SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 73 [KAMLOOPS/THOMPSON]
PARENT INFORMATION MEETINGS

**FRENCH IMMERSION and
SCHOOLS OF CHOICE**



**Beattie School of the Arts
Bert Edwards Science & Technology
Montessori @ Aberdeen Elementary**

**Wednesday, February 12, 2014
6:30 pm, Room 1A/1B, Henry Grube
Education Centre**

Hear from current French immersion students
and
speak to parents, teachers and principals

and/or

**View presentations from schools offering arts,
science and technology and
Montessori-based approaches to education**

NOTE

French Immersion accepts kindergarten and
grade 1 French Immersion registrations

Beattie School of the Arts accepts students
from kindergarten to grade 12

Bert Edwards Science and Technology School
accepts students from kindergarten to grade 6

Montessori accepts students from kindergarten
to grade 6

Registration in French immersion and Schools
of Choice is dependent upon available space

The Henry Grube Education Centre is located at
245 Kitchener Crescent

Registration for these sessions is not required

**INFORMATION SESSIONS FOR
DISTRICT PROGRAMS**



**Wednesday, February 12, 2014
6:30 pm, NorKam Secondary School**

NorKam Trades and Technology Program

- *Civil Engineering Sampler*
- *Commercial Driver Training Program*
- *Construction Trades Sampler*
- *Industrial Resume Certification Program*
- *Mechanical Trades Sampler*
- *Mining Technology Diploma*

NorKam Secondary School:

- *International Baccalaureate*
- *Restaurant Training Program*
- *Hairdressing Program*

*Participants interested in the hairdressing
program should reserve a seat by calling
250-376-3133.*

Brock Middle School:

- *Aquatics Academy*
- *Dance Academy*
- *Hockey Academy*
- *Soccer Academy*

Sa-Hali Secondary School:

- *DigiPen Program*

NOTE

NorKam Secondary International Baccalaureate
accepts students entering grade 10

NorKam Secondary School is located at
730 12th Street

Registration for these sessions is not required

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KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

School District No. 73
[Kamloops/Thompson] will hold
registration sessions for students
entering Kindergarten in September
2014 as follows:

For parents wishing to register children in the
following *schools of choice*,
Beattie School of the Arts or
Bert Edwards Science and Technology
School (for Kindergarten or any other grade
level)
for Montessori (Grades K to 6) at Aberdeen
Elementary School,
and for Kindergarten or Grade One in French
Immersion Schools,
registration will take place at these
schools on

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday, Feb. 25th,
26th & 27th 9:00 am to 12:00 noon, and
1:00 to 3:00 pm

For parents wishing to register children
in regular Kindergarten classes
at their neighbourhood school, registration
will take place at all district schools on

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday, March
4th, 5th & 6th 9:00 am to 12:00 noon, and
1:00 to 3:00 pm

To be eligible for attendance in
Kindergarten in September 2014, a
student must be five years of age
by **December 31, 2014.**

Please bring your child's *original birth*
certificate and *Care Card*
with you when registering for
Kindergarten.

Please note: If registering for Montessori
(*Grades K-6 at Aberdeen Elementary*),
French Immersion (*Kindergarten & Grade*
1), Beattie School of the Arts (*Grades K-*
12) or Bert Edwards Science and
Technology School (*Grades K-6*), please
bring your child's most recent report card
with you.

Registration will be limited to students
residing in the school/program
catchment area. **Please bring proof**
of residential address.

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RE: Student Transfer Requests

In accordance with Policy 300.1 School
Boundaries and Student Transfer
Requests, the school district is required
to give public notice of the dates for
requests of student transfers for the
next school year. The notice is to be
publicized on the District website and in
all school newsletters. The notice is as
follows:

Student Transfers for 2013/2014

Requests for student transfers that will
commence in September will be accepted
starting on March 1, 2013, and ending at
12:00noon on August 29, 2013. All
submissions must be made in writing and
forwarded to the receiving school's
principal. All decisions regarding student
transfers will be in accordance with [Board](#)
[Policy 300.1 School Boundaries and](#)
[Student Transfer Requests.](#)