



McGowan Park Elementary School

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Principal's Newsletter to Parents and Guardians

January 2014

MISSION STATEMENT

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

Happy New Year to you and your family! We hope that your winter break was a restful one and that you are energized and ready for a great 2014 ahead! As usual, many activities will be taking place at McGowan Park and we'll strive to keep you informed on our website calendar and in student agendas!

We Appreciate Our Students!

We would like to recognize the terrific efforts of many of our students for the fall term in the areas of office monitoring, volleyball and x-country participation. A short assembly is scheduled for Friday, January 10th at 8:45 am to honor their achievements.

Primary Winter Concert

Many thanks to the (exceptionally!) large crowd who joined us at this musical event on the evening of December 19th. Our student singers and musicians were top notch and their performances were enjoyed by all! Our parent attendees also outdid themselves in the singing of 'The Twelve Days of Christmas'! Many thanks again to our music teachers Mrs. MacPherson and Mrs. Zahir for preparing this evening event. Thanks also to the staff members who helped 'behind the scenes' that evening.

Mother Goose

Once again McGowan Park will be sponsoring the Parent-Child Mother Goose program for preschoolers. This program will

be held on Fridays from 1 - 2 beginning January 17th. Placements are now being wait listed! Contact the school office for more information.

Foundation Skills Assessment (FSA)

This assessment is administered each year to Grade 4 & 7 students in BC in January. It is intended to provide a snapshot of student achievement in Reading Comprehension, Writing & Numeracy. Results are used at the provincial, district, and school levels to plan for continued improvement in student achievement. All students in grade 4 and 7 are expected to write the FSA. Please see your child's teacher for more information.

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!

Family Literacy Week January 20 - 27th!

Family Literacy Week is about learning together as a family in fun and different ways. There are many ways to practice literacy together as a family - following a recipe, singing a song or playing a game are just a few ways to engage in literacy activities. For more ideas, please go to the national website:

<http://abclifeliteracy.ca/en/celebrate-family-literacy-day>.

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!

District Basketball

The District basketball league begins the week of January 20 and runs for 5 weeks. Again the Magic have teams in the tier 1 and tier leagues. Mrs. Weddell and Mrs. Borden have offered to coach the tier 3 girls and boys respectively, while Mrs. Abraham has the tier 1 girls and Ms. O the tier 1 boys. If there are any parents who would be willing to help out with refereeing some of the home games, please let Ms. O know.

Art Club

The Primary Art Club for grades 1 to 3 has met 7 times and we will meet 3 more times starting again on Tuesday, Jan. 14 at 12:15.

The Intermediate Art Club for grades 4 to 7 will start to meet in March for their 10 sessions.

Mrs. Abraham loves to teach kids skills to help kids tap into their creative side. But if any parent would like to come and do a demonstration, please contact her! Also, if anyone has any art or craft supplies, they are much appreciated. Thanks to PAC for

supplying any extra materials not available at the school.

Spring Production

This year we will be doing The Nifty Fifties for our Spring Production; it has been 6 years since the last time we performed it. Ms. O will start lunch time readings in a couple of weeks for the grade 6 and 7 students who want to be part of the main cast. Although we are getting started now, the actual performances are not until April.

From the Board Meeting of: DECEMBER 16, 2013

1. The Board enjoyed "Songs of the Season" performed by the Beattie School of Arts Secondary Choir. The choir was directed by teacher Ellen McMillan and accompanied by students on the piano, cello and drum.
2. Superintendent Sullivan provided the proposed 2014-2017 School Calendar. The calendar requires the approval and support from the Kamloops Thompson Teachers Association and CUPE Local 3500. It will be provided to the Board in January 2014 for final consideration. The report is posted on the school district website for information.
3. Chair Harper announced that the Board has received a letter of resignation from Superintendent Sullivan for the purposes of retirement, effective July 31, 2014.
4. The Board received the Superintendent's Report on Student Achievement from Assistant Superintendent Sidow.

The next regular public Board Meeting will occur on Monday, January 13, 2014, at the School Board Office, 1383 - 9th Avenue, Kamloops, BC.

Thanks Cori Wickes

Dates to Remember - Revised January 7, 2014

January 2014

Jan. 10 Assembly - 8:45
 Jan. 15 Kids Can Move Gymnastics -
 Reilly, Isakson & Abraham's class
 Jan. 15 PAC Hot Lunch
 Jan. 16 Concert/Jazz Band from Sahali
 Jan. 17 Mother Goose Program begins
 Jan. 20 Basketball begins
 Jan. 20 Gymnastics - Mrs. McCaugherty
 and Mrs. Pawliuk's class
 Jan. 21 PAC Meeting - 6:30 in the library
 Jan. 22 Kids Can Move Gymnastics -
 Reilly, Isakson & Abraham's class
 Jan. 24 Pizza Day
 Jan. 27 Gymnastics - Mrs. McCaugherty
 and Mrs. Pawliuk's class
 Jan. 29 Skating - Ms. Scott and Mrs.
 Reilly's class

February 2014

Feb. 3 Gymnastics - Mrs. McCaugherty
 and Mrs. Pawliuk's class
 Feb. 5 Skating - Ms. Scott and
 Mrs. Reilly's class
 Feb. 7 Hot Dog Day
 Feb. 7 Skating - Mrs. Cavani and Mrs.
 Kossey's class
Feb. 10 Family Day - No School
 Feb. 12 Skating - Ms. Scott and Mrs.
 Reilly's class
 Feb. 14 Gymnastics - Mrs. McCaugherty
 and Mrs. Pawliuk's class
 Feb. 14 Skating - Mrs. Cavani and Mrs.
 Kossey's class
 Feb. 19 Skating - Mrs. Reilly and Mrs.
 Isakson's class
 Feb. 20 Winter Carnival
**Feb. 21 Non-Instructional Day - No
 school**
 Feb. 24 Basketball playoff - Week #1
 Feb. 25 One Woman Circus Performance
 at 9:00
 Feb. 26 Cross Country Skiing - Mrs.
 Cavani's class
 Feb. 28 Pizza Day

March 2014

Mar. 3 Basketball Playoff - Week #2
 Mar. 7 - 11 Sun Peaks - Grade 6's & 7's
 Mar. 14 Mother Goose Program ends
Mar. 17 - 23 Spring Break
 Mar. 24 First Day back following Spring
 Break

April 2014

April 4 Jump Rope for Heart Day!
 April 4 Pizza Day
 April 15 Flag Football starts
**April 17 Non-Instructional Day - No
 school**
April 18 Good Friday - No school
April 21 Easter Monday - No school
 April 23 Spring Production - Cast #1
 -Dress Rehearsal - 9:30
 Spring Production - Cast #1 -
 7:00
 April 24 Spring Production - Cast #2 -
 Dress Rehearsal - 1:00
 Spring Production - Cast # 2 at
 7:00
 April 29 The Little Shoemaker
 performance with Roger
 Dallaire in the school gym at
 1:30
 April 30 McGowan Parloff at Hillside
 Stadium - 10:30 to Noon

May 2014

May 2 Hot Dog Day
 May 15 Football Jamboree
 May 15 Zone 1 track - 1200/1000 m -
 10:30 to Noon
**May 16 Non-Instructional Day - No
 School**
May 19 Victoria Day - No School
 May 20 Zone 1 Track Meet
 May 28 District Track Meet - 8:30 to 2:30

June 2014

June 6 Pizza Day
 June 24 - 25 Camping -
 Mrs. Oryschak's class
 June 26 Last Day of School - Early
 Dismissal