



# McGowan Park Elementary School

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## Principal's Newsletter to Parents and Guardians

September 3, 2013

### MISSION STATEMENT

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

Welcome back to another exciting year at McGowan Park! If you are new to our catchment area, may I offer you a special welcome as well! I am privileged to be here as the new Principal of this fine school. I'm looking forward to getting to know you and your child(ren) this year and working closely with the talented McGowan Park staff to ensure your child's success in school.

Along with this newsletter, our secretary, Ms. McParland, has attached an envelope of important information and forms that we need you to peruse. Many of these, such as the verification report, are time sensitive and need to be completed and returned to the school as soon as possible. Thank you!

### Class Placement News!

Students returned to their last year's classes for today! Barring any unforeseen circumstances, it is planned that students will be starting in their new classrooms tomorrow, Wednesday, September 4, following an assembly in the gym. Parents of K students have received letters indicating an interview time and K students will begin full time attendance on Wednesday, September 11.

As you are aware, placing students in the most appropriate class is a complex process for the school and is handled carefully and thoughtfully. This week is a difficult one as we accommodate new registrants and finalize classes. If you have concern's with your child's placement and feel that a review is necessary, please wait until the second week of school and then make an appointment with me to discuss this further. We appreciate your patience and value your support and participation in our school.

\*\*\*Tentative\*\*\* Classroom Organization and Staffing for September 2013

Grade	Staff Member
K	Mrs. Holly Borden
K	Ms. Lisa McCarthy
Grade K/1	Mrs. Liz McCaugherty
Grade 1	Mrs. Dianne Weddell
Grade 1/2	Mrs. Val Cone
Grade 2	Mrs. Lorraine Fredin
Grade 2/3	Mrs. Karla Pawliuk
Grade 3	Mrs. Elaine Isakson
Grade 4	Mrs. Miriam Cavani
Grade 5	Mrs. Stacey Abraham
Grade 5/6	Ms. Kerilyn Scott
Grade 6/7	Miss Sharmane Baerg
Grade 6/7	Ms. Sherri Oryschak
IAC	Mrs. Thomson
Principal	Ms. Cori Wickes

## McGowan Park Elementary Calendar 2013 – 2014

Date	Activity
Tuesday, September 3, 2013	First Day - Students attend 10:30 - 12:30
Friday, September 27	No School - Parent/Teacher Interviews
Monday, October 14	Thanksgiving Holiday - School Closed
Friday, October 25	District Non-Instructional Day - No Classes
Monday, November 11	Remembrance Day Holiday - School Closed
Friday, November 29	Term 1 Report Cards
Monday, December 2	District Non-Instructional Day - No Classes
Friday, December 20	Last day of school before winter vacation
Monday, January 6, 2014	First day of school after winter vacation
Monday, February 10	Family Day Holiday - School Closed
Friday, February 21	District Non-Instructional Day - No Classes
Friday, March 14	Term 2 Report Cards - Last day before Spring Break
Monday, March 24	First Day back after Spring Break
Thursday, April 17	District Non-Instructional Day - No Classes
Friday, April 18	Good Friday Holiday - School Closed
Monday, April 21	Easter Monday Holiday - School Closed
Friday, May 16	District Non-Instructional Day - No Classes
Monday, May 19	Victoria Day Holiday - School Closed
Thursday, June 26	Last day for students - report cards home

### Goodbye Paper Newsletters!

It is planned that for next month (October) that the printed form of this newsletter will be phased out. We encourage parents to check our school's website to view the newsletter or send an email to Ms. McParland at [bmcp@sd73.bc.ca](mailto:bmcp@sd73.bc.ca) to receive an emailed copy of the newsletter.



# Board Notes

## **From the Board Meeting of: July 8, 2013**

1. The Board approved the School District Achievement Contract for 2013-2014.
2. The Board accepted the School District/Community Literacy Plan Spring Update for 2013 from Barbara Maher, Fiona Clare and Kerry Milner Cairns. The report details the literacy initiatives in the communities of Kamloops, Chase, Logan Lake and Clearwater.
3. The Board received a report on the Foundation Skills Assessment results for 2013 from Assistant Superintendent deBruijn.
4. The Board referred the Annual Trustee Stipend Report to the Policy Committee.
5. The Vice Chair of the Board reported on the Canadian School Boards Association Conference held in Vancouver on July 4-7.
6. The Board received an update on development of the 2014-2017 School Calendar from the Education Committee.
7. The next regular public Board Meeting will occur on Monday, August 26, 2013, at the School Board Office, 1383 – 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Kamloops, BC.

## **From the Board Meeting of: AUGUST 26, 2013**

1. Ms. Acacia Schmietenkop and other representatives from the Enactus Thompson Rivers group at TRU described some programs that they offer for students in School District #73. Programs include environmental awareness and initiatives to support the Food Bank.
2. The Board approved April 7, 2014, as the "Day of Suwewtwew" - a day to acknowledge one another and recognize the history of the Secwepemc/Aboriginal people. The Day of Suwewtwew has been endorsed by the First Nations Education Council and will include various activities including lesson plans and resources. The day will be followed by a ceremony involving the First Nations Education Council, First Nations and Aboriginal leaders, and Education Leaders from the District.
3. The Board passed the Annual Facilities Grant (Revised) Project Bylaw.

The next regular public Board Meeting will occur on Monday, September 9, 2013, at the School Board Office, 1383 – 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Kamloops, BC.