



McGowan Park Elementary School

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Principal's Newsletter to Parents and Guardians

June 2015

MISSION STATEMENT

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

*Dear Parents/Guardians,
I truly have enjoyed my second year at McGowan Park. This is the best school in the District, if I do say so myself! I know that this is a result of the hard work of staff, parents, and of course, our students! You are a pleasure to work with!!*

I'm very proud to have been a small part in the life of our grade 7 students as they head off to high school. The elementary years are a milestone which is never forgotten. You all are an incredible group of young people and I wish you every success. I hope that you enjoy five happy and rewarding years ahead! We will truly miss you here in the halls at McGowan!

Wishing all of our McGowan students and their families a wonderful, safe, and relaxing summer ahead!

Cori Wickes

Year End Assembly!

Please join us in our school gym for our year end assembly which includes recognition of our grade 7's. The assembly will begin at 11:00. School dismissal on the 25th is at 12:00 pm. Buses for Pineview students will pick up at approximately 12:30.

Fun! Fun! Fun!

Our day of fun events and relay races will be held on Friday, June 12th! Let's hope the sun will be shining! Please come and join us!

Welcome to our new K's and their families!

We will be hosting our new K parents on Wednesday, June 3 at 7pm for an informational parent meeting in our school library. Our 30 shiny, brand new K's will be visiting our school on Friday, June 5th to begin their transition to school! Please call the school office if you need any more information.

Staffing

We say goodbye to longtime McGowan staff member Holly Borden and wish her well in her fun filled retirement years ahead.

We also say goodbye to teachers Julie Rymer, Lori Schill, Natasha Pearson and CEA's Jamie Killam, Heidi Kotani and Kristi Veidiman.

Good luck in your future endeavors! We will truly miss you!

We welcome back Lindsay Supeene who has been on maternity leave this year along with Kerilyn Scott who has been working with the KTTA.

Other new staff will be announced in September.

Bouquets of Roses

*Many thanks to Cara Fuzzen, Jody Elgert and Deb Mayberry who have been tireless supervisors on our playground each day through all kinds of weather!!

*Thanks also to our PAC executive, who give up precious time with their families to support our school and organize school wide activities and functions that benefit our students and families.

*One more big bouquet to all of our families for volunteer support, help and commitment to making McGowan Park Elementary the incredible school that it is!! Thanks to you all!!!



Volunteer Tea

In appreciation of the efforts of our parents and other volunteers, you are invited to our Volunteer Tea. It will take place on June 16th from 11 – 12 in our school gym. We hope you will all join us!!

Library Books

Please ensure that all library books get returned to the school, even if discovered over the summer!! Now is a good time for that spring clean up and a double check under those beds!

Lost & Found

Items in our lost and found bins and left in lockers will be sent to the thrift store so please help your child

collect his/her items from the lockers and classroom area before the end of the year.

Website News

Please check the website throughout the summer for updated information on school start up in September.

Noon Hour Supervisors Needed!

Help is needed next year for lunch hour supervision. This position requires a criminal record check, availability from 12:00 – 1:00, and a love of children! Please contact Heather if you are interested.

Askable Adult Presentation

Please join us in the McGowan Elementary library on Thursday, June 11 from 6:30 – 8:30 to learn how to talk to kids about sexuality and reproduction. Coffee & donuts will be provided. Please email mcgowanparkpac@gmail.com to register. Check out www.optbc.org for more information.

PAC Meeting – last one of the year!

June 8th at 6:30 in the library! Come one and all!

Space Kids Fundraiser!

You will want to shop at Save On Foods on June 14th between 12 and 4! The four students raising money to travel to the Smithsonian to present their 'Crystals in Space' project will be there! Kamloops businesses have kindly donated fabulous prizes so you have a good chance of winning! Stop on by and spin the wheel!

From the Board Meeting of: MAY 25, 2015

1. The Board enjoyed a 'Daily 6' presentation from ten grade 2 students from Kay Bingham Elementary. The students were accompanied by District Literacy Resource Teacher, Dianne Dean, and Teachers Kim Bojesen and Julie Noble.
2. The Board approved the Beattie School of the Arts K-12 Consolidation Report.
3. The Board received the update on the Brocklehurst Middle School Academy Fees.
4. The Board received a report on the Dry Grad Activities for 2015.
5. The Board approved the School Improvement Plans for Kay Bingham Elementary, Brocklehurst Middle School, and NorKam Secondary.

The next regular public Board Meeting will occur on

Monday, June 8, 2015 at Raft River Elementary School, Clearwater, BC.

Summer Activities

Camp Dekka

Is your child ready for Camp Dekka this summer? Do you or your child have questions about camp? Come down to Dekka Days and meet the staff and Camp Director for some FREE fun and games, Camp Dekka style!

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Saturday, June 6th

3:00 - 5:00 pm

Please contact Member Services at (250) 372 7725 to register for this free event!

Visit our [Camp Dekka page](#) for more information about camp!

Do your kids love Swimming?

Are you looking for a fun, exciting way to keep the kids active this summer? Look no further than the Kamloops Classics Swim Club Swim and Play Camps! With over 20 years of running lessons with certified instructors, our programs will teach your child swimming skills while they have fun in the water. In addition to our established swim program, campers participate in crafts and outdoor games.

Starting June 29th, we offer 6 week-long camps, available as either Full Day or Half Day options. Contact us for a free assessment: 250-828-3660,

admin@swimkamloops.com or register at www.swimkamloops.com

New this year! We will also be offering two Half Day Lifesaving Sport Camps this year. July 13th-18th for ages 9-11 and July 27th-31st for ages 12-14.

BABYSITTING Course

In this 6 hour course, you can become a certified babysitter. If you love children, but want to be certain you are prepared for preventing injuries, giving basic first-aid, and handling emergency situations, this course will teach you the skills you need. When you complete this course you will have the knowledge and confidence to care of children of all ages.

This 6 hour program provides training in the business of babysitting, proper supervision, basic care giving skills and responding properly to ill or injured children and infants.

Call to Reserve your Spot: 778-471-6407

Class Dates: Friday, July 3rd, Monday, July 6th, Tuesday, July 14th, Wednesday, July 22nd

Time: 9:00-4:00 SUMMER SPECIAL \$80

Have a safe and happy summer!!

