



McGowan Park Elementary School

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Principal's Newsletter to Parents and Care-givers

February 1, 2013

MISSION STATEMENT

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

Important Dates in February

- Students will be dismissed at 12:30 on Monday, as teachers are involved with student teacher interviews. The Pineview Valley bus will come early that day, so please do not block the bus turn around.
- We have a new holiday to celebrate this year – Family Day on Monday, February 11th.
- Friday, February 15th is a professional development day and there will be no school for students on that day. Since the Pro-D day was set before the Family Day was proclaimed we have ended up with a 3 day instructional week.
- Bully Prevention Week: Feb 25 – 28. We will be having some Pink Shirt activities.

Winter Conditions

Please be extra careful driving near the school. Parents have recently reported to me that children have almost been hit, either because of lack of attention (often on the part of the student as well as the driver) or because of the conditions that make stopping difficult. We want our students to be safe even if it means taking a little extra time. Check out our Working It Out focus for the month and try thinking up examples of incidents where you could choose to “let it go”.

Winter Carnival

Please see the attached sheet from the PAC for exciting news about the Winter Carnival on February 14th. The next PAC meeting will be on March 26th at 1:00 p.m. in the library.



Expressing Anger Constructively

This month's Working It Out focus is “Expressing Anger Constructively”. Anger is a very strong emotion and does not have to always be negative. Sometimes it can motivate people to take very positive action to solve a problem in society.



One activity suggested by the program is called “**Let It Out or Let it Go**”. You might want to try discussing examples that come up at home. Discuss how you would respond to situations, and how you decide if you should just ignore it and “let it go”, or if you should talk to the person and “let it out” so they are aware of how you feel. A common example that happens at school is when a friend doesn't want to play with you, and you have the choice of letting them know or just finding something else interesting to do.

Kindergarten Registration

The official Kindergarten registration time line is March 4th to 6th. We find it convenient to take registrations for students from our catchment any time starting now. You need to bring the child's birth certificate and care card to the office with proof of address and fill out an enrollment form. Only students from our catchment may be accepted at the this time. Students from out of catchment must register at their neighbourhood school, fill out an “Application for Elementary Student Transfer to Another School” and bring a copy of that transfer form to McGowan Park during the official Kindergarten registration time. Out of catchment students will be put on a wait list and notified in September if they have been accepted.

Thanks, Gloria Hall



Board Notes

From the Board Meeting of: JANUARY 14, 2013

1. The Board received Notice of Motion on the following policies
 - 5001.1 Student Reporting and Placement
 - 306.2 Assessment: Principles and Standards
2. The next regular public Board Meeting will occur on Monday, January 28, 2013, at the School Board office.

From the Board Meeting of: JANUARY 28, 2013

1. The Board enjoyed a presentation from two students from Sa-Hali Secondary who recently attended the BC Youth Parliament. The students were accompanied by Vice Principal Peter Persad and teacher Beth Dye.
2. The Annual General Meeting of the School District No. 73 Business Company will be held on Thursday, February 14, 2013 at 2:30 at the School Board Office.
3. The Board approved the Hungry Children Initiative in partnership with the Rotary Clubs in Kamloops.
4. The Board adopted revisions to the following policies:
 - Policy 306.2 Assessment: Principles and Standards
 - Policy 500.1 Student Reporting and Placement
5. The next regular public Board Meeting will occur on Monday, February 4, 2013, at the School Board Office.

PLEASE POST ON ALL BULLETIN BOARDS

WINTER CARNIVAL

Thursday, February 14, 2013, 6:00 - 8:00 pm



Volunteer Form, Cake Donations and Concession Estimation Form

Please return this form by Thursday February 7th.

If you would like to sign up for volunteering, you can do so below, or there are volunteer sign-up sheets near the office. We are hoping to send volunteer notices and updates by email; please indicate on the volunteer portion below if you are willing to receive volunteer notices by email.

As another volunteer option, you may check (✓) one or more of these time slots to indicate when you would like to help at the carnival wherever needed. We will let you know where you will be working

All volunteers will be entered in a raffle for great prizes (one entry per time slot worked)!

PARENT'S NAME: _____ PHONE #: _____

_____ I am willing to receive emails about the Winter Carnival EMAIL: _____

I would like to volunteer to work at the Carnival (i.e.: games, concession, etc.)

Please sign me up to work the following shifts:

_____ Slot me in when needed, or

_____ 1:00 - 3:00 pm Set Up

_____ 5:40 - 6:30 pm-1st games need to be in gym early

_____ 6:30 - 7:15 pm

_____ 7:15 - 8:00 pm

_____ Clean-Up 8:00-9:00 pm

Willing to receive volunteer notices by email? Yes No

email address: _____

I am able to donate _____ (#) cakes for the Cake Walk. For each cake you will receive an entry into a draw for \$10 worth of carnival tickets. Draw will be made at 4 pm.

It's nice for as many kids as possible to win cakes; they do not have to be elaborate

If you think your family will be eating pizza, etc... at the Carnival, please fill out the following list with the appropriate number of items. *You do not have to pay for anything now.* We are simply trying to get an estimate of how many items to order. Tickets will be 50¢ each.

My family will probably need: (*please fill in a number as to how many, not a ✓*)

Pizza (4 tickets)

Drinks (2 tickets)

Snacks (2 tickets)

_____ Cheese

_____ juice

_____ Chips

_____ Hawaiian

_____ water

_____ Cheezies

_____ Pepperoni

_____ white milk

_____ Popcorn

_____ chocolate milk

BRING IN YOUR
DONATIONS
By Thursday the 7th!!

Raffle Baskets



Books



Toys

RAFFLE TICKETS ON SALE AT LUNCH
TUESDAY-WEDNESDAY-THURSDAY
FEB 12-FEB 13-FEB14