



McGowan Park Elementary School

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Principal's Newsletter to Parents and Care-givers

June 3, 2013

MISSION STATEMENT

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

Congratulations PAC Executive

At the last Parent Advisory Council meeting the following Executive were acclaimed for next year:

Chairperson	Nadine Hamilton
Vice-Chairperson	Gitte Nessman
Treasurer	Julie Ford
Secretaries	Joanne Etherington & Joanne Vorpahl
DPAC Rep	Wil Lonquist
SPC (School Planning Council)	Terri Lynn Day, Julie Ford & Joanne Etherington

On another note, the DPAC Rep, Wil Lonquist has again been voted Chair of the DPAC. Way to go!

One upcoming work bee for the PAC will be a concession on June 21th, which is Fun Day at McGowan Park. If you would like to volunteer to help that day please leave a note in the PAC letterbox in the office or contact Joanne Etherington.

Parent Appreciation Gathering

Please join us for a beverage and a cookie or two

We'd like to express our thanks for all the things you do



All parents are invited to attend.

Wednesday, June 5, 2013

McGowan Park Elem. Gym

1:15 - 2:30

This is a parent event - intermediate students will provide babysitting services in the library

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

If you have a learning-based preference for your child, please submit the following form in writing before June 14th. Ms. Wickes will certainly take requests into consideration – possibly after September 16th.

Request - Student Placement – Sept. 2013	
Student Name	
Grade Next Year	
Requested Class	
Educational Reason:	
Parent Name	
Date	
Parent Signature	

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

This has been an exciting few weeks with principal recruitment, Zone and District Track and Field Meets, and the PAC Annual General Meeting.



Big Strings concert at the Sagebrush Theater this
Friday (June 7th) at 6:30 p.m.
McGowan Park Elementary has the highest
participation in the elementary program in the District.

We will be having another newsletter later in the month with information about year end festivities. Please check the school website frequently for the most up to date information, and if you find a mistake there, please let us know.

Thanks, Gloria Hall



Board Notes

From the Board Meeting of: MAY 13, 2013

1. The Board attended Vavenby Elementary for its regular Board Meeting of Monday, May 13, 2013. In attendance were Principal Mike Bowden and Vice Principal Lori Bradstock. Principal Coates and Vice Principal Zieffflie from Clearwater Secondary were also in attendance.
2. The Board enjoyed several presentations from the school community. Teacher Julie Boyes introduced the afterschool gymnastics club led by Jill McMillan, followed by the students performing several songs led by Leah Jones.
3. Led by Sandy Crane, the Raft River Strings program performed three songs for the Board.
4. The Board presented certificates of recognition to Volunteer Coach Geoff Giesbrecht and students Jarius Bromley and Brock Van Damme of Clearwater Secondary for their generous lifesaving efforts.
5. The Board approved the Secondary School Course Enhancement Fees for the 2013-2014 school year.
6. The Board approved the Board Authority Authorized (BAA) Course entitled "Sports Specific Training 11".
7. The Board approved the District Annual Report for the 2011-2012 school year.
8. The Board received an update on the District Student Leadership Initiative.
9. The Board approved a recommendation to continue to support the Hungry Children Initiative sponsored by the Rotary Club of Kamloops.
10. The Board provided *Notice of Motion on the following policies:*
 - 912.2 Principals and Vice Principals: Process for Appointment
 - 915.1 Assistant Superintendents and Directors: Process for Appointment
 - Head Lice Infestations in Schools

The next regular public Board Meeting will occur on Monday, May 27, 2013, at the School Board Office, 1383 - 9th Avenue, Kamloops, BC.



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1. The Board recognized the organizers of the “AA” Provincial High School Basketball Tournament which has been hosted in Kamloops for 15 years.
2. The Board enjoyed a presentation from District Principal Howard on the growth of the Trades and Transitions programs.
3. The Board approved School Improvement plans for the following schools: Chase Secondary, Haldane Elementary, Marion Schilling Elementary, AE Perry Elementary, Arthur Stevenson Elementary, Barriere Elementary, Barriere Secondary, Clearwater Secondary, Raft River Elementary, Blue River Elementary, and Vavenby Elementary.
4. The Board approved the following policies:
 - 915.1 Assistant Superintendents and Directors: Process for Appointment
 - 1006.6 Head Lice Infestations in the School
5. The next regular public Board Meeting will occur on Monday, June 3, 2013, at the Hearthstone Lodge in Sun Peaks.