



# McGowan Park Elementary School

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*Principal's Newsletter to Parents and Care-givers*

March 1, 2013

## MISSION STATEMENT

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

### The District Wants Your Opinion

Please see the reverse of this newsletter for more information about a public meeting organized by the school district to gather input regarding the possibility of reorganizing future school years.



### Spring Break

School will be closed the week of March 18<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> for Spring Break. There is a hint of spring in the air now, which is wonderful.

### Lost and Found

If any of these items look familiar please encourage your children to collect them. Prior to Spring Break all items in the lost and found will be sent to either the thrift store or the dump!



### Parent Advisory Council News

The Winter Carnival was a huge success, thanks to all the hard work of the PAC and especially the organization of Nadine Hamilton, the PAC chair. It was the last big parent event for the year, so if you come to the next meeting – Tuesday, March 26<sup>th</sup> 2013 at 1:00 p.m. you don't need to worry about getting roped in to do lots of work! Thanks to all who volunteered, and all who donated to the baskets and came out to support the school.

### Science Fair

We had a real flurry of excitement with our McGowan Park Science Fair on the last two days of February. Congratulations to Ms. Baerg who did a super job of coordinating the event. Our participating students (and families) did a great job. The following will be representing the school at the regional fair:

- \*Cal & John with Cell Phone Distractions
- \*Alex & Moien with Science of Scoring Hoops
- \*Kieran & Rahman with Solar Cooker
- \*Kaya & Hannah with How to Trap a Snowflake

### Kindergarten Registration

If you know of any children born in 2008 in our catchment, please encourage them to register for kindergarten next week.

### Grades 4 and 7 Parents Only

Foundation Skills assessment booklets and Satisfaction Surveys are being sent home today. Please read through and respond to the survey.



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## **PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE**

### **YOUR INPUT IS ENCOURAGED AND WELCOMED**

#### **For the development of the 2014-2017 Public School Calendar**

The Board will hold a public meeting on March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2013 at 7:00 pm at the Henry Grube Education Centre to gather input on the School Calendar for the years 2014-2017. At this meeting, district staff will be presenting various examples of different school calendars. Opportunities will be provided for reaction to these options as well as any other comments those present would like to make regarding a new school calendar. It is important to note the School Calendar under consideration is for the years 2014–2017. This meeting will be video-conferenced to rural sites at Chase Secondary, Barriere Secondary, Clearwater Secondary and Logan Lake Secondary schools.

Opportunities will be provided after the meeting until March 31<sup>st</sup> for online input regarding the various calendar options provided. The vehicle for online input will be provided at the meeting and will be posted on the school district website on March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2013 at [www.sd73.bc.ca](http://www.sd73.bc.ca).

**Wednesday, March 6<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 – 9:00 PM**

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