



# McGowan Park Elementary School

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**PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER TO PARENTS AND CARE-GIVERS**

September 12, 2012

## MISSION STATEMENT

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

### The Good News Situation!

Due to transfers in to the school and a record number of Kindergarten students we ended up needing an extra teacher. Our request was successful and at the Board of Education meeting on Monday night the staffing was approved. Yesterday the posting came out and we should know by the end of next week who the successful applicant is. This has allowed us to start to finalize classroom placements.



### Classroom Placement

Students are placed in classrooms according to a very careful and complicated process. The top priority is for the safe, caring and orderly operation of the school as a whole. Some of the factors that contribute to that happening may not be immediately apparent to parents or students. Following that, we consider the learning needs of the student and their ability to thrive in various environments. We work as a staff, and teachers have input into placements. Chances are at least one teacher, and probably a team of teachers has recommended the current placement for your child. For students new to the school, that teacher would be the LART who looks at special learning concerns and the classroom teacher for the past week. The principal has the ultimate responsibility for placing students. District policies covering this issue include Policy 500.1 and Appeals Bylaw 1200.1. I ask for parent input in a newsletter in June, according to a consultation template. That being said, I am open to hearing from parents at other times. Please be aware that I consider all classes in our school appropriate for high quality learning.

### Library

Students are reminded that they may visit the library in the morning between 8:15 and 8:30 or at lunch between 12:15 and 1:00 for the purpose of checking out books or reading quietly. K students may check out 1 book at a time. Grades 1 – 7 may have 2 books at a time. Please help keep our library clean. Remember no food or drink at any time.

### Safe Arrival

In the student agendas there is a customized student handbook with lots of useful information. Please read the Safe Arrival section, and remember to call the school if you know your child will be late or absent. Otherwise we will be calling you!

### Calendar

Our anticipated calendar for the year is printed on the back of this notice. Please note that the Family Holiday in February has changed since we had the agendas printed. It is Feb. 11, 2013.

### Thanks for the Forms

We have had over 90% of our forms returned to the school. Congratulations on a wonderful response. It helps us to keep your children safe and well supplied! Receipts and reminders go out today.

### Terry Fox Event

Mrs. Abraham's class has again organized an educational and fun event for this Friday. Our goal for contributions is \$500.00. We are about half-way there. Thanks for helping to keep Terry's legacy of fighting cancer alive.

### BBQ, Spirit Wear & Parent Interviews

On the back please see an order form for spirit wear which you can see in the front hallway of the school and at the BBQ tomorrow evening. A sign up for Parent/Teacher interviews on the early dismissal days will be on the reverse of the board.

*Thanks, Gloria Hall*

## McGowan Park Elementary Calendar 2012 – 2013

Date	Activity
Tuesday, September 4, 2012	First Day – Students attend 10:30 – 12:30
Friday, September 14	Terry Fox Run
Friday, September 21	Photo Day
Monday, September 24	District Non-Instructional Day – No Classes
Wednesday, September 26	Early Dismissal – 12:30pm
Thursday, September 27	Early Dismissal – 12:30pm
Monday, October 8	Thanksgiving Holiday – School Closed
Monday, October 15	Photo Re-take Day (pm only)
Friday, October 19	District Non-Instructional Day – No Classes
Monday, November 12	Remembrance Day Holiday – School Closed
Friday, November 30	Term 1 Report Cards
Monday, December 3	District Non-Instructional Day – No Classes
Friday, December 21	Last day of school before winter vacation
Monday, January 7, 2013	First day of school after winter vacation
Monday, February 4	Early Dismissal – 12:30pm
Monday, February 11	Family Day Holiday – School Closed
Friday, February 15	District Non-Instructional Day – No Classes
Friday, March 15	Report Cards – Last day before Spring Break
Monday, March 25	First Day back after Spring Break
Friday, March 29	Good Friday Holiday – School Closed
Monday, April 1	Easter Monday Holiday – School Closed
Monday, April 8	Early Dismissal – 12:30pm
Monday, April 15	District Non-Instructional Day – No Classes
Friday, May 17	District Non-Instructional Day – No Classes
Monday, May 20	Victoria Day Holiday – School Closed
Thursday, June 27	Last day for students – report cards home

***From the Board Meeting of:  
SEPTEMBER 10, 2012***

1. The Board of Education enjoyed a presentation from District Coordinator Judy Dunn about the Rec 'n Reading Program. The program offers students in grades 1 and 2 extended literacy support in small reading groups combined with recreation programs for four weeks in the month of July.
2. Superintendent Sullivan provided the Board with an update on the start-up of the 2012/2013 school year and commented on the lack of enrollment at Brennan Creek Elementary.
3. Superintendent Sullivan provided the Board with an update of the Five Year Long Term Plan 2008-2013.
4. The Board approved the 2012/2013 Capital Budget Bylaw for the Annual Facility Grant.
5. The next regular public Board Meeting will occur on Monday, September 24, 2012, at the School Board Office.

***From the Board Meeting of:  
AUGUST 27, 2012***

1. The Board approved the Sun Peaks School Proposal Report. A new elementary school will be established at Sun Peaks for the start of the 2012/2013 school year.
2. Superintendent Sullivan announced the final version of the School Community Connections Program. Funding grants, to a maximum of \$12,500 per school district, are available to undertake renovation projects in the spirit of the Supporting Neighbourhood Learning Centres program. Applications should be submitted to the Board of Education, through the Superintendent's Office, by October 26, 2012.
3. The iPOP: Imagine the Power of a Positive Culture Conference will occur on September 24, 2012, at the Sagebrush Theatre and South Kamloops Secondary. All school district staff are welcome to attend by registering through school administration.
4. Schools re-open on Tuesday, September 4, 2012.
5. The next regular public Board Meeting will occur on Monday, September 10, 2012, at 7:00 PM at the School Board Office.

# MCGOWAN PARK ELEMENTARY – SCHOOL CLOTHING ORDER FORM

Student Name(s):	Teacher's Name:
Tel #:	

**One form per family.** Make cheque payable to **McGowan Park Elementary**. Please return form and payment to school office by Friday, September 28<sup>th</sup>. (Prices already include GST)

	Sizes	Price	Colour	No.	Sub-Totals
<b>Gildan T-Shirt</b> 100% Cotton  <i>Available Colours:</i> - <b>Royal Blue</b> - <b>Navy Blue</b> - <b>Sky Blue</b>	Youth – S	\$14.00			
	Youth – M	\$14.00			
	Youth – L	\$14.00			
	Youth – XL	\$14.00			
	Adult - S	\$15.00			
	Adult – M	\$15.00			
	Adult – L	\$15.00			
	Adult – XL	\$15.00			
<b>Authentic Technical T-Shirt</b> 100% Polyester Jersey Knit  <i>Available Colours:</i> - <b>Royal Blue</b> - <b>Navy Blue</b>	Youth – S	\$17.00			
	Youth – M	\$17.00			
	Youth – L	\$17.00			
	Youth – XL	\$17.00			
	Adult - S	\$18.00			
	Adult – M	\$18.00			
	Adult – L	\$18.00			
	Adult – XL	\$18.00			
<b>Gildan Sweatpants</b> 50% Cotton / 50% Polyester Blend “McGowan” lettering down leg  <i>Available Colours:</i> - <b>Royal Blue</b> - <b>Navy Blue</b>	Youth – S	\$20.00			
	Youth – M	\$20.00			
	Youth – L	\$20.00			
	Youth – XL	\$20.00			
	Adult – S	\$22.00			
	Adult – M	\$22.00			
	Adult – L	\$22.00			
	Adult – XL	\$22.00			
<b>Gildan Hoody</b> 50% Cotton / 50% Polyester Blend  <i>Available Colours:</i> - <b>Royal Blue</b> - <b>Navy Blue</b> - <b>Sky Blue</b>	Youth – S	\$28.00			
	Youth – M	\$28.00			
	Youth – L	\$28.00			
	Youth – XL	\$28.00			
	Adult - S	\$35.00			
	Adult – M	\$35.00			
	Adult – L	\$35.00			
	Adult – XL	\$35.00			
<b>Golf Shirts:</b>	<i>Adult Sizes Only</i>		<i>Mens / Womens</i>		
<b>Coal Harbour Golf Shirt</b> 35% Cotton / 65% Polyester Adult sizes only (Mens / Womens) Colours: <b>Royal Blue Only</b>	Adult – S	\$28.00			
	Adult – M	\$28.00			
	Adult – L	\$28.00			
	Adult – XL	\$28.00			
<b>Total</b>					

 CLOTHING ORDERS WILL BE COLLECTED AT THE WELCOME BACK BBQ ON THURSDAY, SEP. 13<sup>TH</sup> OR AT THE OFFICE FROM SEPT 14<sup>TH</sup> TO 28<sup>TH</sup>.