

Marie Sharpe Elementary

Newsletter

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Dates to Remember

Aug 29 – registration reopens.
Sept 3 – no students
Sept 4 – ½ day for students
Sept 18 – Welcome Back Evening
Sept 23 – pro-d day
Sept 25 – Terry Fox Run
Sept 27 – Orange Shirt Day
Sept 30 - National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (No School)

First Day of School

That time of year is upon us again – teachers are eagerly returning to the school preparing for the return of students. The first day of school for students is Wednesday September 4th, and will be a half day for students. **Start time will be 9:00am, and dismissal will be 11:20am.** Busses will then run earlier the first day as well.

Staff will be ready to meet students outside where tentative class lists will be posted. Class lists will not be available in the office that morning as all staff will be helping with new registrations or will be outside welcoming students back. Please feel free to join us for the first part of the morning as we welcome our students back to another amazing school year.

We anticipate that our student numbers will change over the next couple days and weeks. Changes to class lists are likely to occur as we get to know our numbers and students better.

School Supplies

We are continuing the school supply program where families can purchase supplies through the school for \$40. We are fortunate to be able to access great discounts so the prices is greatly reduced compared to purchasing on your own. If you would like to purchase on your own, please connect with me by email and I can send a list out to you.

We also ask that all students bring a water reuseable water bottle and pair of running shoes to leave at school. We do have filtered water at the water fountains, but do not have extra cups or water bottles for students.

Personal belongings: Toys and Technology

We will continue to ask caregivers to check and make sure their child is not bringing toys to school. Toys often create a distraction in classrooms and get lost on the playground creating understandable grief. This applies to technology as well. **If your child brings their phone to school, we ask that it is kept in their backpack for the entire day.** Please have this conversation with your child so that they understand that this will be the expectation here at school. If there is an emergency, students can use the phone in the office.

Staffing

We are very fortunate to be starting the school year with a full staff, with many returning teachers and support staff. Please feel free to drop in at the end of the school days to say hello to our new and returning

staff members. We will also be connecting with all families in the first week of school to introduce ourselves. We are also working on plans for an Open House where we can spend time with families getting to know each other and showcasing our schools.

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Meals Program

We are looking for parents, caregivers, grandparents etc to come help support our meals program. We try to keep meals easy, but desperately need a few dedicated humans to help cook and clean after the meal. You do not have to commit to all of the meals, but we would like to offer one hot meal per week for our students (spaghetti, chilli, soup, grilled cheese, etc... simple is key). The school will provide funding and order all food needed to help make this easy for our volunteers.

If you would like to volunteer some time to come cook a meal for our students, please connect with me. This volunteer work could be partnered with our paid noon hour supervisor positions that are open. We would also appreciate feedback about our meals program and how to make it healthier and more accessible to our students in need.

PAC

PAC is an amazing way to connect with and to the school. We are actively seeking new members to join us as we grow our learning community. Being part of the PAC does not mean you have to attend all the meetings or devote tons of time to our activities, but we need more people to help with some great ideas that are brewing. Stay tuned for information about our first PAC meeting.

Upcoming Community Events



Williams Lake Harvest Fair 2024
September 7&8
Stampede Park

With thanks to
BRITISH COLUMBIA

ZUCCHINI RACES - SUNDAY
See our Facebook page for more details

NEW ENTERTAINMENT

Rotary Pancake Breakfast both days!

Clinton W. Gray Magic Comedy Show,
Uncle Chris the Clown,
Petting Zoo,
Ted Coulling Caricaturist,
bounce toys & more

Come **FLANNEL & FLAPJACKS**
celebrate
at the 45th ANNUAL Williams Lake Harvest Fair