

# Marie Sharpe Elementary Newsletter

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## Attendance

School attendance is crucial in a child's development. Students who have the best chance for success in school are generally those who attend on a regular basis. Currently, only 60% of our students are attending on a regular basis. Research shows that students who miss just 10% of school (that's only 2 days per month missed) are at risk for not graduating high school. We encourage parents and guardians to have this conversation with their children. Please let the school know if you are having difficulties getting your child to school – we would love to problem solve with you.

## Dates to Remember

Feb 7 – Hot Lunch (Grilled Cheese) \$2  
Feb 14 – Hot Lunch (TBD) \$2  
Feb 16 – Pro-D Day  
Feb 19 – Family Day  
Feb 21 – Hot Lunch (TBD) \$2  
Feb 28 – Hot Lunch (TBD) \$2  
PAC Meeting

## Before and After School Parking

The parking lot adjacent to our school is for use by school district staff only. Parents using the School Board Office parking lot to pick up and drop off students is creating congestion and air quality issues in the district offices. Please find an alternate location to park when visiting the school and obey the posted signage.

## Student Registration

Registration for the 2024-2025 school year is now open. Any child born in 2019 should be registering for Kindergarten. You can register online, or come in to register using paper forms. To register, you will need to your child's birth certificate, their care card, and 2 items that show proof of residency (one formal document like a rental agreement or mortgage statement, and one bill). Below is a link to the district webpage with all of the information about registration.

[Registration \(sd27.bc.ca\)](https://sd27.bc.ca)

## Indoor Shoes

We are noticing a number of our students have grown out of their indoor shoes – please check with your child(ren) to see if they are in need of a new pair. Indoor shoes are required in the school for safety reasons. If you need help purchasing a pair, please let us know so that we can help.

## KIDSPORT: Making sports more accessible



**KidSport** provides grants to help cover the registration expenses so that ALL kids aged 18 and under can play a season of their favorite sport. Check out the link below:

[Home - KidSport Williams Lake \(kidsportcanada.ca\)](https://kidsportcanada.ca)

## Behaviours at School

We are continuing to work on improving behaviour here at school by focusing on: Hands, Hallways and Hurtful Words.

As a school, we are committed to working on these three areas consistently. A great way to support your children and our school community is to talk with them about appropriate school behaviour and language – it looks and sounds different than what is often acceptable at home.

Another great way to support your children and the school, is talk with your kids about how to intervene in situations at school. A great piece of advice I was given by one of our parents was to differentiate between **STANDING UP** and **STANDING IN** for our friends. While it is great to stand up for our friends by offering support, or going to get help for them, standing in, and getting involved physically or with mean words is not helpful.

## Crochet Club Donations

We have a new club here at Marie Sharpe – the crochet club; and it is super popular. To help make sure we can have as many kids involved, we are looking for donations of crochet hooks and new yarn. If you have some extras at home and are willing to donate them, we will gladly put them to use.

## School Basketball

Our grade 5/6s have begun the basketball season and we would love to show team spirit by providing a crowd to cheer them on. Games are:

BOYS: February 5<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> here

GIRLS: February 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> here

Come cheer on our teams... your child does not need to be on the team to join us as spectators.

## Volunteers Needed

We are always looking for volunteers to support our amazing school community (prepping and serving lunches, supervising field trips, reading with students in classrooms, supporting lunch time clubs etc). If you would like to lend a hand (or have a family member who would like to, please reach out to your child's teacher). We also ask that volunteers fill out a criminal record check. It is free and can be done easily online. Please see the information below:

Online Link: <https://justice.gov.bc.ca/criminalrecordcheck>

Access Code: [74A5ZG3VHN]