

# Marie Sharpe Elementary

## Newsletter

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### Dates to Remember

Oct – 16 – Hot lunch: Chilli \$2  
Oct 23 – Hot Lunch: Shepards Pie \$2  
Oct 30 – Hot Lunch: Chicken Rice Casserole \$2  
Oct 31 – Halloween Parade

### School Secretary

Our amazing secretary, Adrianna, has moved on and is now driving bus for the school district. We wish her well in her new adventures! Unfortunately, her position has not been filled yet so we are without a secretary. You will likely notice that the phones are not being answered as regularly when you call, and that is because my first priority is to be working with kids. In most cases, information can be sent to the school in your child's planner or by logging the absence through the School Messenger App: [School Messenger App \(sd27.bc.ca\)](#) or by calling 1-888-698-6567.



### Smoke Free School Site

A gentle reminder to all caregivers that all schools and school grounds are tobacco and vape free under the Tobacco and Vapour Products Control Act. We kindly ask that caregivers refrain from smoking and vaping while at the school site. This includes school field, courtyard, bus loop, all entrances, and drop-off and pick-up locations.

### Global Handwashing Day October 15

October 15 is global Handwashing Day. As we head into cold and flu season schools will be (re)establishing practices for hand hygiene. We are very aware of the effect of student and staff time loss due to illness and encourage everyone to do their part to reduce the spread of disease as much as possible. Some resources:

- Health Link BC - [Hand Washing: Help Stop the Spread of Germs](#)
- BC Centre for Disease Control – [Hand Washing](#)
- Global Handwashing Partnership – [Global Handwashing Day Poster](#)
- [Global Handwashing Day](#) – October 15, 2024

### Communication

This year every teacher is using a planner or communication book this year to stay connected with you. These planners are important for sharing daily updates and reminders, so please check them every night. Some teachers even give rewards to students who return their signed planners regularly!

The planners are also an easy way for you to send notes about pick-ups or appointments. You will also get regular updates from teachers about classroom activities, special events, and how your child is doing in school through email communication. If you have any questions or need more information, feel free to contact your child's teacher. Your involvement matters!



### Student Recognition

We are continuing our student recognition program focused on the Seven Sacred/Grandfather Teachings. This is to encourage positive personal development. This initiative highlights students who demonstrate qualities such as respect, love, and humility, even in challenging situations like during the discipline process. Staff members can nominate students throughout the week, with weekly draws for different grade groups occurring. Students of the week for the month of September were: Kyle Kelly, Lily Smit, John Ashley, DaeylInn Madden, Brenley Anderson, Jackson Anderson, Annalee Johnstone, Lochlan Benisch, Justin Links

### Foundation Skills Assessment (FSAs)

FSAs have begun and will run through October and up until November 8<sup>th</sup>. The Foundation Skills Assessment is an annual province-wide assessment of all B.C. students' academic skills in grades 4 and 7, and provides parents, teachers, schools, school districts and the ministry with important information on how well students are progressing in the foundation skills of Literacy and Numeracy. For more information, please check out: [Foundation Skills Assessment Support for Parents and Caregivers \(EN\) \(gov.bc.ca\)](https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education/assessment/foundation-skills-assessment)

### Prepared for the Weather

As Fall begins to make an appearance here in Williams Lake, a reminder to caregivers that we head outside to play and learn in all kinds of weather. Please make sure you are sending jackets, boots, and a change of clothes for younger students just in case the puddles are super enticing.

### Youth Curling Programs

Are your children looking for something new and different to do? Here's an idea ... how about joining other children their age playing one of Canada's national sports .... curling. The Williams Lake Curling Club offers programs for youth ages 10 to 17 years. For more info on the Junior/Teen curling programs, as well as registration guidance, please visit our website at [Williams Lake Curling Center - Home](http://www.williamslakecurlingclub.com).

### Halloween

Students will be participating in the Annual Marie Sharpe Halloween Parade on October 31<sup>st</sup>. Students are encouraged to wear their costumes, but we ask that weapons and masks be kept at home.

### WLFN Pumpkin Patch

Check out WLFNs Third Annual Pumpkin Patch, running October 17 from 4:00-7:30 at the Old Poplar Glade Site (845 Eleventh Ave North).

