

Marie Sharpe Elementary Newsletter

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Student/Teacher Messages

If you have a message to pass along to a teacher, please use the class back and forth book or email them directly. Our office is very busy, and we are often unable to answer the phone.



Meals Program

We are fortunate to have a few supports in place for students and families to help with meals and the rising cost of food. Breakfast is available daily for students who are in need, as well as snacks and lunches. We are unfortunately seeing a lot of food waste though – food thrown around the playground, food thrown out, etc.

If your child is accessing our food programs, please have a talk with them about the importance of not wasting food. We do have a fair number of students who are not on the food program accessing our meals as well. We will continue to support these students as well, but if you are noticing that your child is coming home with their food from home and you do not want them accessing our food, please call the school and let us know.

Behaviours at School

Last week a newsletter was sent and emailed home about Hands, Hallways and Hurtful Words. As a school, we are committing 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 that what is often acceptable at home. This is because of safety needs, and having to monitor so many children at once.

Awesome Offerings in the School:

Leadership: Mrs. Katsura and Mrs. Cowan are starting up a leadership club – students will work with staff to plan and run theme days, support mentorship of younger students, and give input on what they would like to see happen.

Food Tastings: A number of classes are beginning to practice a mindful 'food tasting' practice once a week. Classes will be using the senses to sample a wide assortment of fruits and vegetables, and the occasional 'treat.' It provides both an opportunity to view and appreciate healthy foods in a new way.

Art Club: Our amazing EA Jay is starting a small art club with a small group of students who are showing a keen interest in drawing and

Dates to Remember

Nov 7 – Picture Retakes

Nov 8 – Food in Schools
Forum 10:00am at the
Gibraltar Room

Nov 8 – School Remembrance
Day Assembly

Nov 9 – Norman Foote
visiting

Nov 10 – No School

Nov 13-16 – Parent and
Caregiver/Teacher Interviews

Nov 20 – Pro-D

Nov 21 – Book Fair Starts



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 \(kidsportcanada.ca\)](http://kidsportcanada.ca)

Volunteers Needed

We are always looking for volunteers to support our amazing school community (repping 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 our child's teacher). We also ask that volunteers fill out a criminal record cheque. 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]