

Marie Sharpe Elementary Newsletter

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Student Messages

We kindly ask parents to use the classroom back and forth book as a way to get messages to the teacher. If you need to speak with the teacher, this is the best way to communicate with them, or by sending an email directly to them. Teachers are unable to take calls between 9am and 3pm as they are teaching. If your child will be picked up by a different person, the teacher needs to get the information. If your child is going home in the usual way, there is no need to communicate that.

We also continue to use the School Messenger System for student absences and our Safe Arrival Call Outs. If you would like to use this system to let us know about your child being away, you can download the app on both Apple and Androids phones, access information directly from the website: <https://go.schoolmessenger.com> or by calling the Toll free number: 1-833-582-6894. We do know there have been a few glitches with the call out system so we ask for patience as we get these issues settled.

Dates to Remember

Oct 4 – School Photo Day
Hot Lunch

Oct 9 – Thanksgiving Day
NO SCHOOL

Oct 13 – District Cross Country
Run at Boitanio Park

Oct 20 – Pro-D Day: NO
SCHOOL

Oct 23 – Interschool
Volleyball Begins

Oct 31 - Halloween

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



Hot Lunch Wednesdays

We have a very dedicated group of parents and caregivers who are ready to volunteer their time providing hot meal options for our students once a week. Starting October 4th, we will have a weekly lunch available at a cost of \$2 per student. Our first lunch is Turkey Soup with a Bun. Lunch orders will be taken right up until Wednesday morning. If cost is a barrier to you, please let the school know and we will provide the lunch for free. Students already accessing our daily lunch program will be provided the hot lunches at no charge. Anyone who would like to lend a hand is encouraged to get in contact with Andrea Pinette of our school PAC. You can connect with her by sending an email the PAC email at mariesharpepac@gmail.com. It is a huge undertaking to shop, prep, cook and clean for 250 students so extra help is always appreciated.

Run



Club

Jennifer Reedman (Learning Support Teacher) and Meagan Bobrowski (EA) have been running a school run club twice a week for the past few weeks helping students prepare for the District Cross Country Run which is being held on October 13th at Boitanio Park. Any parents who would like to attend are encouraged to join us and cheer our team on. If anyone is willing to help with set up in the morning, please connect with Jennifer Reedman. We would also love a few parents who would be willing to walk down to the park with our group first thing in the morning – please let the school know if you can help us out.



Bikes at School

We are noticing more student riding bikes and scooters to school recently – This is AMAZING!! We have a bike rack located in the courtyard that we ask students to lock up their bikes and scooters for the whole school day (no riding at recess and lunch). We also have a few school locks available for students who don't have their own lock.

NOON HOUR SUPERVISOR POSITION

We still have one more open position (PAID) for a noon hour supervisor. If you are interested, please bring a resume with 2 references in to the office.

Behaviours on the Playground

We continue to work with our students about fair play and being a responsible citizen. We are learning about how our actions, words, and behaviours impact others, how our play can get out of hand if not controlled, and how we can step in when we see an act of wrongdoing.

We are encouraging students to speak up when they have been wronged, or to report when they have witnessed something. This isn't always easy for our students though and stories sometimes make it home before we hear about it. We want to be able to deal with behaviour difficulties promptly here at the school so please let us know if you hear of something. Teachers can be contacted directly by email or in person before or after school for most instances, but please connect with me directly for anything major.

School Picture Day

School Picture Day is Wednesday October 4th. Steeve Caron from Right Photography will be taking our photos this year. Proofs with order forms will go home a couple weeks after pictures and retakes are scheduled for November 7th.



Halloween



Halloween lands on a school day this year. We encourage students to wear their costumes to school, but ask that any weapon and full mask additions are left at home for the day.