

# Marie Sharpe Elementary Newsletter

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## Dates to Remember

Sept 30 - National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (No School)  
Oct 2 – Hot Lunch: Turkey Melt \$2  
Oct 9 – Hot Lunch: Meatball Subs \$2  
Oct 14 – Thanksgiving: No School  
Oct – 16 – Hot lunch: Chilli \$2  
Oct 23 – Hot Lunch: Shepards Pie \$2  
Oct 30 – Hot Lunch: Chicken Rice Casserole \$2

### **Attendance**

At Marie Sharpe, we believe that every day counts in your child's journey toward success. Consistent attendance is vital; studies reveal that students who miss just 10% of school days face a higher risk of falling behind and not completing their education.

This year, our dedicated staff has ambitious goals for our learning community, and we're excited about the positive changes happening both academically and socially. To help your child thrive and fully benefit from our programs, we need your support in ensuring they are present every day. Together, we can make this year truly remarkable for our students. Thank you for being an essential part of our community!

### **School Picture Day**

School picture day is Monday October 7<sup>th</sup> this year. We are lucky to have Right Photography back taking our pictures.

### **Hot Lunch Wednesdays**

We have been very fortunate to have a dedicated group of volunteers helping to keep our Hot Lunch Wednesdays going, but our group is small, and we are needing more volunteers to prevent the cancellation of lunches. If you are interested in helping with our Wednesday lunches, please contact our PAC at [mariesharpepac@gmail.com](mailto:mariesharpepac@gmail.com).

### **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.



### **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. Staff are revisioning how to reward weekly and monthly winners this year, but we will still celebrate the great accomplishments of our students in great ways.

### 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.

### Grade 5 Active Pass Program

This program offers every grade 5 student, in the Central Cariboo Recreation Tax Area, a free membership for the duration of their grade 5 year. The grade 5 pass includes free admission to the following: everyone welcome swims, rec swims, toonie skates, and public skates.

### 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.**

### Fundraiser

Mrs. Uppal's 5/6 class is on a fundraising journey this year to help fund a great year end field trip. They are ready to go with their first fundraiser. Check out the amazing kitchen products available through this BC company. The fundraiser is open until October 10<sup>th</sup>.

We are  
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Organic Kitchen linens,  
Snack bags and MORE!

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[www.ygkfundraising.ca](http://www.ygkfundraising.ca)

When checking out – make sure to enter your child's first and last name before hitting "checkout" so we know who it is going to. When you are in the shipping section, choose Marie Sharpe as the location.