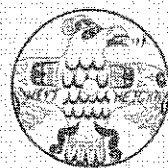


West Heights Community School Newsletter



March 31, 2018

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Dear Parents/Guardians of West Heights:

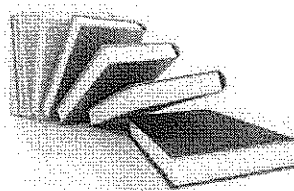
It was wonderful to see so many parents at conferences so far and there are still many conferences still happening tonight! If you were unable to meet with your child's teacher, please feel free to set up an alternate time. There is **no school tomorrow, Friday, March 16th** (day in lieu of parent/teacher/student conferences).

In several months we will soon begin determining class compositions for the next school year. Much time is spent considering educational factors in order to create the best learning environment for students. Please feel free to provide the office with information such as: your child's learning needs, learning style, or friends that would support learning or friends they may need to be separated from. Please do not only request a specific teacher as the grade they teach or whether they are here in September may change. Requests need to be made in writing at the office or via email to darran.forrest@mpsd.ca no later than May 11th, 2018. We will make every effort to fulfill requests.

Just a reminder for all parents and visitors to sign in at the office and take a visitor tag, this will help us know who is in the building for safety reasons.

Have a great Spring Break!

Darran - Principal



Library Books

Please search your home and under your child's bed for Library books. We have several that are overdue. Thank you.

Attendance and Punctuality

A reminder that the protocol is to always speak with the teacher first for any questions or concerns you may have as they can address them best. Attendance and punctuality can be a concern that directly impacts student progress. Though teachers work to support the student with these lost instructional minutes, please know that even if work is able to be sent home it does not replace the learning experience lost by not being in the classroom. Students who are repeatedly absent or late can experience anxiety when they try to join an already established routine their peers are following.

For every day of this final term, please expect your child to be punctual and only absent if: student illness, medical specialist appointments, a family emergency, personal safety issues, school sponsored events or at the Principal's discretion.

Moving In or Moving Out?

If you are planning on moving out of the area before September 2018 or if you know of a family that is moving into our catchment for the next school year, please encourage them to register their child at our office as soon as possible. We have begun our projected enrolment process for classroom planning and any changes in enrolment can affect our school plans.

Middle School Transition

On April 18th we will have representatives from Heritage Middle School meet with our Grade 6 students to give an overview of middle school and to answer any questions that students may have. Course selection sheets will be completed and submitted for time-tabling which also includes classes scheduled outside of the regular day such as Beginner Band and Leadership. Students will have the opportunity to tour Heritage as part of their middle school transition. The students will tour Heritage Park Middle School in May/June. Students who are approved for a cross boundary to Hatzic Middle will be going on a tour at Hatzic on May 14th

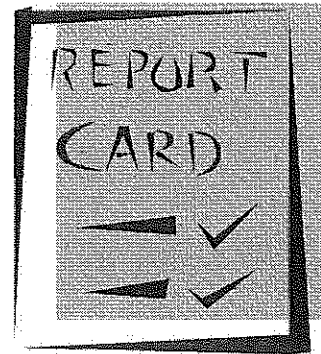


Dress for the Weather

Please make sure your child is dressed appropriately for the weather. We recommend coats, boots and a change of clothing in your child's backpack in case their clothes get wet. Students will be outside for recess and lunch unless severe weather conditions.

Please Return Report Card Envelopes

A reminder: Please sign, and return the colored report card cover and the report card envelope to your child's teacher as soon as possible. These cards and envelopes will be used for the final reporting term. We appreciate the environmental effort.

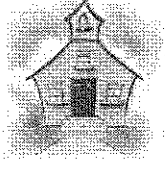


National Volunteer Week: April 15-21st

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the many parents, guardians, PAC and community members who volunteer their time to make our school so successful. You are truly the heart of the school and your efforts make a difference to our school community.



2018-2019 Kindergarten Registration



We are still taking registrations for next September's Kindergarten classes. If your child was born in 2013 they are eligible for Kindergarten. Proof of age and residency is required at the time of registration. Please bring a birth certificate and a CareCard with you. We encourage parents to register as soon as possible in order for us to prepare for next year's class planning. Parents may register during our regular office hours. If you are unsure if our school is in your catchment area, please go to the Mission Public School District website at www.mpsd.ca or call the school at 604-826-6401.

Strong Start Program

Our Strong Start Program is always buzzing! Many of our young families are enjoying connecting with each other and sharing in their child's early learning. Feel free to drop by or encourage other parents to participate. Our Strong Start Program runs every Mon/Wed/Fri from 12:00 to 2:15 and Tues/Thurs from 8:30 to 11:30. It is a free drop-in program for preschoolers and their parents/caregivers and is a wonderful way to introduce your child to school and to meet new friends. StrongStart has started the CALM program with Melvin the Monkey and Mrs. K's class. It starts at 12:30 pm on Friday afternoons. Please join us and see what it is all about.

Term 2 - Superbee Winners

If students are caught being good, they can be issued a "Super Bee-haviour" ticket and have a chance to win a prize (drawn every Friday). Congratulations to our Term 2 Superbee winners:

Samantha, Dante, Farrah, Brooke, Drew, Leigh, Makenzie, Avneet, Parinaaz, Reilly, Aaron.

School Check-In Procedures

An important reminder to all parents and guardians: Please **check in immediately at the office** when you arrive. If you are dropping off forgotten lunches or picking up your child for an appointment, please do so at the office. For safety reasons, we need to know who is in the building at all times. Also, thank you for continuing to drop off and pick up your child at their outside classroom door without causing distractions at the window. Students who are late can continue to pick up a late slip at the office and continue to class on their own.

PAC General Meeting

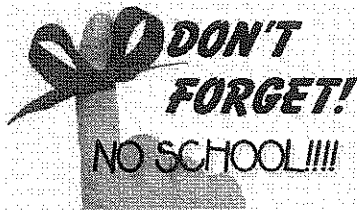


Don't Forget: The next PAC meeting will be Thursday, April 5th at 9:00 am in the Eagleroom.

Halq'eméylem continues to be offered weekly in Divisions 8-13. The Aboriginal room has continued to be opened Wednesday, Thursday and Friday for recess and lunch for students

Thank You Fraserview Students

Thank you to Fraserview students for being regular Big Buddies at West Heights. Our students really enjoyed the help



No School Day Reminders:

School **will be closed** on Good Friday, March 30th, and Easter Monday, April 2nd as well as Tuesday, April 3rd, (in lieu of Good Friday.)



Terry Fox Run:

This year, West Height students will be joining other students across Canada on Friday, April 13th by participating in the Terry Fox Run.

We will be meeting in the gym at approximately 12:45 for a short assembly. Please make sure that your child has running shoes and dresses for the weather. You may wish to send a water bottle for your child. After a brief warm-up, the students will start their run. There are two routes: one for primary and one for intermediate.

We need volunteers to help supervise our students when they are off the school property who will need to arrive at the school at 12:30pm. We need approximately 8-10 parents. If you have a current Criminal Record Check with the School District and have completed the volunteer form, please consider volunteering for this event. We would love to see each student contribute a toonie. All funds raised will be going to the Terry Fox Foundation for cancer research.

Our school's goal is to raise \$300.

Me-To-We: continues to meet regularly, on Wednesday after school. They are working

on organizing items for our Terry Fox Run which is coming up on April 13 at 12:45pm. They are a great bunch of dedicated volunteers and we appreciate all of their hard work so far this year!

Jewelry and Bookmark sale:

will be happening at recess on April 17-20 or while items last.

West Height's bookmarks will be available for 25 or 50 cents. There is also some jewelry items donated from the Phelps family which will either be \$1 or \$2. Proceeds will go to Breakfast Club.

In addition the '**We are Silent**' is coming up on Friday April 21, 2017. This campaign is to raise awareness for children's rights. Take a silent stand, and use social media to lend your silent support to the millions of children around the world facing poverty, exploitation and the denial of their right to education. This is an annual campaign where we encourage you to take a stand and be silent. Be silent for as long as you want.

Breakfast Club:

We continue to run Breakfast Club every morning. A special, 'thank you' to Mrs. Hudson for grocery shopping each week for breakfast club.

Aboriginal Liaison Update

Halq'éméylem continues to be offered weekly in Divisions 4-9. The Aboriginal room has continued to be opened Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday for recess and lunch for students

Marla Mulholland
Aboriginal Liaison

Upcoming important dates:

- April 13 at 12:45pm Terry Fox Run
- April 17th Grade 6 vaccines
- District Track Meet-Thursday, May 3 (Grade 5/6) and Friday, May 4 (Grade 4).
- April 25th Class photos 8:30- 10:00am
- June 7th 1pm Welcome to Kindergarten event
- June 28th Last day of school

School Cash Online

If you have not yet signed up for online payment and require assistance, please see the school Secretary.

Have a FUN & SAFE



To register go to:
<https://mpsd.schoolcashonline.com/>

Why Use School Cash Online?

- **Convenient** Make secure payments 24/7 from the comfort of your home
- **Easy To Use** Online shopping with various payment methods
- **Safe** Your child won't be carrying cash or checks to and from school
- **Saves Time** Manage your school expenses and view payment history in one place

If you have any questions, please call Mrs. Harris at the school and she will walk you through the process.





RIDGE CANOE/KAYAK CLUB

Come try paddling!

Summer Registration: April 1st, 2018

Learn to paddle, meet new friends, be outdoors and be a part of a team of athletes!

Recreational Kayaking & Canoeing
Fitness and Strength Training
Competitive Sprint Canoe/Kayak (Junior, Senior and Masters)
Dragon Boat
School Programs

If Interested in Programs Contact: programs@rckc.ca

For all ages and abilities!