

# Marysville Monthly Memo

January 2019



## Upcoming Events

### Jan 9 - Gr 8's Visit KCVI

Students will have an opportunity to tour the school and meet staff who will review the options available to them as well as send home official course selection and registration forms.



### Bring your skates & helmets!

Students will be skating Friday afternoons at 1:30pm, starting January 11th. Helmets are mandatory. Parents are always welcome to join us, as an extra set of hands to help tie skates and/or assist skaters on the ice is very much appreciated.

**Jan 15 & 29 - Instrumental Music** continues for Gr 6/8's @ Sydenham P.S.

### Jan 22 - Gr. 8 Parent Info Night

KCVI is hosting a parent information night & chili dinner @ Kingston Community Health Centre, 263 Weller Ave, 6:30pm.

### Jan 27 - Family Literacy Day - 20th Anniversary

Family Literacy Day® is a national awareness initiative created by ABC Life Literacy Canada in 1999 and held annually on January 27 to raise awareness of the importance of reading and engaging in other literacy-related activities as a family.

Taking time every day to read or do a learning activity with children is crucial to a child's development, improving a child's literacy skills dramatically, and can help a parent improve their skills as well.

**Jan 28** - Bring your favourite book and dress as your favourite book character, as we celebrate Family Literacy Day.

**Feb 1 - PA Day**

**Feb 7 - School Council meeting @ 3:00pm**



The Royal Canadian Legion sponsors the annual Literary & Poster contest that is open to all Canadian school children.

The youth that participate in the contest assist the Legion in one of their primary goals – fostering the tradition of Remembrance amongst Canadians and honouring Military heritage.

Marysville would like to congratulate Lyda for placing 2nd in the Poem (Gr 7-8-9) category. You continue to make Marysville proud, Lyda!

Award recipients were joined by their families at a presentation ceremony on Dec 18th at the 560 Legion in Kingston.



### Tech

The senior class will be taking part in Tech: woodworking, during the week of February 19- 22.

Under the guidance of Mrs. Rooyakkers, students will be working collaboratively as a group on a project for our school.

### Thursday Hot Lunches

- \* Jan 10 - macaroni gratin & side of veggies
- \* Jan 17 - chili
- \* Jan 24 - celery & tomato soup w/homemade buns
- \* Jan 31 - homemade pizza rounds & side of fruit



Check out this website for some fun literacy based activities to do as a family.  
[familyliteracyday.ca](http://familyliteracyday.ca)



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**FAMILY LITERACY DAY**



Inspiring Families to Learn Together



## Schools introduce *Communicate* broadcast tool

Our school will use a new broadcasting tool to communicate need-to-know information to families in a timely and efficient way.

The “Communicate” system will allow us to share important school information with families via text, email or phone message. We will use this tool for urgent items like event cancellations or school emergencies. We may also use it for sharing information such as upcoming progress reports, school council meetings or special events.

Registered parents/guardians will receive these messages through contact information collected in our student information system. Parents/guardians may choose how to receive these alerts by text message, email or phone call with the exception of emergency events which will always be communicated via all contact methods on file with the school. If parents/guardians choose to receive text messages, they must opt-in due to potential charges from their cell phone carrier. To learn how to opt-in for text messages, visit: [www.marysville.limestone.on.ca](http://www.marysville.limestone.on.ca) or [www.limestone.on.ca](http://www.limestone.on.ca)

It is important that parents/guardians ensure schools have the most up-to-date contact information at the beginning of the school year. If your contact information changes during the school year, parents/guardians are asked to contact the school with the updated information.

### **Teacher/Coach/Extra-Curricular Leader Messaging:**

In addition, teachers and coaches/leaders of extra-curricular activities will also be able to take advantage of an instant message option to keep students and families up to date regarding classroom or practice/game activities in a timely manner. Students and parents/guardians will be invited to join a group and receive messages related specifically to their group. Information on how to join groups will be shared directly with students and families by the teacher, coach/leader.

### **School Messenger App Account:**

All of our new electronic communications tools can be accessed anytime, anywhere online and/or via Smartphones. To take advantage of this new convenience and functionality, we encourage you to create a School Messenger account on your desktop, laptop, tablet and/or download the SchoolMessenger app. While an account is not required to use these new tools, it will allow you to

review your contact information and communication preferences, and it stores all of your messages in one place. To learn how to create an account, visit: [www.marysville.limestone.on.ca](http://www.marysville.limestone.on.ca) or [www.limestone.on.ca](http://www.limestone.on.ca)

Communicate does not replace current school communication tools but enhances the way in which schools will provide information to families. In most cases, information will still be provided on school websites, school newsletters, notices home and social media accounts, where applicable.

Parents/guardians should expect to receive notifications from the system soon.



*Stay Connected*

We are enhancing our communications to serve you better.

**Our new electronic tools allow families to:**

- subscribe to school event calendars
- sync school calendars to your Smartphone
- receive alerts from your school via text, email or phone
- receive reminders from teachers or coaches
- send and receive attendance info in a more timely way
- receive push notifications within mobile app



To learn how to use these tools, review our online user guides





Students in Mrs. Etmanskie's class have been busy setting **SMART** (specific, measurable, achievable/attainable, relevant, trackable) goals for themselves in regards to their literacy learning. As well, we completed a literacy/visual arts activity by creating a New Years Time Capsule writing about our year and celebrating that with a painting scene of fireworks.



### Wolfe Island Santa Claus Parade

Thank you to Kayo for coordinating the float for the Santa Claus parade on Dec 8th, as well as, Alice Stagner, Mr. Beers, Peter Van Vliet, Matt Larocque, Heather Sheedy, Stuart Caddick & Carolyn Wiens for helping with the decorating/un-decorating.

A special thank you to Tom Wroe for providing the trailer and towing it in the parade. And last but not least, thank you to all of the MPS elves that showed up to ride and sing along on our MPS float!

The *Best Youth float award* was presented to Marysville P.S.!

## How to report a student absence using SafeArrival



SAFE ARRIVAL



Before the bell time for the current day, please report your student's absence using our new enhanced absence-reporting system called SafeArrival.



1. Use your mobile device by downloading and installing the SchoolMessenger blue app or access it from the LDSB mobile app
2. Use the SafeArrival website at <https://go.schoolmessenger.ca>
3. Call the existing toll-free number at 1-855-257-9349



Please do not call the school directly to report your child's absence.

Learn more at <http://bit.ly/LDSBSafeArrival>

