

Marysville Monthly Memo

September 2019



Marysville Public School would like to take this opportunity to welcome our new families as well as all returning students and their families. We hope that everyone had a relaxing, enjoyable summer, and that everyone is fully recharged and excited to begin another great school year! Marysville also welcomes Madame Manning, as our French teacher, Judi Williams as our Educational Assistant. Returning to MPS is Mrs. Beers, Ms. Etmanskie, Mr. Beers, and of course, Lisa in the office, as well as, Bridget, our lunch/yard supervisor, and Pat Casey our Caretaker. Staff have been working hard to get classrooms ready for a smooth start, and we are certain that together, we will have another wonderful year of learning, discovery, and growth.

Upcoming Events

Sept 6 - School Photos

Lifetouch will be taking individual and class photos this coming Friday, Sept 6th.



Cross Country

Training for cross country will begin Oct 9 for interested grade 3-6 students. We will be running on Mon, Wed and Fridays afternoons. Please come prepared with outdoor running shoes. The LESAA cross country meet takes place on October 17th at Fort Henry hill. Permission forms with more information will be sent home separately.

Sept 13 - Kingston Fall Fair Agricultural Education Day

Marysville students will be taking part in the Agricultural Education Day at the Kingston Fall Fair. This is an excellent opportunity for students to become engaged in some interactive learning in all aspects of agriculture. There is also a poster and colouring contest students may enter. Permission forms will be sent home.

Sept 25 - Terry Fox Run

Over the years Marysville P.S. has made a remarkable contribution towards cancer research. Unfortunately, many of us know someone that has been touched by this terrible disease. We ask that you consider supporting our efforts and help out where you are able. Students will have a choice of a 5km run or walk. (JK-Gr 4 will do a 1km walk.) Parents, friends and community members are welcome and encouraged to join us. Lunch will be provided following the run. Pledge forms will be sent home with the permission form. Marysville is also set up for online donations at: <http://www.terryfox.ca/MarysvillePSWolfelIsland>



OPEN HOUSE

Thursday, September 26
4:30-6:00pm

Please join us for our school Open House. Meet some new faces, check out what is new in your child's classroom and what they have been working on.

CAKE & PIE BINGO!

Play a round of Bingo and you could win a homemade cake or pie to take home, compliments of MPS staff.

MARYSVILLE P.S. CLOTHING SALE

Pick up an order form at Open House.

Sept 26 - School Council meeting

Immediately following the Open House, please consider staying for our 1st School Council meeting of the 2019-2020 school year. Find out what we do and how you can become involved. Everyone welcome!

Sept 30 - Orange Shirt Day

Orange Shirt Day was inspired by Phyllis Jack Webstad, a Stswecem'c Xgat'tem First Nation elder in Williams Lake, B.C., and by her first day at residential school in 1973, when she was six. It is a day to remember what happened to First Nations students at residential schools across Canada.

"We never had very much money, and there was no welfare, but somehow my granny managed to buy me a new outfit to go to the Mission school. I remember going to Robinson's store and picking out a shiny orange shirt. It had string laced up in front, and was so bright and exciting — just like I felt to be going to school! When I got to the Mission, they stripped me, and took away my clothes, including the orange shirt! I never saw it again. I didn't understand why they wouldn't give it back to me, it was mine! The colour orange has always reminded me of that and how my feelings didn't matter, how no one cared and how I felt like I was worth nothing. All of us little children were crying and no one cared." Phyllis Webstad



Please contact Angie Macauley at northernang@gmail.com, if you are interested and available to help this fall by making a hot lunch, serving, or both.

How to report a student absence using SafeArrival



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>



One of our greatest priorities is ensuring that all our students arrive safely to school. **SafeArrival**, the absence reporting system will let you use a mobile app, a website, or an interactive toll-free phone number to report an absence in advance. These options are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Future absences can be reported at any time.

New!

STAPLES Recycling Program

Marysville is excited to introduce our **MARKER RECYCLE PROGRAM**

Through LDSB, we have partnered with STAPLES and will be recycling & accepting the following writing instruments:



- Pens and pen caps
- Mechanical pencils
- Markers and marker caps
- Highlighters and caps
- Permanent markers and caps



And...RECYCLE your BATTERIES here!

Marysville P.S. has been participating in the LDSB Battery Recycle Program since 2013. We continue to accept expired alkaline and rechargeable batteries for recycling. The collection pail is located in the office and batteries will continue to be collected throughout the school year.



The expired batteries are taken to the LDSB Education Centre where they are weighed and then sent for proper disposal.

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



Morning Arrival

Bus and yard supervision begins at 8:20am. Any students arriving prior to this time will be unsupervised. The bell will ring at 8:30 a.m. for students to meet their teachers at the back doorway.

After School Pickup

As part of our Safe Schools protocol, children that are to be picked up after school will remain at the back of the building, with students that walk home, until their parent arrives. Parents are asked to come to the main office to indicate you are here to pick up your child. Dismissal time is 2:50pm. If you need to pick up your child earlier than the end of the school day, please come to the office upon arrival. Thank you for helping us keep our children safe.

Lunches/Milk

At this time, we do not have any restrictions for lunches/ snacks in terms of allergies. We will, however, continue to focus on and encourage healthy eating! Milk will be available on a monthly, pre-paid basis, beginning the week of Sept 16. An order form will be on the reverse side of each month's hot lunch order.

Indoor Shoes

For safety reasons, indoor shoes are required at school. Running shoes are highly recommended as students will also need them for gym class.

BOOMERANG LUNCH

- Recycling, Composting & Waste

With the new changes at the W.I. Waste Disposal/ Recycling Centre, Marysville has decided to try something different this fall - the **Boomerang Lunch**. A boomerang lunch is a lunch that has every piece of it returned to its source. In other words, everything in the lunch goes back home at the end of the day. No matter if it is leftover food, so parents can see what their child has eaten, containers, recyclables or garbage, it all goes back. As we do with any milk cartons, students will rinse their recyclables, such as pudding or yogurt containers, so as to minimize any mess in the lunch pails. The lunch room has a compost bin as well as a blue bin for paper and we will continue with our school composting, eliminating as much waste as possible. Thank you for your continued support as we work through this together and endeavor to make our school community a **GREEN** space!

Student Accident Insurance

The Limestone District School Board policy requires all students who participate in school sponsored extra-curricular athletic events, have student accident insurance before they will be permitted to participate in these events. An insurance plan is made available each year on a voluntary basis and will be sent home in the coming week. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the school.

Supporting Healthy Schools

Backpack Safety

Studies show that many children carry backpacks that are far too heavy. A child's backpack should weigh no more than 15 percent of their body weight.

For more information, call KFL&A Public Health's Child & BabyTalk at 613-549-1154 or 1-800-267-7875, ext. 1555, or visit canadasafetycouncil.org



Tips

A backpack should extend no higher than shoulder level. The bottom should rest in the curve of the lower back and sit evenly in the middle of the back, not sag down to the buttocks.

Padded back and shoulder straps, along with waist straps, add comfort and help to prevent injuries.

Place heavier items closest to the back. Use pockets to distribute weight.

Carry using both shoulder straps, and fit it snug enough so that it rests evenly in the middle of the back and close to the body.

Look for a brightly coloured pack with reflective material so your child is easily visible.