

# SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER

Marysville Elementary School

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## Welcome back!

Welcome to the 2023-2024 school year! We are so grateful that we are off to a smooth start. Thank you to all parents for all you do to prepare your kids for the best day possible at school. Consistent routines, positive mindset and realistic expectations are very helpful!

**Thank you for keeping your kids home when they are sick.** As part of our communicable disease plan, any person who is ill should not be at school. We will continue good handwashing and respiratory etiquette at school (sneezing and coughing into elbow) and plan to keep hallway congestion reduced throughout the day.

## Classes and Staff at Marysville

We would like to welcome new and returning staff members to Marysville. They bring many strengths and talents to our school and they are looking forward to getting to know your child and family.

Principal	Stacy DeCosse	Secretary	Shannon Portman
Gr. K	Jen Bowes	Library	Shihgee Yu
Gr. K	Jack Kingwell	EA	Jessie Jensen
Gr. K/1	Kelsey Paterson	EA	Tanya Parker
Gr. 1	Lauren Bancks	EA	Brodi McRae
Gr. 1/2	Matt Honeyman	EA	Samara Weisschnur
Gr. 2	Sarah Kinsey	EA	Stephanie Roach
Gr. 2	Misty Leibel	IESW	Michelle Wahlstrom
Gr. 3	Josie Romeo	Custodial Staff	Lorraine Blayney
Gr. 2/3	Kristen Sharpe	Custodial Staff	Lisa McKay
Learning Services		Seana Lunge (Monday-Thursday)	
Prep Teacher		Laura Shore (Monday-Wednesday)	
Community Link Worker		Alana Frogley	
Counsellor		Denise Stephenson	
Speech & Language Pathologist		Kristal Bodaly	

## School Supervision Times

Mornings	8:00 - 8:15	First bell is at 8:15 Monday - Friday
Afterschool	2:24 - 2:35	Monday - Thursday (school is dismissed at 2:24)
	2:00 - 2:10	Friday (school is dismissed at 2:00)

## Crossing Guard Hours

Mornings	7:45—8:30	First bell is at 8:15 Monday – Friday
Afterschool	2:15—3:00	Monday-Thursday (school is dismissed at 2:24)
	1:45—2:30	Friday (school is dismissed at 2:00)
*****Please note: There is no crossing guard during lunch hours.*****		



If parents are giving permission for their kids to stay at school / play on the playground after school and beyond the hours of the crossing guard, please be aware that students will be crossing the highway unsupervised and unescorted.

### Attendance/Lates

Please contact the school if your child will **NOT** be attending for any reason. A daily register of attendance is taken in the morning and after lunch. For safety reasons, parents are contacted if we are not expecting students to be away. Thank you in advance for your assistance.

### Newsletters

The monthly newsletter will be sent home by email and is posted on the school website during the first week of each month. Please check the school website for upcoming school events and information.  
Marysville School website: [www.sd6.bc.ca/mes](http://www.sd6.bc.ca/mes)

### Parking/drop off and pick up

This will likely be a monthly reminder as in the past, drop off and pick up can get a bit troublesome. The good news is we can all work together to keep all our kids safe at drop off and pick up times.

Please drive slowly. Please do NOT park where there are **plyons**, and do not go into the staff parking lot. Do not park along the field fence where it is clearly marked bus zone.

You can drop off and pick up from the side streets and **use the cross walk** to cross 309<sup>th</sup> ave to the school. Thank you for working together to keep traffic moving smoothly and most of all for keeping our students safe.

Please remember all students will be brought into the school in the morning by their teacher and they will meet the students outside. The older students will begin to meet their teacher at their assigned door in the mornings, but the younger students will continue to be picked up at their meeting spot. Kids and parents **do not come into the school** before the bell to wait for school. We need to reduce the number of people in our hallways both for our communicable disease plan and for fire safety.  
Thanks for understanding.

### Bus Students/Other People Picking Up Students

Please let the office or the supervisor on bus duty know if you are taking your child at the end of the day or have any change of plans for students taking the bus. **We have a bus attendance list for students and if we can't find them we search the school for them and hold the bus.** Also we need to know if there is someone else, other than parents, picking up your child. Thank you for supporting our student safety protocol.

### After School

Please remind your child(ren) that if their parent or caregiver isn't there to pick them up after school they should come back into the school and we will contact the appropriate person.

### Sign In

If you have a pre-arranged appointment at the school, please sign-in with Mrs. Portman at the office upon entering.  
Thank you.

### Parent Advisory Council (PAC) Meeting - Wednesday, September 13th at 6:30pm

The meeting will be held in person in our library or you have the option of attending virtually via TEAMS video conference. If you would like the link to join us, please email Stacy at [stacy.decosse@sd6.bc.ca](mailto:stacy.decosse@sd6.bc.ca). The Parent Advisory Council provides feedback and input to the school, helps organize special events, provides financial support for activities and resources for children, and contributes in many other ways. Studies show that children do better when their parents are actively involved with the school. We hope to see you there!  
We will be discussing a garage sale on Sept 23/23 to raise funds for a new school garden.



### **Forms**

This year we have started a new program for completing school forms using CLEVR. This online forms site will help with easier completion of all important school information and permission forms throughout the year. You will have received emails and information already with instructions on how to sign in to your account.

The Student Verification form that is on CLEVR needs to be verified, and complete any information that has changed or is missing please.

There have also been a few paper forms sent home. Please be sure to complete all of these forms as soon as possible. The information this gives us here at school is important for your child's safety.

Thank you so much for getting this all completed quickly!

### **Medical Alert**

Please be sure to complete the Medical form with any pertinent information and if your child's medical condition has changed. This form is available on the new CLEVR program. Please let the office know if there are any changes throughout the year (allergies, Epi pens etcetera). If your child requires an epipen, please send one to keep at the school.

### **Student Fees**

All fees this year will be processed through a new program called SchoolCash Online. This will give families the opportunity to complete transactions from anywhere with ease. You have received information regarding this new program already, but please don't hesitate to contact Shannon Portman if you have any questions.

We are no longer able to accept e-transfers.

### **Fire Drills and Lock Down Practice**

Section 31(h) of the *Fire Services Act* requires that a system of fire drills approved by the Fire Commissioner, be adopted and practised by all persons in every school, and that the Fire Commissioner has approved a fire drill system that consists of total evacuation fire drills held at least three times in each of the fall and spring school terms.

British Columbia's Ministry of Education also requires that schools have an *Emergency Management Plan* to keep students, teachers and staff safe in any emergency, disaster or tragic event, be it natural disasters, human-caused events or technological and biological hazards. The plan takes an all-hazards approach, focusing on a small number of responses that can be used in a variety of situations. The responses we practice are lockdowns, hold & secure and Fire Drills. We will practice our first Fire Drill in September. If you would like more information, please contact Stacy DeCosse at Marysville.

### **Support for Student Activities**

We would like to remind parents that at Marysville, no child will be unable to participate in activities due to financial reasons. The PAC and the school have funds available to assist families in this regard. Please contact Stacy DeCosse or talk with your child's teacher if this is a concern for your family.

### **Parent Suggestions or Concerns**

It has been a great start-up this year and we appreciate everyone working together to make things go as smoothly as possible. We strive to do our best but unfortunately, "glitches" do crop up in the course of a school year and we may be unaware there is a problem until someone brings it to our attention. Please help us by contacting the office or your child's teacher if you have any questions or suggestions. Call Stacy DeCosse anytime to air concerns or ask questions. Thanks!

### **Juice Boxes**

We ask parents to use refillable water bottles filled with water rather than send juice boxes to school. A water bottle is better for the environment, which is of course a great message to model for children. Juice boxes often contribute to waste, mess and spills in classrooms because the residual juice in the bottom of juice boxes leaks out. This creates a sticky mess in the bottom of our recycling boxes and makes floor and desk clean up a sticky affair. Thank you in advance for your support.

### **Birthday Invitations**

We kindly ask that children do not extend birthday invitations at school as this can cause hurt feelings for those who are not invited. Instead, please give the invitations to the classroom teacher who will then subtly put invitations into backpacks. We ask that we continue to NOT send any food (cupcakes, treats etc.) for celebrations at school this year.

### **Toys from Home**

We ask that your child please leave all electronic devices, toys and cards (cars, Pokemon/hockey cards, stuffed animals, etc.) at home as it creates problems in the classroom and the playground. Thank you.

### **Nut Free School**

At Marysville School some children are severely allergic to nut products including peanut butter and these allergies can be life threatening. This medical condition is called anaphylaxis. **Even a tiny bit can be fatal within minutes. Touching another student's desk that has a trace of the allergen (nuts, nut products or dairy) can cause this reaction.** Please do not send products with nuts, peanut butter or trace products with your child to school.



### **Code of Conduct**

Marysville's Code of Conduct is available on the school website, in the start of year package that each child receives, on the wall in the school foyer and in hard copy at the office. If you have any questions, please contact Stacy DeCosse.

### **School Pictures**

School pictures (individual photos and class photos) are scheduled for **Wednesday, September 27th**. More information to follow and individual Retakes will be on **Thursday, November 2nd**.

### **LOST AND FOUND**

Please be sure to label your child's belongings (clothes, water bottles, shoes, boots, outdoor wear etc.) so that if they are left behind we know who the owner is.

### **Bikes, Skateboards, Scooters - Safety Concern**

We ask parents and students to please walk their bikes, skateboards, scooters etc. on school property. The front of the school is a very congested area with strollers, toddlers and cars coming and going and walking bikes etc. provides a much safer environment for all involved.

Thank You!



# September 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4	5 <i>First Day Back to School</i>	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13 <i>PAC meeting 6:30pm</i>	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22 <i>Wear what you Love Day!</i>	23 <i>PAC Garage Sale to raise funds for the garden</i>
24	25 <i>Pro D day NO SCHOOL</i>	26	27 <i>Picture Day And Class Photos</i>	28	29 <i>Orange Shirt Day</i>  <i>Fire Safety Day</i>	30

# October 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 <i>Observe Truth &amp; Reconciliation</i>  <i>NO SCHOOL</i>	3	4 <i>Terry Fox Run</i>	5 <i>Open House</i>	6	7
8	9 <i>Thanksgiving</i>  <i>No School</i>	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17 <i>Early Dismissal @ 1:24pm</i>	18	19	20 <i>Pro D Day</i>  <i>No School</i>	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31 <i>Halloween Dress up</i>				