MARCH NEWSLETTER

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Kindergarten Registration 2024 - 2025

It is time for Kindergarten Registration! We encourage you to register as soon as possible, this helps us plan our budget and staffing for the next year so we can offer the best programming possible for children at Marysville School. Children are eligible to register for Kindergarten if their fifth (5th) birthday occurs before December 31, 2024.

You can register on line at Student Registration | Rocky Mountain School District No. 6

Report Cards

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Report cards will be sent home Monday March 11th for the second term. Please remember that report cards should not be a source of stress. They are simply a snapshot outlining a few of the things your child is good at and a few things for them to work on next. Ongoing communication between staff and families is the best way for all of us to support kids in their learning. These formal reports should not replace the daily or weekly communication you have with teachers through work samples, agenda books, emails and phone calls. Once you have seen the term two reports, if you have questions or concerns do not hesitate to call us. We are all here to support your kids to be successful in many ways.

<u>Spring Break</u> Spring break begins on Monday March 18th and school returns on Tuesday, April 2nd. We will be sending home water bottles and winter clothes so please consider sending an extra bag along the last week of school.

Reminders

Please remember to send a reusable water bottle and appropriate outdoor clothing with your child every day.

PAC Meeting

Our next PAC meeting will be in the library on Wednesday April 17th at 6:30 pm. If you would like to attend via TEAMS please email Stacy at stacy.decosse@sd6.bc.ca to be added to the TEAMS invite.

Remember to pick up your Purdy's Chocolate orders next week, March 12th—15th.

School success Plan

We continue to monitor data from our classroom assessments, district wide assessments and informal data to monitor how our students are succeeding in Reading, Number Sense and how we are doing with equity for all learners. This is an ongoing process that gets reviewed monthly so that we can adjust strategies and supports for students throughout the year.



Through the month of February we focused on kindness, communication, conflict-resolution, understanding one another and building stamina to practice patience for others. We do this all year, but the Pink shirt day campaign made it more of a focus in February. As positive as it is to raise awareness of bullying as a social issue, I do not believe that wearing pink one day a year is an indicator of how well a community works together. I believe it is how we deal with challenging behaviors all year long. "Bullying" is a highly emotional word meant to provoke a large reaction. When I hear a parent say their child is being bullied, what that tells me is the parents are very scared and concerned about an interaction at school. It's then my job to do some investigating to determine what the conflict is and choose an appropriate path forward. It's the same as when a patient tells a doctor "I'm SO sick!", this tells the doctor the patient is in distress and doesn't feel well, but the doctor then needs to do an examination to determine if it's a stomach bug or something more serious. Either way, the patient feels sick, but the course of action depends on what the doctor finds in the examination. Think about it this way:

Conflict, while sometimes uncomfortable, can be an opportunity for equal partners in the situation to learn how to solve problems. This will happen by both people working the problem out through healthy and positive means. Conflict is a natural part of human life.

Bullying is done by someone perceived to be more powerful than the target and is unwanted, negative, and meant to cause harm to the bullying target through physically or emotionally damaging means that are repeated or threatened to be repeated over time, after the bully has been told to stop.

We believe all children can learn appropriate social behaviours. If a child is struggling with being rude, mean or bullying, we do not write them off – we work with them. So please know, even if it's your child who is making social errors, we will support them with kindness and patience to help them learn and grow.

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April 2024

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