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MPES January 2019 Newsletter

Principal's Message:

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Happy new year for 2019. We hope you had a chance to connect with family and friends over the holiday season and we are so glad to see everyone back @ MPES. The winter term is traditionally a very productive time for student learning before spring arrives. As we transition back to school for the new year it is important for students to eat healthy, get enough exercise & rest on a daily basis so they can reach their full potential. Thank you so much for your support in this area. We are looking forward to an excellent second term together.

On January 7, our MPES teachers met as a team to examine the core competencies, and their important role as the underlying scaffolding of a child's development. The competencies are based on a series of intellectual, personal, social and emotional proficiencies. They are cross curricular and based on the 21st century needs of our learners. Our Education Assistants attended a technology session on iPads and examined ways to further support the specialized needs of our students. We will be meeting as a staff this Tuesday to plan for Literacy Week and further examine the core competencies. For further information about the new curriculum, please check out ...

<https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca> and the attached parent summary guide.

Welcome Back,

Mr. Glen Smith

New Curriculum Information

Parent Guide to the New Curriculum Terminology



Big Ideas: A big idea is a statement of an idea that is central to an area of learning or across disciplines that links numerous understandings into a coherent whole. Big ideas are the key concepts, principles, and theories that are used to organize knowledge for a course.



Core Competencies: These are the sets of intellectual, personal, and social and emotional proficiencies that all students need to develop to engage in deeper learning. These are *21st-Century skills* (*communication, collaboration, critical thinking, creativity, social and personal awareness, media/tech fluency, cultural identity, and global awareness*) we NEED students to be proficient with. These are cross-curricular and are included in all grade levels.



Curricular Competencies: These represent the combined skills, processes, behaviours and habits of mind that learners use to make sense of the world. These are more specific to the outcomes and big ideas of the course. Teachers will be assessing on curricular competencies, not just content anymore.



Content: These are the learning outcomes/standards that were included in the old curriculum but redesigned to be inline with a *concept-based curriculum* which is built around higher-order outcomes and big ideas, *allowing for a more in-depth exploration of topics to build deeper understanding*. There are fewer content outcomes now per course.

After School Programs

After school programs are starting up again, and we have had some mix-ups already. Please connect with the program coordinator for exact dates/details, and remember to use your child's planners to communicate their daily activities as we strive to make afterschool bussing a smooth transition. Thank – you.



Literacy Week January 21st – 27th

Literacy week is quickly approaching! We will be doing a number of fun activities to promote literacy for both students and parents. More specific information regarding our exciting Literacy Week activities will be coming soon!



Overdue Library Books

Currently there are over 100 books checked out by students that are overdue to be returned to the library. As we are a small school with very limited library resources it is important that books be returned in a timely manner so that all students have an opportunity to read them. Students with multiple overdue books may have their library privileges suspended until the books are returned.



Notices listing which books are overdue will be sent home with students on Friday, January 11th. Please have a look around for any overdue books that your child may have at home and return them to the school as soon as possible.

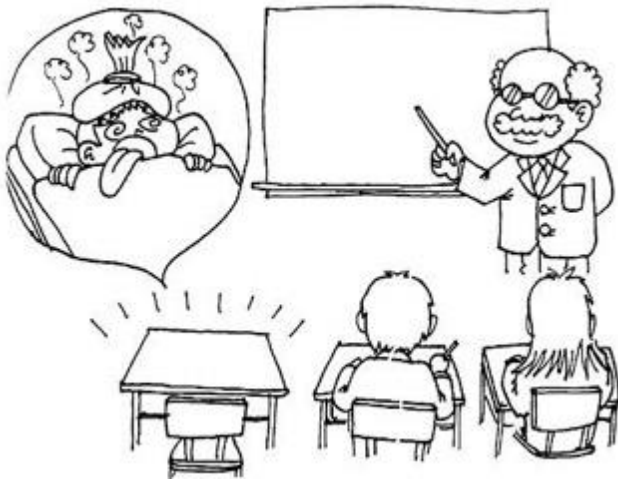


Thank-You's

Thank you to all of our parent volunteers who made our brunch with Santa a success. A special thanks to Pumb-Bob!



Absences



If you know your child/children are going to be absent from school, please call us at 604-883-2373 and leave a message on the machine or send Robyn a quick email at rdickenson@sd46.bc.ca If you know that your child will be away (for vacation, an appointment, etc.) you can let us know in advance. Thank you to all

parents for calling and keeping us up to date ☺



Dates to Remember:

Monday, January 14	PAC Meeting @ 3:30
Tuesday, January 15	SD 46 School Trustee Visit
January 20-27	Literacy Week
January 22 + 27	Sexual Health Presentations
Monday, February 4	PAC Meeting @ 3:30
Friday, February 15	District Pro- D Day
Monday, February 18	Family Day Holiday



We've Got You Covered



Reminder of Inclement Weather Procedures:

During this time of season when inclement weather may affect the safety and welfare of students, and in particular, when snowy weather has the potential to cause classes to be postponed or some School District services to be suspended, current information will be updated continuously on the Sunshine Coast School District website at www.sd46.bc.ca. If there is a concern, the Superintendent of Schools will also provide CKAY FM (91.7) with information about the status of our facilities and transportation services by 7:00am.



Volunteering at School

Parents, family and friends – do you want to help as a chaperone or driver with our field trips, sports events, and other classroom activities? We need your help! Drop by the office to pick up a volunteer package.



Update from PAC

Happy New Year's!

I hope everybody had a great winter break and I am sure everybody, including the kids, are happy to be back to a regular routine as well.

I just wanted to take some time to update you on some of the happenings that are occurring through the PAC meetings.

* Halloween Fun Night was a great success. Overall, we made approximately \$3800 profit on this night. This is one of our biggest fundraisers and we appreciate the support of everybody; parents, students, the community and many volunteers for the support in making this a successful event. Thank you to Heidi K for all the hard work in planning the event.

* A Schoolyard Improvement committee has been established to look at doing some upgrades for how the schoolyard is being used. One major item that is being looked at is a sheltered area for the kids to still get outside and stay dry on these wintery rainy days. If you are interested in being involved or have any questions, please feel free to contact Carole L at carolelogtenberg@gmail.com.

* Pancake Breakfast with Santa was an exciting day for the students as well. Seeing the kids' faces brighten up when they saw Santa is always worth the work the volunteers put in to make it a rememberable day. Thanks to Tanis Z for organizing a very successful Book Fair which earned enough to be able to get all those books for the kids that Santa handed out.

* The PAC is currently looking at updating its Constitution, Bylaws and Policies. Watch for more information over the next couple of months. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at troy.lacher@outlook.com or any member of the PAC Board. If you are not already a member of the MPES PAC Facebook group, please let us know and we will make sure that you are added.

Here is to making this a great 2019.

Troy Lacher, PAC Chairperson

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KIDS PROGRAMS @ MPES

ART

Peewee classes are full! Thank you!

Still room in our Junior (grade 3/4) and Senior (grade 5/6) classes ...

Junior Tuesdays, 3:00-4:30pm ~ January 22 - March 12

Senior Wednesdays, 3:00-4:30pm ~ January 23 - March 13

Senior Thursdays, 3:00-4:30pm ~ January 24 – March 14

BOYS CLUB for BOYS in grades 4-6!

Mondays, 3-4:30pm starting January 21 FREE! But you must register!

KIDS COOKING CLASSES for grades 3-6

1st and 2nd **Friday** of each month (February to June)

3-4:30pm at the Community Hall, \$10 per class

February 1 and 8 ~ March 1 and 8 ~ April 5 and 12 ~ May 3 and 10 ~ June 7 and 14

FISHING CLUB will resume after Spring Break

AFTER SCHOOL MOVIE NIGHTS!

Dates for the rest of this School Year;

January 18 & 25 ~ February 22 ~ March no movie ~

April 26 ~ May 24 & 31 ~ June 21

Please consider attending this important discussion. As well as Cheryl's presentation, we will do the Kids Jacket Exchange as well! We would like to see as many parents and community members as we can! Adults only please 😊



CONVERSATION
CAFÉ



Attention Parents

**Thursday
January 17**

6:30-8:30pm

@ Euspiria Café, Madeira Park
**Cheryl Jensen, Community Paramedic
will be on hand to discuss the
fentanyl crisis and to provide
Narcan kits and training**

**Plus, kids winter-jacket-swap
Refreshments provided
Drop by, check it out**

Presented by Pender Harbour
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WorkBC / Open Door Employment Services at the Community School

January 23 / February 6 & 20 / March 6
Please call 604-885-3351 for an appointment!