



Stuart Wood Elementary
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"Working together as a school community in an atmosphere of success and belonging, we have as our goal the development of each student's fullest potential as a lifelong learner in a changing world".

March 2016

Principal's Message

Spring has sprung! With warmer weather on its way, I encourage students to clean out their lockers and take home their winter boots. Our Spring Break this year is a two week break. The last day of school for students is March 18th. We return from the break on Tuesday, April 5th- the District has set aside April 4th for staff to learn more about the upcoming curriculum change.

I hope your family enjoys some wonderful relaxation and time together.

Thank you for your continued support,

Mr. B. Lloyd
Principal

Reconfiguration Update:

Now that we have our new name for the school- MCGILL ELEMENTARY, I have been receiving more enquiries about the move to the new site. I will try and answer some of the questions below:

Busing to McGill Elementary: Currently, there will be 2 buses that transport our students from the downtown area up to McGill Elementary. A bus pick up location will be at Prince Charles Park and at Stuart Wood Elementary. The buses will return students back to those sites at the end of the day.

Daycares at McGill Elementary: There are many before and after school options for parents at McGill Elementary. I recommend to reserve your spot.

Day cares serving McGill Elementary;
Boys and Girls Club [250-374-8856](tel:250-374-8856)
Kids Time: [250-372-8453](tel:250-372-8453)
Children's Circle: [250-314-2219](tel:250-314-2219)
Kamloops United Church Preschool and Out of School Care [250-372-1043](tel:250-372-1043)
Sixth Avenue Daycare
Between Friends: [250-828-0038](tel:250-828-0038)

Transfer Requests and Form

Parents of Stuart Wood Elementary: If you would like your child to attend another school other than McGill Elementary next year, you will need to fill out a School Transfer Form and have it reviewed and signed by Mr. Lloyd. You then take that form to the school you would like your child to attend in the fall. Forms can be picked up from the office.

ALL CURRENT STUDENTS attending Stuart Wood Elementary (except for grade 7's who will be going to high school) will automatically be transferred to the new McGill Elementary school. There is no need to re-register.

NEW PARENTS WHO ARE NOT IN OUR CATCHMENT AREA, but would like their child to attend McGill Elementary, must register at their home school. Once registered there, a parent can fill out a STUDENT TRANSFER FORM and have the principal of the home school sign it so that he/she is aware that they would like to be enrolled elsewhere. For September 2016, parents will not find out if their child has been granted a transfer until the Friday of the first week of school. For more information about this policy, parents can go to the School District #73 website and follow the links to our policies.

Policy 300.1 SCHOOL BOUNDARIES AND STUDENT TRANSFER REQUESTS is clearly written and gives a detailed explanation.

Term 2 Report Cards

SECOND Term report cards will come home with your child on Friday, March 18th. Report Cards always come home in a brown district envelope. Please be sure to SIGN this envelope as acknowledgement that you have seen the report card and THEN PLEASE RETURN IT TO YOUR CHILD'S TEACHER after Spring Break.

April is Autism Awareness Month

We invite you and your families to participate in the annual Chris Rose Therapy Centre for Autism Walk for Autism.

Autism affects around 1 in 68 children. It is characterized, in varying degrees, by difficulties in social interaction, communication & repetitive behaviours.



Saturday April 30th 2016

10am Registration * 10:30am Warmup * 11am Walk

For more information or pledge forms please visit: www.chrisrosecentre.org
Hope to see you there!

Lost and Found Items

Please check the lost and found before Spring Break to make sure all clothing articles go home.

Anti-Bullying Week Feb. 22-26th

At Stuart Wood Elementary, we work hard to teach the expected behaviours at school. We believe in S.T.A.R. behaviour which stands for Safety, Teamwork, Accountability, and Respect. These are addressed daily during our morning announcements and followed up by classroom teachers. We also teach children the differences between Peer Conflict, Mean Behaviour and Bullying Behaviour. More information about these differences can be found in the February 2016 newsletter. I encourage all parents to have conversations about these items with their child.

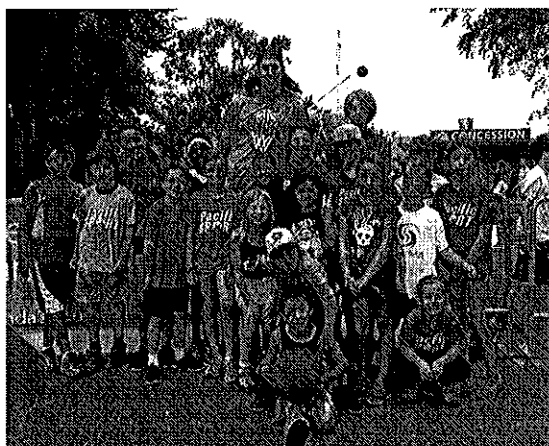
Basketball Season

Stuart Wood Elementary had another gritty and successful Basketball season. Thank you to all the coaches, teacher sponsors, and parent drivers that helped make the teams possible!

Kindergarten Registration continues.....

Parents of children who will turn five years of age before December 31, 2016 are urged to register their children for Kindergarten as soon as possible. This helps us to plan for the upcoming school year. Parents will need to bring in their child's birth certificate, BC care card, and proof of residency.

XploreSportZ Spring Break Camps



Come try different sports and activities in a fun, non-competitive environment! Spend the week learning traditional and non-traditional sports led by certified coaches from our community. Includes a camp T-shirt and two healthy nut free snacks per day.

For ages 7-12 yrs. Cost: \$130 per child/ \$104 for child in same family.

March 21st to March 24th

**Stuart Wood Elementary School
8:30am to 4:30pm
Course # 249734**

March 29th to April 1st

**Stuart Wood Elementary School
8:30am to 4:30pm
Course # 249735**

Dress Code

In accordance with SD73 School District Policy No. 612.1:

Students are expected to dress in a manner appropriate for an academic environment.

A student's appearance, clothing, or cleanliness will not be permitted to disrupt the educational process for themselves or others nor can it constitute a threat to health or safety. When the school administration determines that a student's appearance to be disruptive at school, or is considered to be a threat to health or safety, the student will be required to make necessary changes.

- The following examples are not considered acceptable. Please Note: In any of these violations, students will be asked to cover up or will be given a school shirt to wear for the day and told not to wear the offending clothing to school again.

- Clothing with logos and sayings that promote the use of products that are illegal, racially offensive, contain sexual innuendos or profanity, or promote any form of harassment or violence are not permitted.

- Clothing cannot be a distraction to others within the learning environment. Revealing or see-through clothing is not accepted.

- For safety and health reasons, footwear must be worn at all times (with the exception of gymnastics/dance).

- Appropriate gym strip as outlined by your child's teacher should be at school and available to students at all times.



Booster Juice Friday coming in April – watch for order forms.

Important Dates

Date	Important Dates
Mar. 2	PAC Meeting
Mar. 11	STAR Assembly
Mar. 18	Reports Cards out
Mar. 19-Apr	Spring Break
Apr. 4	Non-Instructional Day
Apr. 5	School Reopens
Apr. 6	PAC Meeting
Apr. 15	Early Closure at 12:30
Apr. 18	Non-Instructional Day
May 4	PAC Meeting
May 16	Non-Instructional Day
May 27	STAR Assembly
May 23	Victoria Day
June 1	PAC Meeting
June 28	Last Day of School - Report Cards Dismissal @ 12:30 pm
June 29	Administration Day



Board Notes

From the Board Meeting of: FEBRUARY 29, 2016

1. The Board enjoyed a presentation from Teacher Jeremy Reid from Westsyde Secondary on a "Learning through Publishing" project undertaken by Grade 10 students at Westsyde Secondary and Grade 5/6 students at Pacific Way Elementary. "Across the Rivers: A History of Kamloops" was co-written by the students and was published through iBooks.

2. The Board received a report and presentation from David Komljenovic, President of the Kamloops Thompson Teachers' Association, on Class Size and Composition.

3. The Board received a presentation from Sheila Park, President of the Kamloops Retired Teachers' Association, on the recent name change of Beattie School of the Arts (McGill) to McGill Elementary School, and requested the Board reconsider their decision and change the name to Beattie Elementary School.

4. The Board approved the following Board Authority Authorized Courses:

- Volleyball Skills and Officiating 10
- Volleyball Leadership 11
- Sports History 12
- RCMP Youth Academy Studies.

5. Superintendent deBruijn provided the Board with an update on French Immersion Kindergarten Registration.

6. The Board received an update from Superintendent deBruijn on Class Size and Composition.

7. The Board approved changes to the following policies:

- 306.1 Assessment: District Wide
- 530.1 School Planning Councils
- 700.1 Special Education: Student Support Services
- 703.1 Enrichment and Gifted Education

8. Notice of Motion was provided to consider and adopt revised Policy 1118.1 Transportation of Students at the regular Board Meeting of March 14, 2016.

The next regular public Board Meeting will occur on Monday, March 14, 2016, at the School Board Office, 1383 – 9th Avenue, Kamloops, BC.

PLEASE POST ON ALL BULLETIN BOARDS



emPOWERMENT Saturday, March 12th, 2016 Tournament Capital Centre

EVENT HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE:

- A chance to win the Grand Prize Draw
- Interactive Sports & Gaming Activities
- Teen Talent Contest
- Local Teen Entertainers
- FREE Makeovers
- Exhibitor booths to SEE, LEARN, and SHOP
- AND SO MUCH MORE



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