

The Cougar Chronicle



Martha Cullimore Public School

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Term 1 report cards will be sent home on February 9th. Please watch for these report cards in your child's backpack. Also, please continue to talk to your child about how he/she is doing in regard to learning skills. Teachers have been assisting students in setting and monitoring learning skills goals throughout the year.

Kindergarten Registration

We extend a warm welcome to families with children who will be 4 or 5 years old by December 31, 2018 to our Kindergarten Open House on February 1st. Doors open at 10:00am until 6:00pm. If you cannot come to the Open House, come in to the school and register anytime. Looking forward to seeing you!

Feb 16th – Family Hockey Night with NF Canucks

The School Advisory Council is hosting a Family Hockey Night with the Niagara Falls Canucks for the community at the Gale Centre on Friday, February 16th. This is a fundraiser and community-building event. Proceeds from this event will be used to offset the cost of end of year trips. Purchase tickets by February 5th through School cash Online.

The Canucks also came to the school for a special spirit assembly to talk about perseverance and teamwork. They also played a hockey game with our students.

Feb 28th is DSBN Pink Shirt Day

Our students will be meeting for an assembly on February 28th and gathering in Colour House Huddles to further develop our sense of belonging and kindness toward one another. Students will also be involved in activities and discussions about kindness in their classrooms this month.

Mrs. T. Chilcott

Congratulations to students who made some amazing accomplishments and reached personal bests this month!

TEACHER	I MATTER STUDENT OF THE MONTH	GROWTH MINDSET COACH OF THE MONTH
K – Hollemans Empey	Jaydynn, Ryder H, Tucker	Ryder E
K – Brennan Camillo	Lucas, Payton, Valin, Velson	Sawyer F
1 – Carnegie	Ben, Giancarlo, Kaylin	
2 – Reid	Eli, Lena	Lara
2/3 – McGowan	Cordelia, Evangeline, Hayden	Hudson
3/4 – Jane	Ayla, Madalyn, Olivia	Lia
5 – Fortuna	Alex D, Alyssa, Awnesty	Liam
5/6 - West	Jeffrey, Rylan	Thomas
Michaud	Abby, Ben, Brian, Kalista	

The character trait focus for February is CARING.

Grade 1 French Immersion

On line applications began Jan. 8. Go to www.dsbm.org and click on the French Immersion button. Programs begin in September 2018 at John Marshall for students going into Grade 1. Registration closes Feb. 20 at 9 am. If you have any questions or concerns please contact the principal of John Marshall at janice.slade@dsbn.org or call 905-358-3711.

Professional Development Day - February 16th

Friday, February 16th is a PD Day. There will be no school for students.

Family Hockey Night Fundraiser on February 16, 2018!

The School Advisory Council is hosting a Family Hockey Night with the Niagara Falls Canucks at the Gale Centre on Friday, February 16th. This is a fundraiser and community-building event. The Canucks will also come to the school for a special assembly a few weeks in advance. Proceeds from this event will be used to offset the cost of end of year trips. More details to follow.



Family Day - February 19th

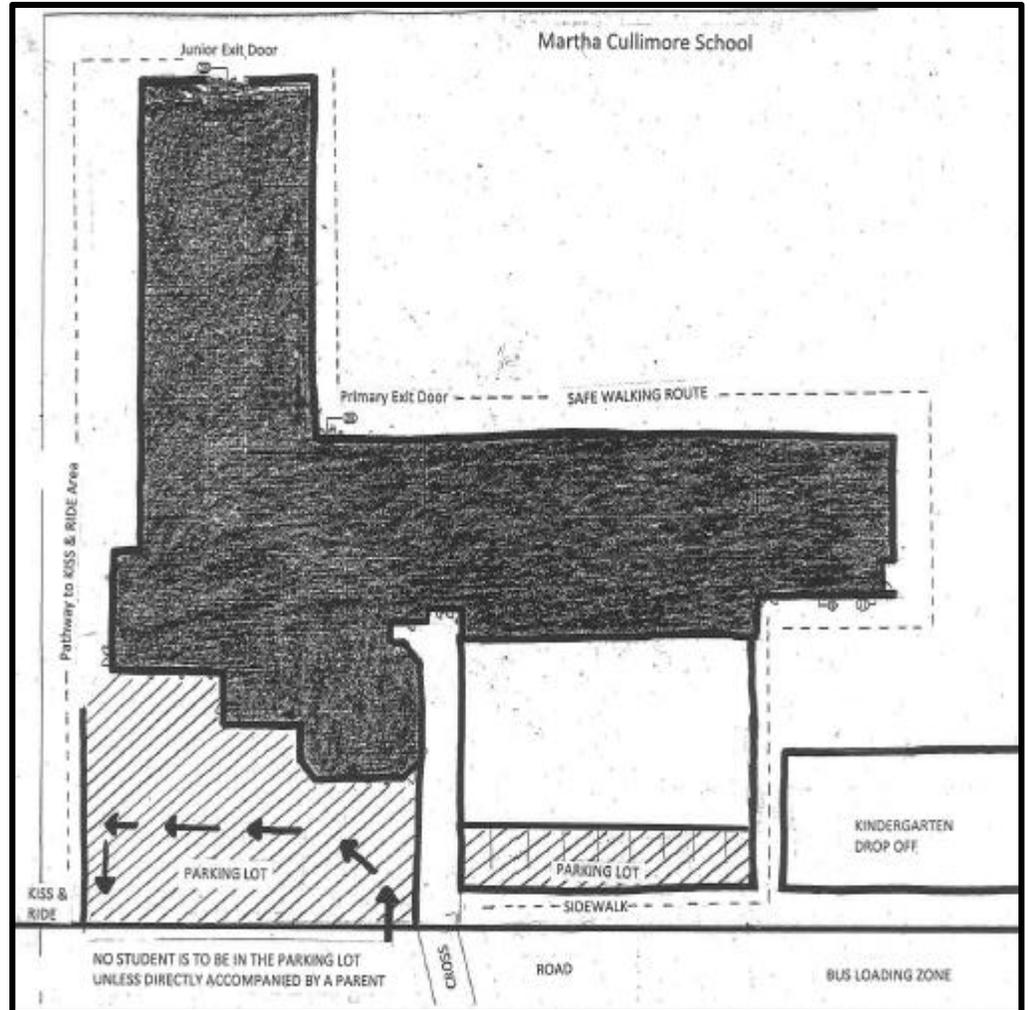
There will be no classes on Monday, February 19th as the provincial government designated the day as Family Day. Enjoy spending time with the family doing some of your favourite things!



Parking Lot Safety

We recognize that Martha Cullimore is a busy school with wonderfully involved parents. Often that means that the parking lot is busy, too! In order to ensure the safety of our students at each dismissal time, we require all visitors to our parking lot to follow parking lot guidelines:

- Students must use proper walkways and meet parents before entering the parking lot. All students must be directly supervised by parents when in the lot.
- Drivers wishing to drop students off directly onto safe sidewalk zones should use the Kiss & Ride lane through the parking lot and drop off at south end of the parking lot ONLY. There is access to a school sidewalk from that location directly to the back yard.
- Never park in the through lane of the parking lot.
- Never park in the area adjacent to the bus lane.



Students are not permitted into the parking lot at any time without an adult. Convenience or timesaving is never worth the cost of a life. We ask that parents please meet their children at their exit doors and then escort them safely to the car. We thank you in advance for your cooperation and vigilance in ensuring the safety of our students.

Snow Banks and Student Safety

With the colder weather, it is important for all of us to be extra careful when entering or exiting the school, whether on foot or by car. When driving, please slow down and observe the signs in our *Kiss and Ride* area. Please do not try to pass another car or a school bus. With snow banks, it is sometimes very difficult to see a child who darts out suddenly. Your diligence is appreciated. For older children, please consider dropping off and picking up a block or so away from the school. This will enable students to have a little more exercise and help to ease traffic congestion.





Mad Science, the world's leading provider of educational and entertaining science programs for children is coming to Martha Cullimore School! They will be getting kids excited about science with fun, entertaining and exciting activities and demonstrations.

Students and teachers will be thrilled on 02/Feb/2018 when Mad Science comes to the school to do a Spectacular Science show. The assembly will be educational, entertaining and also the kick off to the Mad Science Club. The Club is a 6-week science enrichment program offered to the students. Students who join the Science Club will go on a voyage of discovery designed to support the Ontario Science and Technology curriculum. The topics will be different this year than when Mad Science was last at the school. The Club will take place on Thursday, Mar 22, 29, Apr 5, 12, 19, 26 from 10:15 AM - 10:55 AM. Mad Science also performs Birthday Parties, Camps and Special Events. Give them a call at 905-937-1878 and watch out for them in Malls, at Fairs, Festivals and Scouts and Guides.

Try at Home Activity - Zoom Ball

Materials:

- Two 1 litre plastic pop bottles
- Scissors
- Optional: Coloured construction paper
- Masking tape
- Ribbons
- Two plastic ring six pack holders
- Two 2.4 metre strings
- An adult helper

1. Ask your adult helper to cut the bottoms off of the two plastic pop bottles.
2. Fit the bottles together so there is a neck on either end. Tape the bottles together to form a football shape.
3. Cover the bottles with construction paper and ribbon if you want to decorate your zoom ball.
5. Take the six-pack holders and cut the rings apart to make four two-loop handles.
4. Thread the two strings through the bottles. 6. Tie a set of handles to the ends of each string.
7. Get a friend and you are ready to play. Each player holds onto two handles and pulls on the strings until they are tight. Slide the zoom ball to one end. When it is at your end snap your hands apart to send the zoom ball back to your friend. To catch the zoom ball, keep your hands together.

Explanation:

The pushing action of the strings sets the zoom ball in motion. When the zoom ball reaches the other end of the strings, an opposite pushing action, your friend snapping the strings, stops the ball for a moment and then sends it in the reverse direction.

DSBN Pink Shirt Day – February 28th!

At Martha Cullimore, we want to work together to maintain a school culture that is respectful, welcoming and mindful of every individual's uniqueness – we all matter at our school. This month, we will celebrate Pink Shirt Day across the DSBN. Our students will be meeting for an assembly on February 28th and gathering in Colour House Huddles to further develop our sense of belonging and kindness toward one another. Students will also be involved in activities and discussions about kindness in their classrooms this month.



Dance-a-thon on March 8th!

As we continue to fundraise for technology for learning (Chromebooks, ipads, netbooks), students are encouraged to take on the Dance-a-thon challenge and dance for an entire block on March 8th! We will survey students to create a fun playlist. Students should only collect pledges from friends and family members. Pledges may be made online or by sending cash into the office. The last day for returning pledges is **Thursday, March 8, 2018.**



There will also be a **Glow Bracelet and Bake Sale** that day. Please consider supporting our fundraiser by sending in nut-free, single-serving baked goods the morning of the Dance-a-Thon. We thank you in advance for your support of our playground and technology!

Safe Social Networking Workshop with Paul Davis at Victoria School March 27th

Victoria School is hosting a Safe Social Networking Workshop on March 27th. Social Networking Safety speaker, Paul Davis has over 25 years of IT experience to share and will speak to parents, provide a Common Sense Approach to dealing with the technology our kids/young teens have including, Twitter/Instagram/Facebook, Cyber-Bullying, Hand Held Devices, Texting, and Legal Matters as well as demonstrating how easily your account can be compromised. To date, Paul has reached over 230,000 students in Canada alone. More details to follow.

Winter and Snow Safety

Students at Martha Cullimore School are not allowed to throw or kick snow while on school property. Cold, frozen snow presents a threat to student safety especially when thrown. Parents/Guardians are asked to please review this policy at home and we will continue to remind students here at school. Consequences for throwing snow are as follows:

- 1st time: Letter home with a detention
- 2nd time: Letter home and Loss of Privileges/Detention
- 3rd time: Formal at-home suspension



There are often large snow banks around the school and beside student pathways due to snow removal. **STUDENTS ARE TO STAY OFF AND AWAY FROM ALL SNOWBANKS AT ALL TIMES.** They are often icy and students risk falling off into the way of traffic.



Would you like to be reminded of upcoming events at Martha Cullimore? Join Martha Cullimore's Remind in order to receive one-way update messages directly to your cell phone. Remind is a free service that lets the school send quick messages via text, push notifications, or email to everyone at once. You can stay in touch without revealing your personal contact information. Signing up for Remind is easy and is intended for parent use only. For Terms of Service, please visit <https://www.remind.com/terms-of-service>.

To receive text messages:

- Step 1. Enter the number: 289-804-1235 (This is a telephone number used for Remind. Personal Phone numbers are not shared or visible to the school.)
- Step 2. Text this message: @marthacu (This code is unique to Martha Cullimore.)
- Step 3. You will receive a welcome text from Remind and be prompted to reply with your name so that you can be added to Martha Cullimore's Remind system.

We look forward to keeping you connected at Martha Cullimore.

T. Chilcott Principal

Kitchen Corner for Healthier Schools and Families Mystery Fruit Fridays & Fruit Trivia Challenge

Our health focus for February is choosing fruit over processed and sugary foods for snacks.



Snuggle Up and Read - Literacy BINGO Winners

To celebrate literacy with our families throughout the month, students participated in our Literacy Bingo challenge! Congratulations to the following students who won the prize draw for the baskets:

Kindergarten – Taylor C
Primary – Ayla K and Colton K
Junior – Evan L and Alyssa

