

## April 2014 - Newsletter #8

Dear Parents/Guardians of Albert McMahon Students:

McMahon students have had some wonderful opportunities this month to increase their awareness about healthy living and a healthy environment. On April 25<sup>th</sup> we will have our "Jump Rope for Heart" day. This follows our Earth Day and "go green" initiative we held on Tuesday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>. To re-enforce this environmentally friendly move, Mrs. Reist's class has been successful in its bid to adopt Griner Park. Albert McMahon students will take an active role in keeping the park clean over the next two years and hopefully far beyond that.

May is a full month as we have the Elementary Track and Field meet taking place here on the 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>. We also have a special performance on May 5<sup>th</sup> by the Dancers of Damelahamid.

Hopefully we will have an opportunity to enjoy some sunny weather as we move deeper into the spring season.

Sincerely,

Dave Cyr  
Principal

Sue Antonson  
Vice Principal

### REMINDER

Please note the following days off from school.

**Friday, May 16<sup>th</sup> - Non Instructional Day**

**Monday, May 19<sup>th</sup> - Victoria Day Holiday**

### CLASS PICTURES

It's picture time! Vibrant Photos will be returning to take class pictures and the grade 6 group pictures on **Thursday, May 1<sup>st</sup>**.

### ABORIGINAL FAMILY OF SCHOOLS DINNER

Aboriginal students and their families should have received invitations to the Family of Schools Dinner, on May 13<sup>th</sup>, at Hatzic Secondary School, starting at 4:30 pm. Please contact the school or the Siwal Si'wes office at 604-826-3103 for more information.

### MOVING?

As we begin to get ready for the 2014/2015 school year, any changes in enrollment will affect our school. If you are planning on moving before the beginning of the school year, or if you know of a family that will be starting at Albert McMahon in the next school year (and have not registered), would you please advise the office as soon as possible. Thank you for your help!



### EARTH DAY PLANTING PROJECT

Congratulations to our group of young planters, Jasveena, Reese, Jordan and Keyara from Division 4 on their participation in landscaping and planting greenery at the St. Joseph's Food Bank on Earth Day. This project was sponsored by the Rotary Club of Mission. The students worked hard and had a great time. Thank you to Mrs. Gaudiuso and Ms. Dyer for supervising the students at the project.



### GRINER PARK ADOPTION

We are pleased to announce that the students and staff at Albert McMahon have adopted Griner Park. We are now responsible to clean the park at least one hour a month. If you are at the park and notice any garbage on the grounds, please help us out and pick it up for disposal. Permission slips for students going over to the park went out last week. Please sign and return as soon as possible, if you haven't already. We began our first clean up of Griner Park on Earth Day.

### FLOWER FUNDRAISER

Just a reminder that the Spring flower fundraiser orders are due by Monday, May 12<sup>th</sup> and pick up is Wednesday, May 21<sup>st</sup> at 2:00 pm.

### SHARP DRAW WINNERS!!!

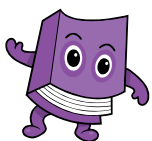


Students continue to show SHARP behavior on a daily basis at school. At our last monthly draw, the following students were recognized for their SHARP behavior: Odelia Brown, Div. 1; Meetika Singh, Div. 2; Joel

Billesberger, Div. 3; Jordan Bucholz, Div. 4; Jacob Parsons, Div. 5; Arielle Lingholt, Div. 6; Trentyn Norbury, Div. 7; Andrew Slack, Div. 8; Joshua Higgins, Div. 9; Arjan Grewal, Div. 10; Owen Cormack, Div. 11; Gurshan Sangha, Div. 12; Corbin Duff, Div. 13; and Kristen Dunbar, Div. 14. **Congratulations** and keep up the **SHARP** behavior!!!

### CHECK FOR TEXTBOOKS!

It's that time again to start checking for school books!



We would appreciate it if you would look for any school textbooks or library books that your children may have forgotten to return. It doesn't matter if they've been hiding in the back corner for months (or years!) - we still appreciate their return. Thanks!

### THE MISSION INTERNATIONAL STUDENT PROGRAM

is always in need of nurturing host families who want to provide a caring home away from home for our elementary and secondary international

students. Student placements can range from two weeks to two years or more. These paid positions are a wonderful way to learn about another culture and to share Canada with students from another country. Most international students are looking for a host family that includes mom and dad as well as school age children. If you are interested in hosting students, please apply on-line: <http://international.mpsd.ca>; Homestay; New Host Families; click On-line Application Form. For more information, call the International Program Office at 604-826-6286 ex. 3336.

### TRACK AND FIELD



It has been wonderful to see our Grade 4 to 6 students practicing Track and Field during the month of April. The Mission School District Track and Field

Meet takes place at Albert McMahon Elementary on Thursday, May 8<sup>th</sup> and Friday, May 9<sup>th</sup>. Information will be sent home shortly if your child has qualified for any event(s).

### MISSION PUBLIC SCHOOL BUS

#### TRANSPORTATION REGISTRATION 2014/2015



Families are advised that registration of students who will be seeking bus transportation in the 2014-15 school year has started and will continue through to June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2014. In order to ride a school district bus, all new and returning riders must register. School District policy applies to all applications and can be viewed on the Mission Public Schools webpage at [www.mpsd.ca](http://www.mpsd.ca). Students that qualify to use transportation services but who have not registered by June 30<sup>th</sup> will not be guaranteed a seat on a bus and will incur a **20% surcharge fee**. Registration can be done in person at the School District Office at 33046 Fourth Avenue during regular business hours 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday to Friday. If you are unavailable during those hours, alternate arrangements can be made by calling 604-826-6286 ext. 3246.

### READING LINK CHALLENGE

On Friday, April 11<sup>th</sup>, Mrs. Hooge and a selection of students went to the Mission Public Library to participate in the Reading Link Challenge. In teams of seven, the children read and become familiar with a set of six selected books. At the first challenge level, teams within a school compete with each other answering questions on characters, plots and settings. The winning team at each school then goes on to the next challenge level at the public library where the competition is repeated with a different set of questions. We came in **second place!** **WAY TO GO TEAM!**

### ANOTHER CHANCE AT THESE CHALLENGING MATH PROBLEMS!!!!

#### Kindergarten to Grade 2 – SNOW PLAY

We have 14 children to play in the snow.  
Snow tubes hold 1 child.  
Sleds hold 2 children.  
Toboggans hold 3 children.  
How many tubes, sleds and toboggans will we need?



#### Grade 3 to 5 – FILLING THE POOL

A rope ladder with 8 rungs that are 9 inches apart is hanging over the side of a pool. The first rung is 9 inches from the bottom of the empty pool. If we fill the pool at a rate of 1 foot per hour, how long will it take to reach the top rung of the ladder?

#### Grade 6 – TABLE HOPPING

In the school cafeteria, 6 people can sit together at 1 table. If 2 tables are placed together, 10 people can sit together. (Hint: What shape do you think the tables might be?). How many tables must be placed together in a row to seat: 22 people? 30 people?

### BIKE TO WORK AND SCHOOL WEEK

Register now for bike to work and school week!!! Go to [www.biketowork.ca](http://www.biketowork.ca) for chances to win great prizes!! Get healthy, have fun and try biking to work or school at least one day during Bike to Work and School Week to qualify for prizes!

Bike to Work BC Society is looking for students who ride their bike to school who would like to be featured in a poster or advertisement. Please email [terri-lynn@biketowork.ca](mailto:terri-lynn@biketowork.ca) if you know a student who would like to be featured. Parental consent is required.

### Bike to Work and School Blast-Off!

Mark your calendars to join us for a blast-off where we will get ready for Bike to Work and School Week. Our Bike to Work and School Blast Off will be held on Saturday, May 24<sup>th</sup> from 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm at Thunderbird Memorial Square in Abbotsford (fingers crossed for good weather!). All Fraser Valley participants are invited. Here's what will be going on:

- Free Bike Safety Checks
- Free helmet fitting
- Free BBQ
- Free bike blended smoothies (mmmmmm!)
- Bike rodeo for the kids
- Bike decorating contest for everyone
- Family bike ride leaving at 2:00 pm
- Sonic Nation Live on Location will be there
- Other community booths from around the Fraser Valley will be there too

- Terry-Lynn Gifford, Program Coordinator, Bike to Work Fraser Valley, Bike to Work BC Society.



# OUR PLANTERS AT WORK FOR EARTH DAY AND CLEANING UP GRINER PARK...

