

September 2017 - Newsletter #1

Dear Parents/Guardians of Albert McMahon Students:

Welcome back to all our returning families and a special welcome to those who are new to Albert McMahon Elementary. As you may know, we have added two new divisions this year and many new staff members. This year our school is enrolling approximately 380 students from kindergarten to grade 6 and we offer a well-rounded educational program.

We are currently in the midst of our cross country season, our peer counsellors have been working in primary classrooms at lunchtime helping younger students and our "green team" from Lisa Reist's class (Div. 6) has been busy collecting and sorting the recycling and composting in the school. We are off to a busy start to the new school year!

Teachers will continue to encourage communication with parents via clipboards/planners, email or face-to-face conversations. Please read, sign and return your child's clipboard/planner on a daily basis and, if you haven't already done so, do sign up for the School Cash Online system. This system allows parents to pay for all school fees online.

PAC has sent out information regarding hot lunch orders and school spirit wear. Please check out the website for more information. albertmcmahon.mpsd.ca - click on the "Parents" tab, then the PAC tab on the left hand side of the screen.

We look forward to working with you and your children this year. Please contact us if you have questions or concerns.



Hardeep Grewal
Principal



Cyndie Anderson
Vice Principal

SCHOOL CASH

THANK YOU all who have signed up to pay online through our School Cash Online system. If you haven't signed up yet, attached please find instructions on how to do so. Ms. Mulholland in the office can assist you in setting your child(ren) up should you require assistance. To access School Cash Online, the link is: <https://mpsd.schoolcashionline.com>

PARKING LOT

Our school parking lot can be very busy at the beginning and end of each school day. For the safety of all, we ask all drivers to follow these guidelines:

- Drive slowly - 15 kph or slower
- Avoid using the bus lane
- Use handicapped parking spaces only if you have a handicap parking tag
- **Do not leave your vehicle unless it is in a designated parking spot**
- Drop off children at the flag pole crosswalk
- Be courteous: you are setting an example for elementary school students.

STUDENT PICTURE DAY!

Picture day is **Wednesday, October 4th**. The color splash proof forms have gone home with your child(ren). Please make sure the form comes back with your child(ren) on picture day with a background choice chosen. Your child will hand this to the photographer on photo day. If a student forgets their form, the default background will be chosen as blue.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- Oct. 4th - Student picture day!
- Oct. 9th - Thanksgiving - **NO SCHOOL**
- Oct. 20th - Pro-D Day - **NO SCHOOL**
- Oct. 23rd - Curriculum Implementation Day - **NO SCHOOL**
- Oct. 26th - Picture Re-Take Day
- Oct. 26th - PAC meeting - 8:30 am

LICE CHECKS

We are asking for your help. Lice is a nuisance that appears in school anytime throughout the year. Parents are encouraged to check their children's hair frequently. Please notify the school if you discover head lice or nits on your child so that we can send a general anonymous letter home to inform families to check their child's hair. Thank you for your cooperation.

FRASER HEALTH UNIT

Fraser Health has a wonderful sight you can access on the internet. It's a valuable resource for all school aged health questions at your fingertips. The website is:
http://www.fraserhealth.ca/your_health/school_health/

INCLEMENT WEATHER

In case of problematic weather arriving and causing school closure decisions, district-wide or partial, please check the district website at: <http://www.mpsd.ca/> which is updated daily with any unscheduled school closures, or listen to the radio for unscheduled school closures.

- o STAR FM - 98.3 on the FM band. For detailed information on school and community closures log on to www.starfm.com
- o CKNW 98 on the AM band
- o CKWX 1130 on the AM band
- o Country 107.1 of the FM band

STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE PLAN

iA Financial Group offers Kids Plus Accident Insurance. It is supplementary insurance coverage for accidents throughout the entire year, both on and off school grounds. Attached is a brochure with more information should you be interested.

PAC NEWS

Popcorn cards are here and available online! <https://mcmahon.hotlunches.net> Get your Popcorn Punch Cards now so you can be ready for when we start popping on Friday Oct 13th! Cards are good for 10 or 20 bags of popcorn. .75c/bag without a card.

Note to Parents:

The kindergarten teachers will keep your child's card in a safe place in the classroom. For most other classrooms, the student is responsible for safekeeping their own card.

For the primary divisions we will be taking popcorn orders in the morning and will deliver to the classroom at morning recess. Intermediate divisions will line up at the kitchen at morning recess.

SCHOOL SPIRIT CLOTHING

Albert McMahon's annual school spirit clothing is now available! Login at www.mcmahon.hotlunches.net to view all the options.

*Orders and Payment are due by **Oct 20th, 2017.**

*Late orders cannot be accepted.

* No cash please.

We strongly recommend that you try on our clothing samples to ensure a correct fit. Clothing is on display in the school foyer. We sent home a paper copy of the order form because it has some pictures to help with your selection, but we ask that you enter and pay for your order online. Payment by cheque will be accepted with printed remittance form.

FRASER VALLEY REGIONAL LIBRARY

STORYTIME - Tuesdays, September 19th to October 31st from 10:30 to 11:00 am. Enjoy interactive stories, songs, rhymes and more!

LEGO CLUB - Tuesdays, September 19th to October 31st from 3:30 to 4:30 pm. We provide the LEGO, you bring your imagination! Come play, create and experiment.

WIGGLE TIME - Wednesdays, September 20th to October 25th from 10:30 to 11:30 am. Enjoy a half hour of interactive rhyme, songs and stories, followed by half-hour of play and social time.

FALL BOOK SALE - Friday, October 13th from 10:00 to 4:30 pm and Saturday, October 14th from 10:00 to 3:30 pm. Come buy some gently loved library materials. Sponsored by Mission Friends of the Library.

HAPPY BOO-DAY PUPPET SHOW! Wednesday, October 25th from 6:45 pm to 7:30 pm. Come in your costume and enjoy some Halloween stories, a parade and a puppet show to celebrate the spookiest day of the year!

COMMUNITY EVENTS

NATIONAL FAMILY WEEK CELEBRATION - Thursday, October 5th from 5:00 to 6:30 pm at West Heights for snacks, pirate themed crafts, activities and storytelling for the whole family.

6TH ANNUAL PULLING TOGETHER FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES - TRAUMA: RESILIENCE AND THE WAY FORWARD - Oct. 20th from 8:30 am to 2:30 pm at Heritage Park Middle School. Registration is \$55. Visit the website for more information.

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/pulling-together-2017-trauma-resilience-and-the-way-forward-tickets-34671969795>

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

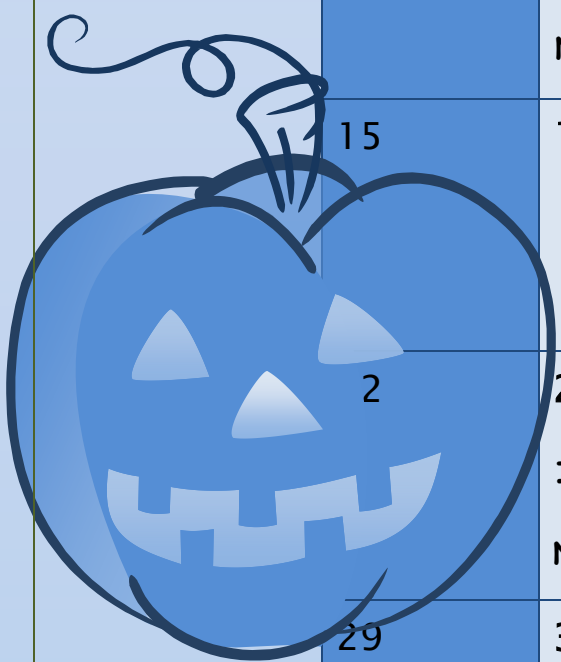
Each year North America wide, Fire Services proclaims the second week of October to be to be "Fire Prevention Week." Fire Prevention Week this year is October 8th to October 14th, 2017. The link below has information on fire safety, including a fire prevention week quiz and each teacher has further information that they can share with their students.

<http://www.mission.ca/municipal-hall/departments/fire-rescue/fire-safety-prevention/fire-prevention-week/>



October

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4 STUDENT PHOTO DAY	5 Cross Country Run @ Hatzic Elem. Gr. 6 immunizations	6	7
8	9 Thanksgiving Holiday NO SCHOOL	10	11 Hot Lunch Little Caesar's Pizza	12	13 Div. 12 & 14 Laity Pumpkin Farm Movie Night	14
15	16	17	18 Hot Lunch Subway Div. 5 & 6 Weaver Creek WE DAY	19 School Spirit Clothing orders due back	20 Pro D Day NO SCHOOL	21
22	23 Non Instructional day NO SCHOOL	24	25 Hot Lunch Hotties Pasta Div.15 & 16 to Laity Pumpkin Farm	26 PAC Meeting 8:30 am Div. 17 & 18 to Willowview RETAKED DAY	27 Div. 11 & 13 to Willowview Farms	28
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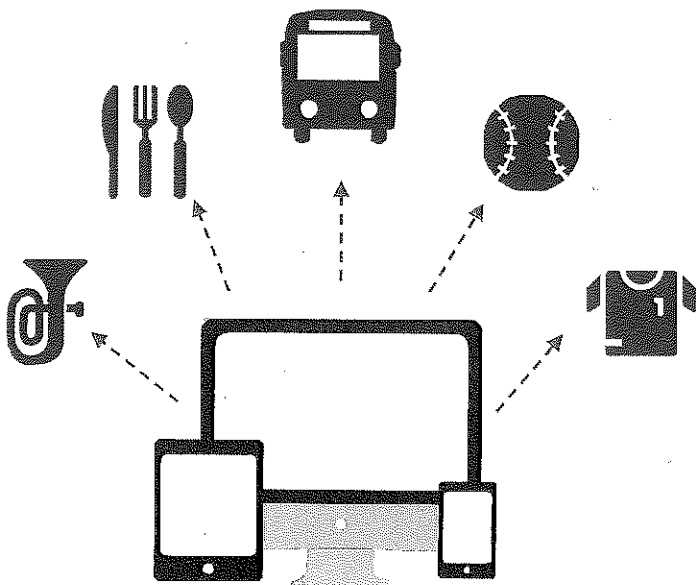
Welcome to *School Cash Online*

School Cash Online is an online parent portal that offers a safe, fast and convenient way to pay for school activity fees. The portal is customized to meet your school's needs and allows you as a parent, to add your students, make payments, check current balance/account history, print or view receipts, and receive notifications about upcoming events.

Why Use School Cash Online?

With School Cash Online, you can pay all your student's school fees with the click of a button. Wherever. Whenever. Trips to the school to drop-off cash or sending your student with money will be a thing of the past. School Cash Online also enables you to keep track of your student's school items and activities.

Purchase these items and more online.



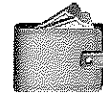
Credit Card

Pay with Visa or MasterCard on School Cash Online by entering your credit card number, CVV number (the three digits on the back of your card), card expiry date, and billing information.



eCheck

An electronic version of a paper check used to make payments online. Anyone with a checking or savings account can pay by eCheck through School Cash Online.



myWallet

An online wallet that can be loaded to hold funds and pay for your child's fees on School Cash Online. myWallet also allows you to allocate funds to pay for school fees at a later date, as you would with a gift card.

How to Register

Follow these instructions to create your School Cash Online account today.

- 1 **Create Your Profile:**
Go to <https://mpsd.schoolcashonline.com> and click on "Get Started Today".
- 2 **Confirm Your Email:**
Check your inbox for the email confirmation and click on the link inside. Sign in with your new login details.
- 3 **Add a Student**
Click "Add Student" and fill in the required fields with your child's details.



CSAE 3416
TYPE II CERTIFIED

Stay connected by selecting "Yes" to email notifications about upcoming fees.

- I want to receive email notifications for new fees assigned to my student and updates on school-related activities.

For more information contact Parent Helpdesk at
parenthelp@schoolcashonline.com or 1.866.961.1803

SchoolCashOnline

For safety and efficiency reasons Mission Public School District would like to reduce the amount of cash & checks coming into our school. Please join the thousands of parents who have already registered and are enjoying the convenience of paying ONLINE! It takes less than 5 minutes to register. Please follow these step-by-step instructions, so you will begin to receive email notifications regarding upcoming events involving your child(ren).

NOTE: If you require assistance, select the *SUPPORT* option in the top right hand corner of the screen.

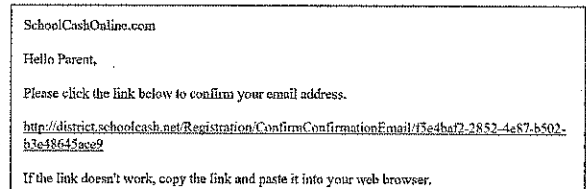
Step 1: Register

- If you have not registered, please go to the *School Cash Online* home page <https://mpsd.schoolcashonline.com/> and select the **"Get Started Today"** option.
- Complete each of the three Registration Steps
*For Security Reasons your password, requires **8 characters**, **one uppercase** letter, **one lowercase** letter and a **number**.



Step 2: Confirmation Email

A registration confirmation email will be forwarded to you. Click on the link provided inside the email to confirm your email and *School Cash Online* account. The confirmation link will open the *School Cash Online* site prompting you to sign into your account. Use your email address and password just created with your account.



Step 3: Find Student

This step will connect your children to your account.

- Enter the School Board Name.
- Enter the School Name.
- Enter Your Child's Student Number, Last Name and Birth Date.
- Select **Continue**.
- On the next page confirm that you are related to the child, check in the Agree box and select **Continue**.
- Your child has been added to your account.

Find Student [to.com](#)

School Information

School Board Name: School Board 1575
Looking for a student in a different school board?

School Name: Eagle High School

Student Information

Do you have the student number?

Student Number: _____

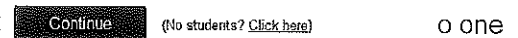
First Name: _____

Last Name: _____

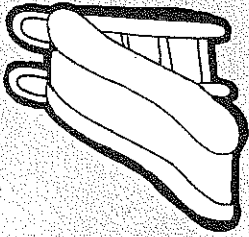
Birth Date:
Date format: mm/dd/yyyy

Step 4: View Items or Add Another Student

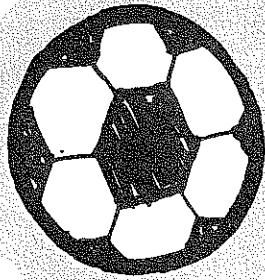
If you have more children, select **"Add Another Student"** and repeat the steps for each parent account. If you do not wish to add additional children, select **"View Items For Students"** option. A listing of available items for purchase will be displayed.



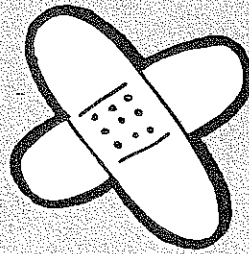
24 hours / 7 days a week coverage at school, at home and anywhere in between.



Practical coverage for children who play sports, or participate in outdoor activities.



Reimburses a wide range of accident-related medical, dental and prescription drug costs.



Money Back Guarantee

Your satisfaction is our top priority. We offer a 30-day money back guarantee from the effective date of coverage.

Contact Us

Have questions? We're here to help. Call our client service line at 1 (800) 556-7411 or email kidsplus@ia.ca.

You can find more information about Kids Plus™ Accident Insurance on our website at kidsplus.ca including full plan details and claims information.

We're changing to better serve you.

We've been listening to your feedback, and we're changing to meet the concerns of parents and school boards. We share your concerns about environmental impact. So, along with using paper made with 100% post consumer waste, we're also cutting our paper usage and encouraging parents to apply online at kidsplus.ca/apply or by calling toll-free at 1 (800) 566-7411.



About Kids Plus™ and IA Financial Group

You might remember us from your school days! For over 50 years Kids Plus™ Accident Insurance has been Canada's preferred student accident insurance provider, helping thousands of families and providing millions of dollars in financial support when it is needed most. Kids Plus™ is proud to be part of growing up in Canada.

Founded in 1892, Industrial Alliance Insurance and Financial Services Inc. ("IA Financial Group") offers a comprehensive range of life and health insurance products, savings and retirement plans (RRSP, TFSA, etc.), mutual and segregated funds, securities, auto and home insurance, mortgages and car loans as well as a host of other financial products and services.

Responsible for the administration and management of over \$126.2 billion in assets, our publicly-listed company ranks among Canada's largest and most prominent insurance companies. Thanks to our conservative investment policy, wise capital management practices and solid risk management culture, IA Financial Group enjoys financial stability and flexibility, which allows us to grow and withstand any potential economic shocks.



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FORM 4862 (04/02/2017)

2017/2018 Student Accident Insurance Plan

- ★ Supplementary insurance coverage for accidents through out the entire year, both on and off school grounds
- ★ Covers costs not normally covered under employer plans, such as private tutoring while your child is recovering from an accident
- ★ Comprehensive coverage for as little as \$14.50

Apply today to cover your kids 24 hours a day, 7 days a week



Online Application:
kidsplus.ca/apply



Or by phone:
1 (800) 556-7411



Kids Plus™
Accident Insurance
Industrial Alliance Insurance and Financial Services Inc.

Kids Plus™ Accident Insurance provides coverage for children 6 months to 19 years of age.

Rates shown are a single one-time annual cost. A Financial Group offers a 30-day money back guarantee from your effective date.

Coverage is effective the date your completed application is received by A Financial Group but not before September 1, 2017 and expires September 30, 2018.

To apply, please go to kidsplus.ca/apply or call 1 (800) 556-7411.

Option 1

Active Plan \$33.50

The best and most popular plan, the Active Plan provides you with the most comprehensive coverage available. It's the perfect plan for families who enjoy sports, travel or outdoor activities. The Active Plan covers children 6 months to 19 years of age.

Option 2

Value Plan \$14.50

The Value Plan is an affordable supplement to your provincial health insurance or existing dental plan. This plan also covers children 6 months to 19 years of age.

We also offer coverage for adults.

Parents choose the Adult Plan to cover post-secondary aged kids as well as themselves. The Adult Plan is \$32.00. More information about all our plans can be found at kidsplus.ca.

Why is student accident insurance important?

Most parents buy student accident insurance to supplement their existing health and dental coverage because an accident often includes unexpected out-of-pocket expenses. Kids Plus™ Accident Insurance provides financial relief for a number of costs that provincial plans and many employer plans don't. Because the price is affordable and the coverage is comprehensive, it's an ideal safety net for families.

When is a benefit payable?

Simply put, if your child is injured in an accident and requires medical attention, Kids Plus™ Accident Insurance reimburses you for medical and dental expenses not covered by provincial, extended health or dental plans. For detailed information about this coverage, including all limitations and exclusions, please visit kidsplus.ca.

Key Features

Your Kids Plus™ Accident Insurance coverage is always in effect, so your kids will be covered 24 hours a day, anywhere in the world.

Travel medical coverage: Up to \$100,000 of coverage for medical expenses out-of-country, or out-of-province, plus additional benefits for emergency return flights and family transportation.

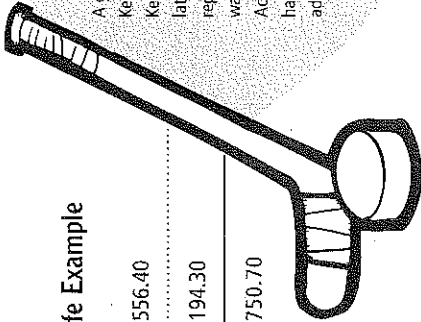
Kids Plus™ offers the best accident dental coverage for children you'll find. Because dental repair is complicated and often requires multiple procedures over many years, Kids Plus™ reimburses for dental treatment up to 7 years after the accident that caused the damage.

Your Kids Plus™ coverage includes reimbursement for many costs that are often overlooked. Hospital expenses like private or semi-private room costs, and rehabilitation expenses like babysitting and private tutoring are just a few things for which Kids Plus™ Accident Insurance provides financial support.

How Kids Plus™ Helps: A Real Life Example

Dental work at time of the accident	\$556.40
Follow-up dental work 3 years later	\$194.30
Total Reimbursement to Date	\$750.70

* This is an actual Kids Plus™ Accident Insurance claim with personal details changed to protect the privacy of our client. In 2016, the average dental claim approved by Kids Plus™ Accident Insurance was \$969.



A game of street hockey ended with Ken* having 2 teeth knocked out. Ken was 13 at the time and 3 years later is still receiving treatment to repair the damage. Fortunately, Ken was covered by a \$33.50 Kids Plus™ Active Plan policy and his parents have been reimbursed over \$750, with additional dental work still required.

Key Benefits

For full plan details including benefit amounts for our Adult Plan please visit kidsplus.ca. The table below highlights only a few of the key benefits available with Kids Plus™ Accident Insurance. Purchasers will receive a Policy once their application has been processed. Any benefits payable will be governed solely by the Kids Plus™ Accident Insurance 2017/2018 Policy.

Active Plan

Value Plan

DENTAL TREATMENT

Within 7 years of the accident

Provincial Fee Guide

If treatment is necessary after 7 years (to age 25)

Up to \$1,500

Up to \$1,250

Orthodontics

Up to \$2,500

Up to \$1,500

HOSPITAL EXPENSES

Prescription drugs

Full Cost

Splints, casts and cast materials, trusses, pressure garments

(requested by attending Physician for curative or therapeutic purposes only)

Full Cost

Rental of crutches, appliances, wheelchair, or hospital-type bed

(limited to purchase price)

Full Cost

REHABILITATION AND SPECIAL SERVICES

Rehabilitation

Up to \$10,000

Up to \$5,000

Private Tutor

Up to \$5,000

Up to \$2,500

Wage loss

Up to \$1,000

Not available

TRAVEL AND TRANSPORTATION

Emergency Out-of-Province/Country medical expenses

Up to \$100,000

Up to \$50,000

Emergency return flight

Up to \$1,000

Not available