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### *March Newsletter 2015*

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#### **March 2015 News from the office:**

*It looks like the snow is going and we can once again stick our nose outside and not have it freeze! It is such a joy to see the students outside playing in the warm weather. That energy and joy is missing when we get stuck inside. I hope each of us can enjoy a time or two of letting our own inner child out to play. It would be welcomed after a long winter.*

*There is a point that this will seem like déjà vu, as once again I am informing you that I will be off for surgery. This time it will likely be to the end of the (school) year. Although, I am appreciative and optimistic of the benefits, I will sincerely miss the students, the staff and the families of Marion McVeety School. I will keep you all close in my heart and look forward to visiting soon!*

*But enough about me, onto what matters and that is the reassurance that the school will be in good hands, as once again Ms. Janice Dohlen will be returning to the office in my absence. Most of you have had the opportunity to meet Ms. Dohlen earlier this year as she covered for me then, and again now (déjà vu). Ms. Dohlen will make this transition as smooth as possible, bringing her care and dedication that she is known for. Welcome back!*

*As well, it is my pleasure to welcome Ms. J. Dorland to the teaching staff at Marion McVeety School. Ms. Dorland has been with us for the past few weeks and is now officially joining us as the teacher for the 5/6 classroom. Welcome Ms. Dorland.*

*The school is alive and full of excitement and I am so pleased for our students to have the upcoming opportunities. I express my thanks and appreciation to the parents, staff and students that provide enjoyment in our learning environment. I appreciate the time that you give!*

*Basketball is nearing the end and as we go into playoffs, please join in the biggest ever...  
GO MUSTANGS!*

Cheers,

Mr. Greg Harding





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### McVeety Drama News

I would like to give a big THANK YOU to the parent drivers who volunteered for our fieldtrip. We couldn't have gone to see As You Like It without you!

Auditions for our June production will be on Monday, March 30th and Tuesday, March 31 after school. Scripts will be handed out on April 1st.

We will be staging two plays: *The Whole Shebang* and *I Am Not Batman*. There will be parts for 8 actors. The performances will be at the Campbell Collegiate Auditorium on June 15th and 16th.

### KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION FOR 2015-2016

We welcome new Kindergarten students to join the proud tradition of Marion McVeety School. Registration packages are available at the school office.

To help with registration you will need to have the following information regarding the child: Full name, Address, Phone number, Date of Birth, and parent or guardian name (s).

In the spring we will be hosting a parent information night and orientation activities for the children in order to help parents and children with the transition to Kindergarten. We will contact you with an invitation to join us. Please share this invitation for children to join us for Kindergarten with friends and neighbours that are not currently receiving our newsletter. We appreciate your efforts to support the Marion McVeety School Community.

### Marion McVeety Community Council (MMCC) News

The next meeting of the MMCC will be on **Tuesday, April 14th at 6:30pm** in the Staff Room .

We wish Greg Harding a successful upcoming surgery with a speedy recovery and welcome the opportunity to finish off the year with Janice Dohlen.

The next movie night will be **Friday, March 13th** when we will be showing Big Hero Six. Doors will open at 6:30 pm with the movie to start at 6:45pm. There is no cost to attend the movie. Cash concessions will be available. Children **MUST** be accompanied by an adult.

Do you have board games kicking around your house that you are looking to re-cycle? We would gladly accept games for various age groups for our students to utilize during indoor recess. Please send any donated games to school with your child.

The next MMCC meeting will be held Tuesday, April 14th at 6:30pm in the staff room. This later date is to accommodate the Easter Break. We welcome parents and community members to attend. If you have any questions about MMCC please feel free to contact me, Lisa Smith—Volunteer Chair at 306-585-7007

### Communication PreSchool Program (CSP)

The Communication Preschool Program is a co-enrollment setting with a focus on helping the students in their ability to express themselves through the various forms of communication. One support that we use is ASL (American Sign Language). One goal is to see students strive towards becoming "bilingual" in their use of signing.

The learning environment and literacy events are offered in ASL and English to support deaf, hard of hearing, apraxia and cleft palate children.

We would like to invite our community children ages 3 and 4 with advanced English language (strong, clear speech) and strong independence skills to submit an application to attend in the 2015-2016 school year. Their opportunity to enjoy the benefits of a school learning environment and the exposure to the various forms of communication is an education in itself. In addition, each community child helps the program children, in their opportunity to practice communication. It is a win for both.

We welcome your application to join us. Please contact Mrs. Carolyn Caul at (306) 791-8492 if you are interested. Space is limited.



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### Information from Regina Public School Board

More ways to succeed in high school!

Regina Public Schools is implementing a new High School Strategy for the 2015/16 school year. The goal of this strategy is to create more equity of opportunities for all high school students in Regina Public Schools through a student's neighbourhood high school, as well as providing access to Campus Regina Public programming.

This change is important to you and to students because it will more closely align elementary schools with their neighbourhood high schools and provide much greater access to curricular and extra-curricular programming for all students, regardless of where they live in the city of Regina. It will mean a much clearer and successful transition from elementary school to high school. This change comes after consultation with parents, students, staff and the community.

The benefits to all high school students will be:

Access to a diverse set of quality courses and extracurricular programs at all neighbourhood high schools.

Access to more specialized programming for French Immersion, and enriched programming, including Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate.

Students will also benefit from programming at Martin Academy, as well as specific programs for students with intensive support needs.

All Grades 11 and 12 students will have access to Campus Regina Public courses, regardless of which high school they attend.

All Grade 8 students received a brochure detailing the changes and will also have had the opportunity to learn more at their neighbourhood high school open houses in February and March. We invite you to find out more. To find out more, Please contact your school principal and for more detailed information, please visit: <http://www.rbe.sk.ca/our-schools/high-schools/high-school-strategy>.

### Safety

A reminder that school begins at 8:53. **There is no supervision of children prior to 8:37.**  
Supervision begins on the playground at 8:37am.

**For the safety of our students, we DO NOT allow students to be dropped off / picked up in the staff parking area.**

**Please DO NOT use the parking lot for dropping off/picking up students.**

### Student Absence

Please remember to phone the school office at **791-8492** if your child will be absent for any reason.

Please phone **each day** if your child is sick more than one day.  
If we have not heard from you we will try to contact you.

**Please make sure we have accurate contact information** to reach you in case of emergency or in case we need you to pick your child up.