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**September Newsletter 2014**

**News From the Office**

Thank you for your warm welcome to McVeety! It has been most gratifying to work with such caring and involved students, staff and families in my first few weeks as Acting Principal of Marion McVeety School.

I come to McVeety with a wide range of experiences in a number of Regina Public Schools. I have been a classroom teacher working with students from Grades 1-8, a Vice Principal, and a Principal for over 15 years. I have also worked in the School Division Office developing a Writing Assessment for students in Grades 3-11. I feel most grateful to have been given the opportunity to replace Mr. Harding while he is on medical leave.

Our school community is united by four shared values statements; *I belong, I want to know, I am responsible and I respect.* These values give direction to what we teach both inside and outside the classroom. We expect students to take responsibility for themselves and for others in the community. The school division celebrates and embraces multiculturalism and respects individual spiritual beliefs. Our Shared Values transcend our differences and provide an equal opportunity to recognize and encourage the unique characteristics and contributions of students, parents/caregivers and staff. McVeety School has a wonderful reputation and it is my goal to uphold the high standards of excellence that have been established by my predecessors.

I look forward to working with you and your children during the next few months. Feel free to contact me with your compliments or concerns.

*Ms. Janice Dohlen, BEd, MEd*

**Marion McVeety Elementary School Staff 2014-2015**

Mrs. C. Caul—Communication Pre-School	Room 8
Miss. C. Nelson—Pre-Kindergarten	Room 11
Mrs. I. Johns—Kindergarten	Room 1
Mrs. L. Kuppenbender—Gr. 1	Room 2
Mrs. M. Reiss—Gr. 2	Room 5
Mrs. J. Gerspacher—Gr. 3	Room 21
Ms. C. Schafer—Gr. 4	Room 23
Mr. B. Benson—Gr. 5	Room 9
Mrs. M. Stark—Gr. 5/6	Room 16
Ms. E. Saville—Gr. 7/8	Room 15
Mr. M. Lorenz—Gr. 8	Room 14
Mme L. Dickenson—French Specialist	Room 19
Mrs. C. Lelliott—Arts Ed Specialist	Room 17
Mrs. A. Finch—Specialist Teacher	Room 7
Mrs. T. Wilson—Learning Resource Teacher	Room 4
Ms. E. McChesney—Teacher Librarian	Resource Centre
Ms. M. Arcari—EAL Teacher	Room 3
Mr. J. Hamilton—Teacher Associate	Room 11
Mrs. T. Agopsowicz—Educational Interpreter	Room 8
Mrs. M. Crosby—Educational Assistant	

Ms. L. Alzomal—Educational Assistant	
Mrs. C. Byrne—Educational Assistant	
Ms. M.L. Desjardins —Educational Assistant (AM)	Room 1
TBA—Educational Assistant (PM)	Room 1
Mrs. J. Knight—Educational Assistant	Room 8
Mrs. S. Jordens—Speech & Language Pathologist	Room 8
Ms. K. Anderson—Band Director	
Mr. T. Wilkinson—Band Teacher	
Ms. M. Ruecker—Consultant	
Mr. D. Pennett—Counsellor	
Ms. C. Friesen—Fordashurst—Psychologist	
Ms. A. Deren—Occupational Therapist	
Ms. V. Willway—Public Health Nurse	
Constable R. Massier—School Resource Officer	
Mrs. K. Leusink—Administrative Assistant	
Mr. G. Sebastian—Head Facility Operator	
Mr. A. Langmaier—Cleaner	
Ms. J. Dohlen—Acting Principal	
Mrs. L. Herridge—Superintendent	





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### School Times:

- Morning 8:53 am to 11:45 am
- Lunch 11:45 am to 12:45 pm
- Afternoon 12:45 pm to 3:37 pm

### Student Absence:

Attendance at school is important for the progress and success of all students. If your child will be away from school, please contact the school directly by calling **306-791-8492** regarding the reason for the absence. When our school office is closed, the Message Manager will receive your voice message---please include the student's name, grade/teacher, and reason for the absence. If we do not receive a message, then we will contact parents/guardians.

Some families have put messages into the student agenda when their child will be away. This keeps the teacher informed and we appreciate this information.

If your child is late for school, please have your child stop at the office to receive a late slip from Mrs. Leusink, our school secretary.

### Student Supervision:

Playground supervision is provided during morning and afternoon recesses and 15 minutes before school begins in the morning and at 12:30. Help us to ensure your child's safety - please do not send your child to school prior to 8:40 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.

Should parents and guardians need child care before or after school, the YMCA operates a "Before and After School Program" at McVeety. This service is provided at a reasonable fee. To register, please contact the YMCA at 306-757-9622 extension 253.

### Student Health Concerns:

Every year, parents are asked to identify student health concerns by providing updated information and emergency contact numbers. Student information verification sheets have been sent home for you to provide the most up-to-date information. Please notify your child's teacher and the office of any severe allergies, required medications and changes in health conditions.

### Student Safety:

Parents/guardians are reminded to be very cautious when driving in school zones and when dropping children off at school.

Please do not park in the staff parking lot or near the crosswalks when picking up your child. Please help us to ensure your child's safety.

### Emergency Contact Sheets:

Emergency Reports were sent home to verify or update demographic information for your child. Please review the data, make any necessary changes **and return it to your child's classroom teacher by Friday, September 26th** (regardless of whether or not there are changes). This information is extremely important should an emergency arise at the school.



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### **School Website:**

We encourage you to visit our school website on a regular basis. Check the school calendar to keep up-to-date on upcoming events. Important documents such as our Learning Improvement Plan and monthly newsletters will be posted on our website, as well as Marion McVeety Community Council (MMCC) information. The website address is <http://marionmcveety.rbe.sk.ca/>

### **Evaluation and Assessment:**

The following dates are assigned for formal communication of student progress:

- November 21, 2014 – Term I Progress Reports, Grades 1 – 8
- November 28, 2014 – Parent/student/teacher conferences
- January 2015 – Progress reports issued for Pre-K and Kindergarten
- March 20, 2015 – Term II Progress Reports, Grades 1 – 8
- March 27, 2015 - Parent/student/teacher conferences
- June 25, 2015 – Term II Progress Reports, Pre-K – Grade 8

Please note that parents are encouraged to contact their child's teacher at any time to discuss concerns or questions about student evaluation and their child's progress.

### **Parent Portal:**

Parents can now access a myriad of information about their child(ren) online at any time. Regina Public Schools proudly offers "Parent Portal" so that parents can access information such as grades, teacher comments and attendance, through a confidential, individual online account.

An individual Access ID and Access Password must be given to each parent in person. McVeety teachers will be providing this information to parents at our September Open House or at any time through our school office.



<https://powerschool.rbe.sk.ca/public/home.html>

### **School Cash Online:**

For safety and efficiency reasons, Regina Public Schools would like to reduce the amount of cash and cheques coming into our schools. Please join the thousands of parents who have already registered and are enjoying the convenience of paying ONLINE! It takes less than five minutes to register.

Instructions for setting up your "School Cash Online" account are available from our school office or you may click on the "Online Payments" logo on our school website or the Regina Public School website at [www.rbe.sk.ca](http://www.rbe.sk.ca)



<https://rbe.schoolcashionline.com> Note: The friendly staff at the School Cash Online Parent Help Desk are available to 24/7 (365 days) to provide any assistance you may require using the online system. Assistance is available on the School Cash Online website, by emailing [parenthelp@schoolcashionline.com](mailto:parenthelp@schoolcashionline.com) or by phone at 1-866-961-1803.





### **Police Information Check (PIC) and Reporting Criminal Charges:**

Persons who volunteer in any Regina Public School on a regular basis during the school year, require a current, clear, original Police Information Check (PIC). This includes individuals involved with extra-curricular activities, volunteer drivers, volunteer readers, and volunteers on a class trip.

Volunteers must go to the Regina Police Service (RPS) to apply for a PIC using the RPS's form. Currently, the RPS does not charge a fee for processing a PIC for an individual in a volunteer capacity. The RPS may require some PIC applicants to submit fingerprints to Ottawa for processing.

Volunteers who were utilized during the past year and who have a satisfactory PIC on file, do not require a new PIC for this school year. If volunteers have not been utilized for more than 12 consecutive months, then a new PIC must be obtained.

A volunteer should come to the school office to request a letter indicating that he/she is applying for a records check in support of his/her request to volunteer at the school. This letter serves two purposes: (1) it confirms the relationship of the applicant to our school, and (2) should a fingerprint report be required, this letter allows for that report fee to be waived.

A volunteer waiting for a PIC clearance cannot volunteer until the report is received at the Public School Board Office and our McVeety School office is informed.

In addition to a PIC, all volunteers must also adhere to Administrative Procedure 403 – *Reporting Criminal Charges*. This document requires individuals who have a PIC on file with the Division Office to report any changes in circumstances (i.e. you are charged with a criminal offence) to the Director of Education within two working days. The Director will investigate and determine whether restrictions on volunteer involvement are required. Volunteers must sign and date two copies of this form – one is given to the volunteer and one is kept on file in the school office. Should you have any questions about these procedures, please speak with your child's teacher or with school office personnel.

### **Automobile Driver Authorization Forms:**

When class trips are organized by teachers, a school bus is usually used to transport students. However, there are times when parent and staff volunteer drivers are needed to transport students in private vehicles to activities such as cross country running, volleyball and basketball events.

Regina Public Schools has therefore created Administrative Procedure 580 – "Conveyance of Students" to outline the steps necessary to ensure student safety. You may view this procedure online at [www.rbe.sk.ca](http://www.rbe.sk.ca) for all the detailed information. It is worth noting that volunteer drivers can only transport within the city limits and that an Automobile Driver Authorization Form is required annually – this form is valid for the current school year only. Once the form is completed, volunteer drivers must submit it to the school office for the Principal's signature and filing. At the end of each school year, these forms will be shredded.

In addition to the Automobile Driver Authorization Form, all volunteer drivers must have a Police Information Check (PIC) on file with our Division Office and the accompanying Reporting Criminal Charges form on file at the school office.

If you require clarification on any of these procedures, please speak with your child's teacher or with school office personnel.





### ALLERGY ALERT:

Our school has students who have severe peanut/tree nut allergies. In order to protect them from a life-threatening allergic reaction, we would request that products with peanuts and tree nuts **NOT** be sent with children. McVeety School is a “**NUT FREE**” zone.

### Open House and MMCC Welcome Back BBQ:

Families are invited to the school Open House and MMCC Welcome Back BBQ from 5:00 – 6:30 p.m. on **Wednesday, September 24<sup>th</sup>**. This is a wonderful opportunity for students to introduce their families to their new teacher and the new principal. Invitations were distributed last week and information is posted on our school website.



### School Photo Day:

Lifetouch Photography will be taking school pictures on **Friday, October 3, 2014**. Individual portraits as well as a class group photo will be taken. For those who are absent on that day, retakes will take place Thurs., October 30, 2014.

### BIRTHDAY BOOKS

We are celebrating reading and birthdays this year by offering a new book of each child's choice on his/her birthday. Thank you to our Teacher-Librarian, Mrs. McChesney, for purchasing our birthday books with the proceeds from our last school book fair.



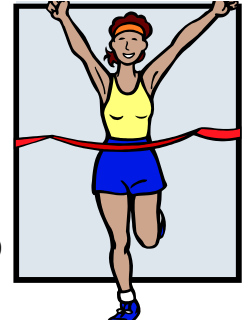
### LOVE LIBRARIES & THE DEWEY DECIMAL SYSTEM??

If so, and you have time to volunteer, we would love to have your help in the library. Please phone the school office at (306) 791-8492 or email our Teacher Librarian, Ms. McChesney, at [elann.mcchesney@rbe.sk.ca](mailto:elann.mcchesney@rbe.sk.ca).





### Cross Country Running News



**WAY TO GO MCVEETY CROSS COUNTRY TEAM!** We could not be prouder of the hard work that our Mustangs showed during the season. Our dedicated students practiced each recess running laps around our playground. This year our top practicing racers are Katie (ran 90 laps) and Maddie (ran 60 laps). Katie was the first student to receive her rocket and is working to be the first McVeety student to receive her “spaceship” (100 laps). Remember to drop by our bulletin board to see how far our members have flown towards their spaceship!

Our school competed in the Cross Country Race at Douglas Park with almost 50 runners! It was amazing to watch the team cheer for their peers and congratulate them on a job well done. We have 11 students who placed in the top 25 for their age category and will be racing in the Finals on October 8th. As several of the age groups had close to 250 students participating, finishing in the top 100 is an accomplishment to be very proud of! We would like to wish the following racers “Good Luck” in the Qualifiers Race on Oct. 8th—Refka (age 10), Andrew (age 12), Alex (age 10), Luke (age 8), Katie (age 10), Mariye (age 11), Keigan (age 9), Era (age 9), Cade (age 10), Janna (age 11), and Connor (age 8). Hunter (age 8) received 26th place for his age category and was very close to qualifying.

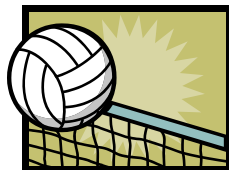
Thank you to all the students who came out to the practices and the race. We can’t wait to see you racing again next year! A big thank you to your coach, Mrs. Gerspacher, for all of her hard work and to Mrs. Caul and Mr. Benson who helped supervise at the race.

### Volleyball

#### **Girls’ Volleyball Team News**

The McVeety girls volleyball team have started their season and we look forward to some excellent volleyball. We are very happy to have Mr. Paul Procyszyn working with us again this year. We welcome parents and students to attend our home games after school. The schedule will be posted on the school calendar.

Mr. Lorenz



#### **Boys’ Volleyball Team News**

Thank you to Mrs. C. Schafer and Mrs. L. Kuppenbender who will be coaching our boys’ volleyball team. Please watch for further information. The schedule will be posted on the school calendar.



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### Marion McVeety Community Council (MMCC)

New to the school or Hillsdale area? Have children who attend our School? Consider getting involved in our community and making a difference in the lives of our children. Marion McVeety Community Council is an opportunity for parents to become involved in the planning of activities and fundraisers to add to the enrichment of our children.

The first monthly meeting of the MMCC was held on September 9, 2014.

All parents and guardians, as well as community members who live in the McVeety School area, are welcome to attend meetings held the first Tuesday of each month. ***Please mark your calendars and join us at the October 7, 2014 meeting.*** We meet at 6:30pm in the staff room.

The MMCC is encouraging families to support their QSP magazine fundraiser. Orders may be completed online or on paper forms. When ordering online, our GROUP ID is 3730637. ***Orders are due on Sept. 30th.***



**Upcoming Event:** Please join us on Wednesday, September 25th from 5:00 to 6:30pm for the Marion McVeety Welcome Back BBQ. The MMCC is sponsoring the cost of this event so please join us for hotdogs, veggies and a beverage. We look forward to seeing everyone there!

### **TAKE-A-BOOK, READ-A-BOOK, BRING-A-BOOK**

Modeled after the “Little Free Library” kiosks scattered in neighborhoods around the city and across the country, McVeety students are being offered the opportunity to take-a-book, read-a-book, and bring-a-book at school. We hope this option of exchanging and enjoying books will encourage readers at home throughout our school. Anyone may stop by and pick up a book (or two) and bring back another book to share. You can too!



Thank you to the many families who have already donated books for this program. Please check out the wonderful bookcase packed full of books that your child may take and read in the main hallway outside of the school Library. Donations are welcome at any time.

