

Malaspina Elementary

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Mission Statement: We foster an inclusive environment that nurtures confident life-long learners.

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Dear Parents and Guardians of Malaspina Students:

Happy New Year and we wish you all the best in 2020! Welcome back and we hope everyone had a wonderful winter break. We look forward to a new year filled with joy!

Welcome to our new secretary, Mrs. Gibbons, who started on January 6th.

Important Dates to Remember

January 16	PAC meeting @ 6:30pm in library
January 27	Non-instructional day - students do not attend
January 28	Online Kindergarten registration opens @ 9am
February 5	Online student transfer process opens @ 9am
February 17	Family Day - holiday - students do not attend
February 26	Science Fair
February 26	Pink Shirt Day
March 3	Primary Report Card Writing Day (K-Gr 3 students do not attend; <u>Grade 4's in Division 7 do attend</u>)
March 5	Online student transfer process closes @ 3pm
March 13	Last day before Spring Break
March 30	Return from Spring Break

SCHOOL INFORMATION

Communicating Student Learning (CSL)

Students received written Communicating Student Learning at the end of November/December. Teachers would appreciate the envelopes be returned. Thank you for your help! Divisions 3, 7 and 8 will be sending home a mid-year CSL at the end of January/start of February.

Foundation Skills Assessment (FSA)

FSA student booklets were sent home with Grade 4 and 7 students during the last week of December.

Early Development Instrument (EDI)

Letters were sent to parents of Kindergarten students before the winter break outlining the process for the EDI in great detail. Please contact your child's teacher if you have any questions.

Kindergarten Registration

Online registration is required for Kindergarten in all School District No. 57 elementary schools. The online application process for registration for the 2020-2021 school year will open at **9:00am on Tuesday, January 28, 2020**. There is a link on the school district website.

Children whose fifth birthday falls on or before December 31, 2020 are eligible to enter Kindergarten in September 2020.

Registration applications must be made at your catchment school.

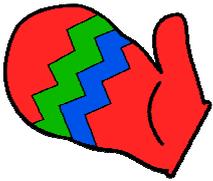
Online Student Transfer Process

If you know that you are moving and/or needing to change schools for September 2020, you must complete the online student transfer process. This application provides a way for parents to request registration for their student at a school other than their catchment school for the next school year. The online student transfer application process will be open from 9:00am on February 5, 2020 and close at 3:00pm on March 5, 2020.

Seven Sacred Teachings

Humility is the sacred teaching for January and it is represented by the wolf. Humility is:

- Thinking of others before yourself
- Taking responsibility for your actions
- Helping others



Winter Weather and In Days

Students are outside before the morning start bell, at recess and again for lunch.

Students should always be suitably dressed for the weather conditions including boots, hat, gloves, winter jackets and snow pants. It is recommended to write student names inside coats, boots and snow pants. The exact temperature at which an "In Day" will occur may vary, depending on wind chill, though it is generally around -20°C . Students might be outside for a short while on a calm sunny day when it is significantly colder. If it is an In Day, notices will be posted on the student entry doors.

Playground Supervision

Please remember that supervision for students begins 15 minutes before school starts (8:13 am) and lasts for 15 minutes after school (2:40pm). Students are to be off the grounds at 2:40pm unless accompanied by an adult.



Parking Lot Safety

Thank you for following the signs posted around the parking lot and helping make our parking lot safe.

Thank you for:

- Keeping handicap spots available to those with handicap signs in their car
- Keeping the bus stop area clear of vehicles (along fence)
- Keeping the area clear along the sidewalk on the east side of the parking lot (there is a no parking sign)
- Parking on the street, clear of the crosswalk and parking lot entrance so children can cross the street safely and vehicles have room to drive by
- Parking on the street or in a parking spot
 - It is dangerous when unattended vehicles are left in the middle of the parking lot. As a result, vehicles in parking spots are blocked along with the flow of traffic.

We appreciate your help in keeping our students safe.

PAC

The next PAC meeting is January 16 at 6:30pm in the Malaspina library. Parents and guardians are encouraged to attend.

