



École Marlborough Elementary School

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Dear Parents:

Thank you for working hard to fundraise and support the many programmes at Marlborough! Each year the PAC Executive asks our staff to submit a Wish List of items that would help to make the work we do with your children more enriching. The PAC Executive passed the following motions from the Teacher Wish List this past month:

Kindergarten: Kappa Blocks	\$ 665.28
Primary: Aboriginal Puppets	\$ 665.28
Science Discovery	\$ 862.80
Intermediate: Vex IQ Robotics Kits	\$ 408.79
Library: Reading clubs	\$ 800.00
Music Department	\$ 3,200.00
• Costumes	\$ 130.00
Field trips (\$20.00 per student)	\$18,000.00
Total	\$24,732.15

We have ordered all of the items above and are patiently awaiting for their arrival.

Aboriginal Studies and Science are key items in the newly revised curriculum so we are very thankful for your support in these areas.

Our spring concert is coming up March 6th – 10th and we are grateful for the support in this area as well. It is always a great evening when families can come to school and watch, and perhaps join in, a performance organised by our talented Music Teachers.

Literacy is still the number one goal in our School Growth Plan so we are excited that you decided to support our Library Reading Club. What a great way for families to share the love of reading at home!

Our wish list also included technology. The parents did a lot of fundraising for our computer lab and for the purchase of iPads in the fall of 2014. I can't believe we have had a computer lab since January 2015. How wonderful for our students and staff! Technology is a key focus this year and will continue to be in the years to come.

We have eighteen (18) in-focus projectors in our school right now: two in the library, one in the lab and the rest are shared between classes. There are thirty-nine (39) divisions in the school at the moment so we are getting there.

At present we have \$4100.00 in our French Immersion budget for technology and \$2500.00 left in the school budget for technology. We will be replacing the thirty-one (31) laptops with a 50/50 cost share with the School district this year.

The staff's Wish List included twenty-four (24) iPads and four (4) bins (\$13,700), six (6) in-focus projectors for primary classes (\$5400.00) and four (4) in-focus projectors for Intermediate classes (\$3600.00) and we will continue to work towards this goal together over the next few years.

The Federal Government has offered a grant for schools with French Immersion programmes and we have applied for a grant of \$5000.00. We will be purchasing six (6) iPads and one (1) bin as well as one in-focus projector for our Primary building if we are successful.

Know we are very grateful for all of the support you have given to our school!



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As we fine tune the implementation of our newly designed curriculum, we are thankful for your continued support at home and at school. Together we can offer the best education possible for your child.

The following is a clear and comprehensive look at our newly revised curriculum from the Ministry of Education. Please take a look at your leisure. <https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/curriculum/overview>

Best wishes,

Shelley Parks

Mrs. Shelley Parks
Principal

Important Upcoming Dates:

Tuesday, Feb. 21 – Grad 7 Grad photos

Wednesday, Feb. 22 – Pink Day – “Make Nice” is the catch phrase this year.

Friday, Feb. 24 – Young People’s Concert at Michael J. Fox for the Gr. 4 – 7 students

Monday, March 6 – Thursday, March 9 – Spring Concert

Friday, March 10 – Last day of school before Spring Break

Monday, March 27 – First day back to school

Tuesday, March 28 – Artstart Performance – Story Theatre – Anansi’s Gift of Stories

Wednesday, April 5 – Friday, April 7 – Report cards (Progress reports) go home

Wednesday, April 12 – Mock Trial – East gym 7:00 p.m.

Monday, April 24 – Pro D Day – no school for students