



## MARSHVIEW PUBLIC SCHOOL

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### MARSHVIEW COMMUNITY WEEKLY UPDATE

Week of October 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

<b>Monday, October 30<sup>th</sup>– Day Two</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Grade 3 OLSAT Practice Test</li></ul>
<b>Tuesday, October 31<sup>st</sup> – Day Three</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Sub Day – Sales were available on schoolcashionline.net</li><li>- Halloween (Please see direction about participating/dressing up in the messaging below – It is important that families follow the direction provided)</li></ul>
<b>Wednesday, November 1<sup>st</sup>– Day Four</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>-</li></ul>
<b>Thursday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>– Day Five</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Pizza Day – Sales were available on schoolcashionline.net</li></ul>
<b>Friday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> – Day One</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <b>Kernels Popcorn Day</b> – Popcorn will be available for cash sale at \$2.00 per bag during the first Nutrition Break! Pre-orders were made available on School Cash Online, but have now closed! Thank you for your support of this fundraiser!</li><li>- Character Assembly</li></ul>

#### IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES:

**October 31<sup>st</sup> – Halloween** – Marshview Public School is an equitable space in which student inclusion and diversity are valued every day of the year. Halloween is a time whereby we need to intentionally remind students that “Culture is not a costume!” Though dressing up at Halloween is fun and exciting, choosing a costume that isn’t offensive to others is our focus. On October 31st, staff and students are encouraged to wear purple and black, or wear school wear and/or school colours (navy blue, powder blue & gold). If families would like to send their child(ren) in a costume, we ask that there be **NO face painting and/or costume masks. Weapons or replicas of weapons are also not allowed.** Additionally, if families choose to send a student in a costume, please consider using a previous year’s costume that is appropriate, as we cannot guarantee that the costume will be in the same condition as it was when students arrived to school. As parents and guardians, Halloween is an opportunity to discuss costume choices with your child(ren). It is important not to inadvertently mimic culture by culturally appropriating persons’ race, religion, or ethnicity. We also need to respect the choice of others.

Please see some further information in regards to choosing a costume for your child to wear at school:

**Some critical equity questions to reflect on, about costume choices are:**

1. **Is the costume depicting and perpetuating a stereotype or stigma associated with a particular race, culture or religion?**
2. **Does the costume include a replication of a garment that is a significant component of a particular religion or culture with which the costume wearer does not identify with?**
3. **Is the costume depicting a historical time period where that look/costume is now considered offensive and discriminatory?**
4. **Does the costume represent elements of a culture or cultural practice being commoditized for consumption?**

5. Can a person look in the mirror and confidently say that the costume choice would not be considered offensive to a particular race, ethnic origin, gender or religion?

If a person answered yes to any of the questions 1 – 4, the costume choice likely has the potential to cause harm to the members of the cultural, racial and religious groups of which your costume is depicting.

**COSTUME NOT CULTURE**

**YOUR ACTIONS HAVE IMPACT.**  
Choose a costume that is not hurtful or offensive, because Rams take care of Rams.

- DO NOT DEPICT SYMBOLS OF GENOCIDE OR OPPRESSION
- DO NOT MOCK A RACIAL, ETHNIC, OR CULTURAL GROUP (i.e., blackface or ethnic clothing)
- DO NOT MOCK RELIGIOUS SYMBOLS OR BELIEFS (i.e., the star and crescent, headdresses)
- DO NOT TRIVIALIZE HUMAN SUFFERING (i.e., homelessness, mental illness)



The four panels show individuals holding signs that read "WE'RE A CULTURE NOT A COSTUME" and "THIS IS NOT WHO I AM, AND THIS IS NOT OKAY." Each panel includes a small image of a costume and a label: "Disrespectful" (Native American headdress), "Hurtful" (Blackface), "Insulting" (Mexican folk costume), and "Office of Diversity & Inclusion" (Cowboy costume).

**IS YOUR HALLOWEEN COSTUME OR DECOR OFFENSIVE?**

- X Does it depict symbols of genocide or oppression?
- X Does it mock a racial, ethnic, or cultural group, such as using blackface or ethnic clothing?
- X Does it mock religious symbols or beliefs, such as the star and crescent or headdresses?
- X Does it trivialize human suffering, such as homelessness or mental illness?

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**November 6<sup>th</sup> – School Council Meeting (6:00 p.m. – in the Multi-purpose Room)**

**November 10<sup>th</sup> – Marshview Public School will recognize Remembrance Day, as November 11<sup>th</sup> falls on a Saturday this year**

**November 15<sup>th</sup> – Photo Re-take Day & Class Photo Day (NEW DATE)**

**November 13<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> – Student-led conferences/Educator interviews – Please reach out to your child’s Educators to book an interview during this week**

**November 17<sup>th</sup> – PD Day – There is no school for students on this day**

**NEWS FROM THE MARSH:**

**MARSHVIEW PUBLIC SCHOOL WEAR:** There are now two ways for you to get your Marshview Mallard School Wear! You can order a variety of our logo wear at - <https://marshviewpublicschool.entripyshops.com/> - Marshview Families can get a promotional code to get 10 percent off! Use **INTRO10** discount code at checkout to get 10% off orders! You can also shop local at Big League Gear and order Marshview Logo Wear at [Marshview Mallards | Big League Gear](#) - We look forward to seeing everyone showcasing their School Logo Wear!

**BIKE & SCOOTER HELMETS:** We have noticed a number of students who are coming to school on their bikes and scooters without a helmet. While it is great to see students coming to school with their “wheels”, to ensure their safety, please stress the importance of wearing a helmet with your child!

**BUS DELAYS AND INFORMATION:** The Transportation Consortium provides bussing service for eligible students across Simcoe County. They are responsible for communicating delays to families through their website at <https://scstc.ca/Alerts> - Live updates are posted there, so we suggest that families bookmark this website and check it if busses are not on time.

For further information or concerns, we encourage families to contact the Transportation Consortium at 705.733.8965 and/or visit their website at <https://main.simcoecountyschoolbus.ca/>

It is important for parents to communicate with their child’s educators to let them know if their child is not taking the bus at the end of the school day, or else the student will be placed on the bus at dismissal time.

**MABEL’S LABELS:** Our School is continuing a “Mabel’s Labels” Fundraising campaign. These are professional water-proofed, printed labels of your child’s names that can be put on a variety of items (i.e. lunch bag, water bottle, clothing, etc.). It is a great product that will assist you with keeping track of your child’s personal belongings! This fundraiser is ongoing for your convenience – just go to [https://mabelslabels.ca/en\\_CA/fundraising/support/](https://mabelslabels.ca/en_CA/fundraising/support/) - Search for Marshview Public School and start shopping – 20% of purchases are directed back to our school!

**SAFE ARRIVAL NUMBER:** We have a dedicated, toll-free, phone number for parents/guardians to report student absences and late arrivals. To report student lates and absences, we ask that you call: 1 888 885 8065

Please continue to leave your child’s name, with the spelling of their last name, their teacher’s name, the reason for the absence, and their date of return.

This number, as well as our attendance email, [mrvattendance@scdsb.on.ca](mailto:mrvattendance@scdsb.on.ca) are available 24 hours.

**KISS N’ RIDE:** Thank you for your support and patience as we continue to adjust our drop off and dismissal procedures at our new school. Following and respecting staff direction is appreciated! For students who are eligible for bussing, we encourage families to access this service. For walking students, we encourage them to take advantage of the Spring weather to walk to school. Further communication about drop off and dismissal procedures has been sent out previously, which has included an updated map. Please review these procedures carefully! Thank you for your support in keeping our students safe! PLEASE DO NOT DROP YOUR CHILD OFF ON SIMCOE ROAD – if you are dropping your child off, please use our Kiss N’ Ride or drop them off at a location near to the school so

they can walk the remainder of the way – Dropping them off on Simcoe Road is dangerous – By-Law officers have informed us that they are monitoring this. **We would also ask families to be mindful of their speed when driving into our school parking lot!** Please refer to the Kiss N' Ride Procedures and map that has been sent out separately and posted on our school website.

**SCHOOL WEBSITE:** Please take some time to visit our school website at <https://mrv.scdsb.on.ca/> for more information about our school and SCDSB. We post our weekly updates, newsletters and other information on our website to keep our families up to date!