



Marchmont Public School

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September 2015 Update

Important Dates

Wednesday, September 30 – Picture Day

Wednesday, September 30 - School Council Meeting @ 6:30 pm

Thursday, October 1 – Terry Fox Walk/Run

October 5 to 9 – Safety Village Presentations

Updates & Friendly Reminders

Marchmont Website

Marchmont has a website that has lots of great information about upcoming events, and newsletters. You can also find quick links to pay fees online, find out about busing information or refer to the school year calendar. If you subscribe to the page, an email will be sent to you when new information is uploaded to the site. Don't forget to check it out! <http://mar.scdsb.on.ca/>

School Council

A quick reminder that we are still accepting nominations forms for our school council representatives until September 24th. These forms are available in the office. Our first meeting will be held on September 30 at 6:30 pm in the Library. All parents/guardians are welcome to attend.

School Cash Online

School Cash Online is an easy to use and safe way to pay for your children's school fees. Now, with a few clicks, you can pay for your child's yearbook, class trips and so much more from your own home. All you have to do is register an account, attach your children and in no time you will be able to make payments online. We accept many different payment forms so come in and check us out at <https://simcoecounty.schoolcashonline.com>

School Cash information will be sent to the Kindergarten Parents. If you have not signed on and would like to use this method of payment, please contact the school.

Pick-Up & Drop Off

As we are now getting into routine, should you need to pick up your child during the school day for appointments, we are strongly encouraging you that pick-up occurs during nutrition breaks (10:50 am – 11:30 am & 1:10 pm – 2:00 pm). Phone calls to the classrooms interrupt the learning of the other students in your child's classroom. If you have to do a pick-up during instructional time, please give your child's teacher advance notice. We would appreciate your consideration in this matter.

Students leaving School Property

For parents of Grade 7 & 8 students who have granted permission for your child to leave school property (to home or the corner store), please discuss the need for safety, particularly in the absence of sidewalks when travelling on Division Road and crossing Highway 12 at the traffic lights. Students are reminded to follow the standards of behavior in the school code of conduct even when your child is off school property as s/he is still a representative of Marchmont PS. Students are not to be loitering on the sides of the road or on private property. They should also have their lunch eaten prior to returning to school. **If there is inclement weather (e.g. extreme cold, storm watch), we will be keeping your child here safe at school.**

GIFTED SCREENING PROCESS

Some children who display an unusually advanced degree of general intellectual ability may require additional program support in order to reach their educational potential. Here are characteristics of gifted learners:

Advanced Cognitive Ability

- Displays an unusual ability to conceptualize and to generalize;
- Abstracts at high levels at an early age;
- Is developing all aspects of language (reading, speaking, writing and listening) at an advanced level;
- Processes information quickly; and,
- Acquires an extraordinary quantity of general knowledge.

Intellectual Curiosity

- Takes pleasure in intellectual activities;
- Is intuitive;
- Is perceptive;
- Is curious and questioning;
- Delights in an exchange of ideas; and,
- Has a wide range of interests.

Sensitivity and Creativity

- Possesses strong creative and imaginative ability;

- Has the ability to be a fluent, flexible, original and elaborative thinker;
- Has a keen sense of humour;
- Sees unusual and diverse relationships; and,
- Is sensitive to beauty.

Capacity for Intense Motivation

- Shows above-average ability to concentrate, to attend and to retain;
- Is task-committed, goal-oriented and self-directed;
- Works efficiently and unusually independently;
- Is persistent and responsible; and,
- Has a high energy level.

Advanced Affective Capacity

- Is highly motivated by the need for intellectual, social and emotional development;
- Displays evidence of positive self-concept;
- Is self-critical;
- Displays unusual sensitivity to the expectation and feelings of others; and,
- Is developing a moral and ethical sophistication

In consultation with parents, the school staff determines who these students are through the gifted screening process.

Parents of a student who will be in or above Grade 3 in the next school year, who wish the school to consider their child for screening are asked to contact Mr. Hagman before the end of this month.