

Dr. Martha Cohen School

Anything is possible!

learning | **as unique** | as every student



**Calgary Board
of Education**

Agenda

Why we are here?

- To talk about the exciting opportunities next year will bring
- To discuss how DMCS will be organized
- To answer questions about how we will/can work together next year
- To keep a positive attitude towards system decisions regarding DMCS



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Introductions

- Principal of Wilma Hansen School - Ms. Kat Siska
- Assistant Principal - Mr. Darcy George
- Administrative Assistant - Mrs. Marie Bakker
- Ms. Rayna Bergerman
- Mr. Kenny Apperley
- Ms. Adrianna Bobbitt
- Mr. Andrew Weeks
- Mr. Brent Banack
- Ms. Dionne McLellan
- Ms. Shannon Potts
- Mr. Greg Reimer



School Council and Parent Society

School Council - advises the principal on issues pertaining to the school.

Parent Society- is a fundraising organization coordinated and facilitated by parents to support the school.

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We have a group of parents that have been busy with organizing.

Christina L'Amarca - One of the amazing parents spearheading our Society creation and a supporter of our new council

They can be reached at: dmcohenschoolcouncil@gmail.com

You can also follow them on Facebook: [DM Cohen Council](#)

*What does a
council/society do??*

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School Society/Council

Where we are at:

- We have our executive for Society formed, paper work is being mailed this week 😊
- Meeting with ASCA (Alberta School Council Association) in mid-June for training on forming a council

How you can help:

- Volunteer for a position:
<http://schools.cbe.ab.ca/b212/pdfs/SchoolCouncilPositions.pdf>
- Help raise funds
- Spread the word

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Facebook: DM Cohen School Council



Maple + Millers
SITE SAFETY RULES

- 1. ALWAYS WEAR YOUR SAFETY HELMET
- 2. ALWAYS WEAR YOUR SAFETY VEST
- 3. ALWAYS WEAR YOUR SAFETY SHOES
- 4. ALWAYS WEAR YOUR SAFETY GLASSES
- 5. ALWAYS WEAR YOUR SAFETY GLOVES
- 6. ALWAYS WEAR YOUR SAFETY BELT
- 7. ALWAYS WEAR YOUR SAFETY CAP
- 8. ALWAYS WEAR YOUR SAFETY GOGGLES
- 9. ALWAYS WEAR YOUR SAFETY MASK
- 10. ALWAYS WEAR YOUR SAFETY EARPLUGS
- 11. ALWAYS WEAR YOUR SAFETY EYE PROTECTION
- 12. ALWAYS WEAR YOUR SAFETY HEARING PROTECTION
- 13. ALWAYS WEAR YOUR SAFETY BREATHING PROTECTION
- 14. ALWAYS WEAR YOUR SAFETY FALL PROTECTION
- 15. ALWAYS WEAR YOUR SAFETY RESCUE PROTECTION

NO PARKING
ANYTIME

DMCS Philosophy

It is the nature of (people) man to rise to greatness, if greatness is expected of (them) him.

-John Steinbeck

Dr. Martha Cohen School will:

- **Promote** exemplary learning, teaching and leading through a variety of opportunities designed to personalize learning for the student.
- **Develop** a common vision, mission and goals with and for the school community.
- **Build** positive working relationships with students, families and staff.
- **Enhance** learning and teaching through the appropriate and effective use of technology and maintain an intentional, authentic and innovative perspective in the use of technology.

DMCS Philosophy

- **Engage** students in meaningful, real-life learning activities in a variety of rich learning environments, with a focus on mind, body, emotions, creative spirit and ethical citizenship.
- **Provide** environmental, outdoor and global education learning opportunities for students to experience and appreciate the world outside of the classroom and to develop social, leadership and stewardship skills.
- **Foster** a culture of collaboration and caring relationships of mutual respect with students, staff members, and parents sharing a passion for learning; together and from others, in the classroom, within the school and beyond.
- **Nurture** thriving classrooms and other learning environments where teachers are informed by research and where students and teachers explore and develop deep understanding as active researchers.

Student Conflict

Student conflict (or bullying) may occur from time to time. We will teach students the skills and strategies to deal with conflict.

Every student has the right to feel safe in and around DMCS.

We work with students to resolve conflicts, and we have a no-tolerance stance for bullying, discrimination, and/or harassment behaviours.

is it
BULLYING?

When someone says or does something *unintentionally* hurtful and they do it once, that's **RUDE.**

When someone says or does something *intentionally* hurtful and they do it once, that's **MEAN.**

When someone says or does something *intentionally* hurtful and they *keep doing it*—even when you tell them to stop or show them that you're upset—that's **BULLYING.**



Timelines

May and June

- Meet with families
- Meet with all students
- Meet with current teachers for transition planning for students
- Decide on school mascot name and colour
- Establish date for first School Council meeting



Timelines

August

- Teachers in

September

- Students begin September 6 - Two locations - New Brighton and Wilma Hansen Schools

December/January

- Access to new school and transition



Wilma Hansen and New Brighton

- Grade 5 will be located at New Brighton School.
- Grades 6-8 will be located at Wilma Hansen School.
- Mr. Hartl and Mr. George will be dividing their time to be with the students and staff at New Brighton and Wilma Hansen Schools.
- The DMCS office will be located at Wilma Hansen School.
- Grade 5 students at NBS will follow the New Brighton School bell schedule.
- Grades 6 to 8 students, while at Wilma Hansen School, will follow a similar schedule to the one DMCS will have in January.

Busing

- Grade 5 - For the first four months, students in Copperfield will be bused to New Brighton School. Payment will be pro-rated for 4 months
- Grades 6 - 8 - For the first four months, New Brighton & Copperfield students will be bused to Wilma Hansen School. Payment will be pro-rated for 4 months.
- Grades 5 - 8 - Beginning in January, the currently posted walk zone will take effect - busing for residents of Copperpond only.
- Families will receive an email when the registration contracts are available - usually end of May or early June.

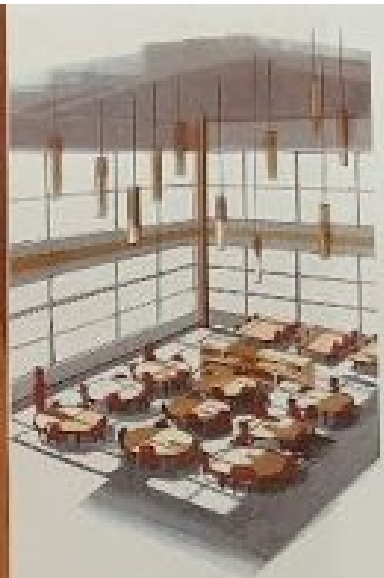
Lunch Time

First Four Months:

- New Brighton - Unless they are going home for lunch, students will eat at school, in a supervised location.
- Lunch will be 40 minutes.
- Wilma Hansen - If students will be purchasing lunch, they will have 15 minutes to do so, and then return to the school.
- Grade 5 & 6 students are required to register for noon supervision. Families will receive an email when the noon supervision contracts are available- end of May or early June

Teams and Clubs (Extra-Curricular)

- Wrestling - with Wilma Hansen
- Volleyball - Junior Girls' and Boys' teams
- Cross Country Running
- If we are unable to field a team in any sport, we may combine with Wilma Hansen to offer the opportunity.
- Clubs will be designed based on student and teacher interest and passion



CTF + Fine Arts = Complementary Programming

- Is designed to allow students in grades 5 to 9 to explore their interests, passions and skills.
- Allows students to make personal connections to career possibilities
- Offers meaningful learning experiences through engaging challenges based on the occupational areas.
- Provides opportunities for students to apply skills in daily lives that prepare them for entry into the workplace or for further learning opportunities.

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- Art
- Design Studies
- Maker Space
- Foods
- Sewing
- Digital Design
- Agriculture/Hydroponics
- Business
- Inventions
- Environmental Stewardship
- Leadership
- Construction

Band and French

- Students in grades 7 & 8 have the opportunity to enroll in Band or French.
 - We require at least 15 students per class to be able to offer these programs
- If a student chooses Band or French, they receive their Complementary class every other day.
- If a student chooses Band and French, they will not receive complementary programming
- If a student chooses neither Band or French, they receive complementary programming daily.

Other Topics

- Volunteer Clearances
 - If you have a valid clearance at another CBE school, contact Mrs. Bakker to have your clearance transferred to DMCS.
 - If you require a clearance, as of May ____ we will be located at Wilma Hansen School. You can drop in and Mrs. Bakker can help you with the process.
- Fees (*based on the current year and subject to change*)
 - Grade 5 and 6 - ISM Fee = \$30 and Incidental Fee = \$10.00
 - Grade 7 and 8 - ISM Fee = \$137 and Incidental Fee = \$20.00
 - Grade 5 to 8 - Yearbook = \$25.00, Gym Strip \$TBD
 - Busing - \$300
 - Lunchroom \$210
- Forms - Will be online unless you request hard copies
- Parent Council Establishment Meeting June 9, 6:00 at TBD - Please RSVP by Friday to drmarthacohen@cbe.ab.ca

No January Acceptance If

- You choose to stay at your current school, RT Alderman or David Thompson, or you choose another school. It will be unlikely that DMCS will be able to accept your child's registration after September 30 or in January when the building opens up. You would need to wait until the following school year.

Who is Accepted:

- Students that reside in the communities of New Brighton or Copperfield before the beginning of school in September 2016.
- Families that move into New Brighton or Copperfield during the school year.

Thank You

Questions???

