



# École Marigold School

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## Principal's Message

### Dear Parents & Guardians:

Tomorrow is the last day of school for students; it's been a wonderful year at Ecole Marigold School!

To close the year and say farewell to students and staff who are leaving us, we will be having a whole school assembly at 10:45 am Wednesday. Parents are welcome to attend, especially parents of grade 5 students.

Thank you to all parents, students and staff. Together we have accomplished so much together. A few highlights include:

- The whole school participation in the 35th Terry Fox Run where our students raised over \$2000.00;
- Pacific Opera performed a unique version of Hansel and Gretel for the whole school;
- The Green Team at Marigold kicked into high gear;
- Marigold Choir performed at the City Hall for Christmas and was broadcast on TV during the holidays;
- Grades 3-5 participated in Can Spell at Marigold;
- Marigold sponsored a dinner dance to help raise funds for a new library in Sierra Leone;
- Students stepped up to the Track and performed their hearts out in our local and city Track and Field meets;
- The Swim club enjoyed a wonderful season, culminating in a successful swim meet;
- Many of our students attended the Victoria Symphony concert at Uvic;
- Grade 3 students enjoyed participating in Marigold's first Drama club;
- Marigold PAC organized several movie nights for all students and parents...as well as a multitude of other events!

Of course, in planning for the upcoming year, we always look at staffing changes. Ecole Marigold says farewell to the following staff members:

**Colleen Pommelet** - we wish her the best as she fills her "dream job" as librarian at Sir James Douglas

**Maria Ratzka** - lucky Mackenzie School ... they are fortunate to get such a positive, caring spirit

**Jayne Hendy** - off on a maternity leave as she enjoys a year as "mom"

Also some teachers have worked on temporary contracts at Marigold throughout this year. We thank them for their flexibility, positive approaches and hard work. We wish them the best as they move into new positions:

**Elisabeth Lewkowicz, Stephane Tran, Ashley Macdougall, Phillip Hurst, Andrea Mueller, Pauline Beckner,**

**David Shortreed, Katie Shortreed**

We also wish the very best to our Marigold Admin Assistant, **Dana Farley**, who has announced her retirement. We will miss Dana's good humour, her care with children and her amazing culinary skills (She makes perhaps the best brownies in town!)

Marigold Staff would also like to thank you, as parents and family members, for your constant support throughout the year. We would especially like to thank you for the "Staff Appreciation" goodies you so generously provided on June 14!

Have a wonderful summer!

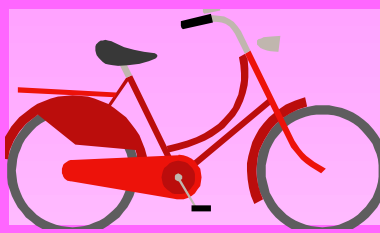
Ms. Bender, Principal



## September 2011 Information

As you know, school resumes on Tuesday, September 6. Grades 1 to 5 children attend from 9:00 am to 11:30 am. Full day classes for Grades 1 to 5 begin Wednesday, September 7. At this point, students will return to their old classes on that day, but please "stay tuned" for future updates through email or through posted information on the front door. We seem to have new students joining our school regularly so will not know our class division structure until September!

Parents of Kindergarten students will be contacted about an "interview" time for you and your child. Your introduction to school will be held on either Wednesday, September 7 or Thursday, September 8. The first full day for Kindergarten will be Friday, September 9.



Have you noticed?

You may have spotted the NEW green bike racks along the front of our school. These bike racks are thanks to the financial support of Marigold's PAC and the organizing abilities of Yvonne Blair! We hope to encourage more children to walk or cycle to school next year!



### Traffic Update

We are pleased to share with you that the District of Saanich, along with a private contractor, will be constructing concrete curbs, sidewalks and bikelanes on Burnside Road between Grange Road and McKenzie Avenue. The proposed construction will begin during the summer months. This work "will entail completion of the north side of Burnside Road between Grange Road and Marigold Avenue, and both sides between Marigold Avenue and McKenzie Avenue. Complete road reconstruction will take place between Marigold Avenue and McKenzie Avenue."

### SCHOOL SUPPLY ORDERS

If you have not received your child's order that you placed through Marigold PAC, please email: [sheriisnot@shaw.ca](mailto:sheriisnot@shaw.ca). Thank you



### Team and Club photos

All photos ordered by parents for Team and Clubs, have been given to your child's teacher. If you ordered photos and did not receive them, please check with your child's teacher before the end of tomorrow.



**Music Notes from Mrs. Carruth**

I would like to thank all of the marvelous choristers who sang with the Marigold Choir this year. We certainly had a wonderful year and the choir is looking forward to their final performance at Wednesday's Moving On assembly at 10:45 am. Stay tuned for a Start-Up Choir Camp in the first couple weeks of September!

I would like to encourage you to look into out-of-school musical activities. There are numerous choirs around the city who welcome children of all ages and experience to sing with them. Some offer summer activities and may still be accepting registrations. Applications for the fall are being accepted now, so don't delay if you are considering this for next year!

**Victoria Children's Choir:** <http://www.victoriachildrenschoir.ca/join-us.html>

**VIVA Choirs:** <http://vivachoirs.ca/choirs.html#FCUVic>

**Wee Folks Glee Club (Conservatory) :**

[http://www.vcm.bc.ca/userimages/File/Community%20School%20Calendar%202011/VCM\\_Calendar\\_Orchestra.pdf](http://www.vcm.bc.ca/userimages/File/Community%20School%20Calendar%202011/VCM_Calendar_Orchestra.pdf)

As well, I really encourage you to think about Island Ukuleles, whether your child began "uking" this year or not. It's a wonderful SD61 group that provides incredible experiences for young people starting at Kindergarten age (the K-1 group is already full but is keeping a waiting list) right through high school.

<http://www.islandukulele.org/>

I hope all our Marigold families have a healthy, happy summer and I can't wait for more musical moments next year!

Mme. Carruth

## MEDICATION FOR STUDENTS AT SCHOOL

If your child has medication at the school office, please remember to pick it up by the end of tomorrow, June 29, 2011.

# September 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5	6 <i>First Day of School 9am Dismissal 11:30am</i>	7 <i>Assembly</i>	8	9	10
11	12	13	14 <i>PAC Meeting 6:30</i>	15 <i>Meet the Teacher PAC BBQ</i>	16	17
18	19 <i>PRO D</i>	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29 <i>Individual Photos 9am</i>	30	