



PRINCESS MARGARET SECONDARY

Home of the Lions

NOVEMBER 2023 NEWSLETTER

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Our first semester is well underway, and our school continues to be a busy, vibrant place. There are many different extra-curricular activities happening through clubs, teams, and field experiences. Please find a list of clubs in this newsletter and I encourage all students to find something that interests them to participate in to enrich their high school experience.

There has been much publicity recently around our LeoCraft Engineering team who had their proposal accepted and are participating in the NASA Rover Challenge. This is incredibly exciting for our school and the team is working hard under the guidance and direction of Mr. Uppal to fundraise and design the rover. We will continue to follow the team and update our school community as they work through to the completion of the project.

On October 25th, Ms. Kingsland took some of our visual arts students on an incredible field experience to the Audain Museum in Whistler. It was a sunny beautiful day in Whistler and the students had a wonderful experience in the museum.

Our first reporting period is quickly approaching. On November 15th, semester #1 point of progress marks will be posted to the MyEdBC portal. All students are encouraged to keep up with their work in preparation for this formal reporting period and to make up any missed work. A reminder to all students to take pride in everything you do and to complete your work to the highest standard you can.

Along with the first formal reporting period of the year comes parent/teacher conferences. They will take place on Thursday November 16th from 2:00pm - 3:30pm and 4:30pm - 6:00pm. Please look for more information on parent/teacher conferences in the newsletter.

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE CONTINUED

On Wednesday November 1st our grade 9 students will participate in Take Our Kids to Work Day. Students will have an opportunity to go to work with a family member to hopefully get a “slice of reality” with regards to a work-day vs a day at school. A big thank you to our Career Department for all of their work organizing this great opportunity for our students.

We have many different groups within the school preparing for our Remembrance Day Assemblies which will be held on Thursday November 9th. Thank you to our staff and students for doing such a good job of recognizing the incredible significance of this day.

As we approach the sometimes dark, wet days of winter, visibility can be a challenge while driving. I ask that everyone please slow down and drive with caution in and around the school parking lots and surrounding streets. Students are also reminded to use designated crosswalks and to make sure vehicles have seen you and are stopped before crossing. We just want to ensure the safety of everyone around the school.

Take care and stay safe everyone,

Robin Smalley
Principal

Take Our Kids To Work Day

“Take Our Kids to Work Day” is a national event open to grade 9 students happening on **Wednesday November 1st**. Any parents or guardians who’s workplace participates in “Take Our Kids to Work Day” have the option to bring their student with them to work for the day. **This is strictly and observations experience.**

Permissions forms went home with your student(s) in October and were due back on **October 27th**.

Reminder – if your student is not participating in this activity, they are expected to attend school.

For any questions please contact Ms. Earl.
Email: earl_l@surreyschools.ca



Numeracy 10 & Literacy 10/12 Assessments

For those students currently enrolled in Math 10 or English 10 or 12 this semester please check with your teachers regarding the upcoming Numeracy & Literacy Assessment schedule and when / where you will be writing.

These are provincial assessments that assess student proficiency in both Numeracy and literacy. These assessments are required for graduation.

Wednesday, November 1 Block Order 1,1 Lunch 2,2

Thursday, November 2 Block Order 3,3 Lunch 4,4

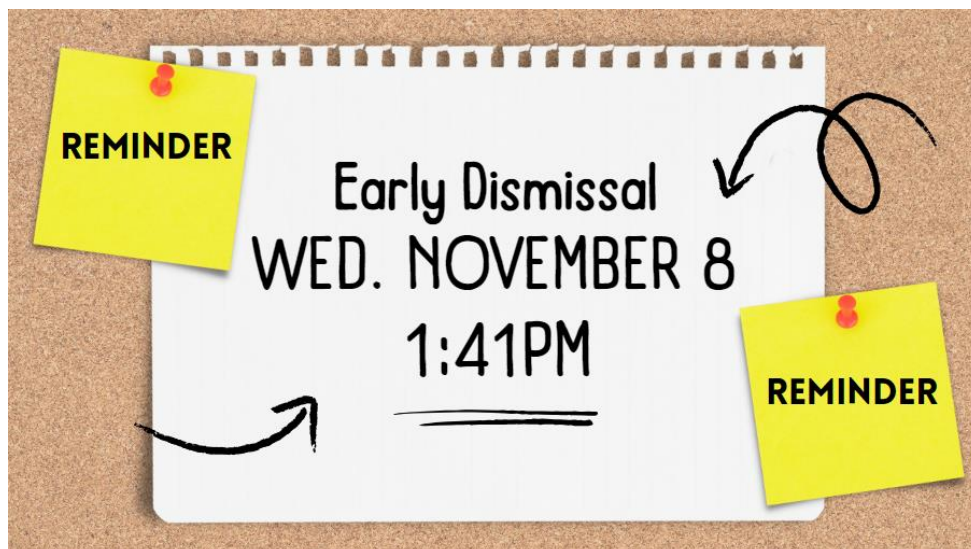


PAC Meeting

The next PAC meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, November 7** at 5:00pm in the school library.



Early Dismissal



Remembrance Day Assembly

Thursday November 9th Princess Margaret will be conducting our Remembrance Day Assembly. A reminder to students that the block order this day will be a 5 Block Schedule. Assemblies will take place before and after lunch.

BLOCK ORDER 4, 3, 2 LUNCH 2, 1



Non-Instructional Day



REMINDER
Reminder
NON INSTRUCTIONAL DAY
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10
NO SCHOOL

Remembrance Day



Report Cards

First Term Report cards will be posted to the MyEdBC Website on **Wednesday, November 15th**. Please log on to the MyEdBC Student and/or Family Portal using the user ID and password to access your child's report card. The *November 2023 Published Report Card* for your son/daughter will be located on the **Pages** top tab > **Home** page > **Published Reports**.

Clicking on the filename will open the PDF file for viewing or printing. We strongly encourage parents to save or print the report card for your own records as it will only be available online until **July 1, 2023**.

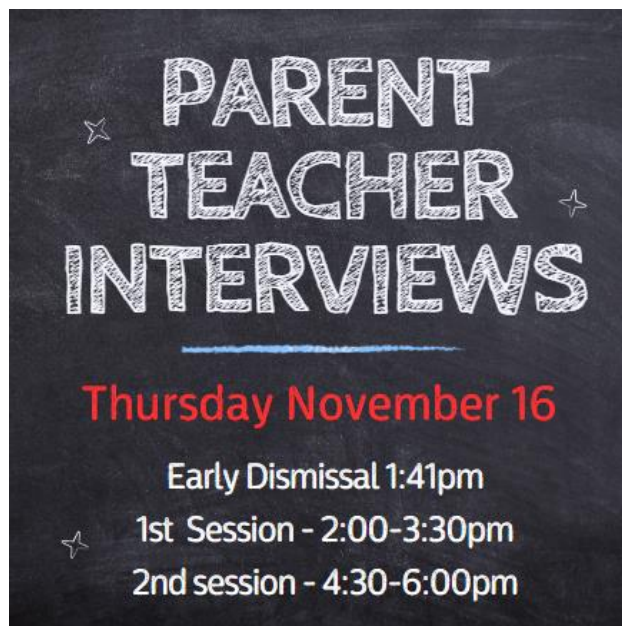
Logging into the portal **MUST BE DONE ON A DESKTOP COMPUTER THE FIRST TIME**. A mobile device may be used after that to log in to the portal. Please keep in mind that students, parents, and guardians with an account can view:

- Class attendance information
- Contact information
- Some classroom assessment information
- Student schedules
- Student course requests for next year
- School information

If parents or guardians forget their password for the portal, they can use the '*I forgot my password*' button. They will be sent an email and they will just need to remember the answer to their security question. For additional information and instructions please visit the school website or the last page of the Newsletter for detailed MYED BC Login instructions.

Parent Teacher Interviews / Early Dismissal

Please join us on **Thursday, November 16th** for Parent Teacher Interviews. This will be an **early dismissal day**. There will be 2 sessions open to Parents and the format will be a drop-in basis. No appointments required. As always if at anytime you wish to discuss your students progress you can reach out to Teachers at any time.



Message from the PAC

Dry Grad is a special time in every Grad's life; it is a safe way to celebrate the conclusion of their high school days. Dry Grad is a drug/alcohol-free event put on by our parent PAC group, and countless parent volunteers. Each year, our PAC works tirelessly to raise the funds required to put on a successful and memorable Dry Grad to keep our kids safe!



Our Grads and PAC need your help; this year when you go online to pay for your child's fees, please note that we now have a Dry Grad Donation option, which you may use to donate any amount to help our PAC parents keep our kids safe! Please consider donating this year to help our GRADS. Thank you so much in advance for your generosity.

Make a donation! This can be done directly on your students "School Cash Online" account <https://surreyschools.schoolcashionline.com/>

Dry Grad Fundraiser:

Drop off any beverage containers, which a deposit was paid for, at any Return-It Bottle Depot location in a clear plastic bag without sorting.

Bring your bagged containers to your nearest Express depot. Enter **604-614-9002** at **Express Return Kiosk**. Select the number of bags you are dropping off and print tags. Tag each bag with a label and then drop the bags in the designated Express drop off area. The closest Return-It Bottle Depot is at #110 - 13245 72 Avenue, Surrey (Behind Subway).



We thank you in advance for your consideration and support. Please do not hesitate to contact one of us if you have any questions or would like to further discuss possible ways to support our Grads.

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Next PAC Meeting
Tuesday, November 7
5pm - Library
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Princess Margaret Dry Grad 2024 Committee:

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*Cheques should be made payable to **Princess Margaret Dry Grad** and a committee member will be happy to pick it up or you can mail it to the school directly.



Grad Photos

Grade 12 Students can now book their Grad Portrait appointments.

The Artona Mobile studio will be here at the PM parking lot from November 19-28. Appointments are booked online at [Artona Grad Photos](#)



Reminder: Please only book one appointment & only book an appointment that works for you. Please make sure when you register you fill out your student number, first and last name correctly. Once you have booked your appointment you will receive a confirmation email with your booking.

Need help? If any grads need help or have any questions, please see Gulp our YES Program Coordinator at lunch in room 223.

erese Online Family Sessions: Establishing Safe, Caring & Respectful Digital Communities

erese, through the Ministry of Education, is offering three **online family sessions** titled: Establishing Safe, Caring & Respectful Digital Communities.

“Everyone Welcome! Recommended for Parents/Caregivers/Grandparents/childcare and youth aged 10 and up as a way to facilitate the conversation of safe and caring use of technology at home and in the community. This session covers all things digital, from how to be a good digital citizen, the criminal consequences of cyberbullying, and how to report and receive support in cases of sexting/sexortion. Some of the most prominent concerns currently surrounding use of social media platforms, smartphones, and artificial intelligence will be discussed.”

Dates: (all sessions are virtual)

November 8, 2023

6:30pm – 7:30pm

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/732334942527?aff=oddtcreator>

November 28, 2023

7:00pm – 8:00pm

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/732343096917?aff=oddtcreator>

November 30, 2023

6:30pm – 7:30pm

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/732346587357?aff=oddtcreator>



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IS ON SALE!

~~\$80~~ **\$55**

**EARLY BIRD PRICE
UNTIL DEC 15, 2023**

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Congratulations to our NASA Engineering Team

Congratulations! Our NASA Engineering Team named “LeoCraft” is representing Canada in NASA’s international HERC competition. Our team will be the only school representing Canada! This is an amazing opportunity for our students, and we are happy to celebrate, congratulate and support them on this exciting experience.

PROJECT - The team is competing in Human Exploration Rover Challenge! There is a lot of planning and work to be done! Their rover project will be ready for testing in mid-April at the **Marshall Space Flight Centre in Huntsville, Alabama.**

TEAM WEBSITE - The students have created their own website for the Team and project. They have done a fabulous job on the website so please take a moment to see all their hard work and more information about what they are planning. Click here [LeoCraft Design Team](#)

DONATIONS - You may have seen the recent coverage of the project on CTV as well heard the students on RedFM Friday morning. LeoCraft and their NASA project is starting to pick up a lot of attention which is fantastic! We are spreading the word regarding sponsorship and donations to help fund their project. Please spread the word to your family, friends, and community.

TO DONATE - Please click here: [SchoolCashOnline.com: Fee Details](#)

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Please contact:

Teacher / Team Advisor: Mr. Jag Uppal uppal_j@surreyschools.ca

LeoCraft Team: [Contact Us — LeoCraft Design Team](#)

Princess Margaret Secondary School: Phone: 604-594-5458



A message from Fraser Health

Protect children from respiratory illnesses this winter

Respiratory illnesses tend to increase as we spend more time indoors. Common colds, the flu and COVID-19 spread through tiny droplets as people who are sick breathe, talk, cough or sneeze. When other people touch these droplets and then their eyes, mouth or nose before washing their hands they may become sick.

There are a handful of steps both children and adults can take to protect themselves and limit the spread of respiratory illnesses:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water. Use alcohol-based sanitizer if soap and water is not available.
- Avoid touching your face, especially your eyes, mouth and nose.
- Cough and sneeze into your elbow.
- If you have symptoms, stay home and stay away from people at higher risk of serious illness.

Flu and COVID-19 vaccinations

The best way to protect others and reduce the risk of getting sick with the flu and COVID-19 is to [get immunized](#). The flu and COVID-19 vaccines are safe, effective, and available for free to anyone aged six months and older.

It is much safer to get the vaccines than to get the illnesses. Register your children with the Get Vaccinated system so that you can be invited to book their vaccinations when they are due.

Learn more here: <https://ow.ly/5WWe50PYIYC>



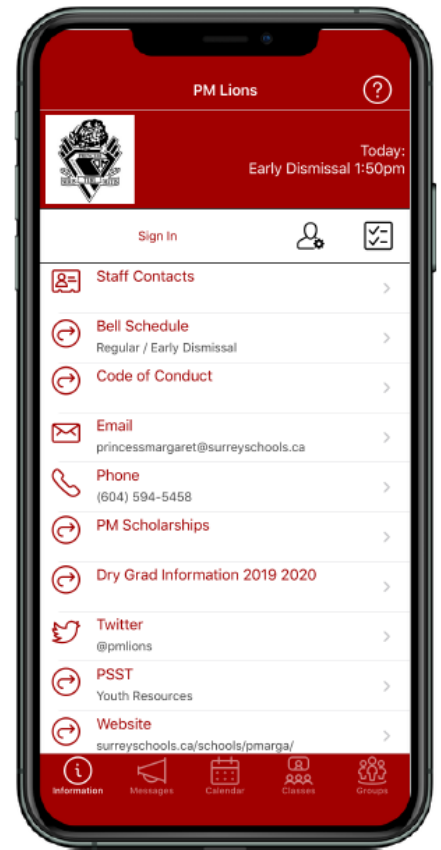
Extra-Curricular Activities 2023-2024

Please see our 2023-2024 Clubs and Councils! If you are interested in joining a Club or Council, please speak with the sponsor teachers. Even better, if you are interested in starting a *new club* at PM, find a teacher, counselor, admin or other staff member to sponsor it & get it started!



Club, Council, Activity, Athletics	Sponsor(s)	Room #
A-Team (PM Volunteer Club)	Ms. Lee / Ms. Singh	Career Centre
AlKhyama (Afterschool Wednesday's)	Mr. Yousif Shaboo	118
Book Club	Ms. Ranu	212
CASTLE (Afterschool Monday's)	Mr. Yousif Shaboo	118
Chess Club	Mr. Vizvary	105
Dance Teams (Bhangra & Hip Hop)	Mr. K. Panesar	113
DELTA Preparation Club	Mr. Lam	210
Eid Festival Planning	Mr. Lam / Ms. Patel	210 / 212
Ethics Bowl Team	Ms. Patel	112
Grad Council	Mr. Lam / Ms. Patel	210 / 112
Green Team	Ms. M. Panesar	117
GSA Gender-Sexuality Alliance Club	Mr. Lam / Ms. Brule	210 / 110
Multicultural Club	Ms. Maria Myers	100B
Peers Club	Ms. Myers / Ms. Penpenia	100A
PM Osul Club	Ms. Bhupal	121
PM News	Ms. Johal	228/124
PM Newspaper Group	Ms. Ranu	212
Punjabi Cultural Planning Committee	Ms. Chhina	209
REACH (Afterschool Tuesday's and Thursdays)	Mr. Yousif Shaboo	Library
STEM Club	Mr. Mann	Library
Social Justice Club	Mr. Lam / Mr. Kowalenko	210 / 221
Student Spirit Union (SSU)	Mrs. Johal, Mr. Panesar, Ms. Gill, Ms. Myers, Ms. Grewal, Mr. Sanghara	228, 113, 214, 100A, 223, Gym
Team Orange	Mr. Kidd, Mr T. Wong, Ms. J. Singh	Office / 224 / 222
Yearbook	Ms. Im	125
YoBro & YoGirl Martial Arts (Afterschool Friday's)	YoBro Staff	Gym





Download our “PM Lions” app today!

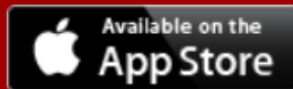
Get all your notifications in one place, the way you prefer to receive them, and only what is relevant to you.

Stay organized with unified, personalized calendar and reminders.

Quick and easy access to school information on your phone, always up-to date.

Translations available.

“PM Lions”



Search the App Store (Apple) or Google Play (Android) for the free “PM Lions” app, or visit lions.appazur.com/go.

-OR-

If you don't wish to use an iOS or Android device, sign up for email or SMS text notifications at:

lions.appazur.com

-OR-

Text @lions to
778-800-2585.

-OR-



Use your phone's camera to follow this QR Code.

If prompted, be sure to allow push notifications.

Sign in to choose the messages and other information that are important to you:

Tap Sign In (on the Home tab) and follow the instructions on screen.
Enter your school email address if you have one.

Choose the Classes tab, then tap the gear icon (top right) to select your Classes.

Choose the Groups tab, then tap the gear icon (top right) to select any clubs, teams, or other groups that you belong to.

To customize how you receive notifications, tap the User Settings icon on the Home tab.



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Are you new to the Surrey School District?



Arriving in a new city or country can be exciting, but also brings new challenges.

The Surrey Schools Welcome Centre provides free transition support to all newcomer and ELL families in the district. Our staff speak over 30 languages, including Punjabi, Mandarin, Hindi, Dari, Pashto, Arabic, Spanish, Vietnamese, Korean, Swahili, Tigrinya and many more. We provide information, orientation, and assist with the transition to life in Canada. Our team includes Multicultural Workers and Settlement Workers who can support your children with adapting to school life in a new country.

The Surrey Schools Welcome Centre is located at #120-7525 King George Boulevard, Surrey, BC. Call 604-543-3060 or email SWIS-Office@surreyschools.ca to book an appointment.

We offer many information sessions and community connection-building activities. To learn more about our upcoming events, please scan here:



We look forward to connecting with you soon!

Information for Newcomers

Supporting the transition to life in Canada by strengthening newcomer and ELL family connections to schools and the community.



About us:

The Surrey Schools Welcome Centre provides free transition and settlement support to all newcomer and English Language Learner families new to the school district. Multilingual staff provide information, orientation, and assist with transition to schools. In addition to supporting your settlement needs, we help you support your children with adapting to school, so they may achieve strong academic and social learning outcomes.

What We Do:

- Welcome and Registration Support
- Support to Transition to School in Canada
- Information & Orientation for Newcomers
- Facilitating School Connections and Communication
- Learning About the BC Education System
- Building Connections with the Community

Languages Offered

Amharic
Arabic
Bengali
Burmese
Cantonese
Dari
Farsi
French
German
Greek
Hindi
Karen
Korean
Kurmanji-
Kurdish
Lao
Mandarin
Oromo
Pashto
Punjabi
Rohingya
Russian
Somali
Spanish
Swahili
Tagalog
Taiwanese
Ukrainian
Urdu
Vietnamese

Programs for Newcomers

INFORMATION & ORIENTATION

BC Education System
Parenting Skills
Digital Literacy
Career & Employment
Language Training
Health Services
Mental Health/ Well-Being
Community Resources
+ many more

BRIDGE PROGRAMS - STUDENT TRANSITION

Bridge
(Transition to High School)

Bridge Co-op
(Career Exploration and Work Experience)

COMMUNITY CONNECTION ACTIVITIES

Connect Through:
Sport
Voices
Homework
Reading
Community Experience
Healthy Living
Sharing Canadian Experiences

ADULT LITERACY AND EDUCATION

Foundations for Adults

(In partnership with Invergarry Adult Education Centre)

Our Team

Settlement Workers

Provide settlement support at the Welcome Centre and some outreach to schools:

- Orientation to school life.
- Settlement counselling to address newcomer needs.
- Information workshops and building connections with your community. Specialized programming for youth to ease the transition to high school.

Multicultural Workers

Provide language and cultural support at schools:

- Interpretation and support at parent-teacher and student-teacher meetings.
- Information about school routines, activities, expectations, and more.
- Referral to school programs and services.
- Work with Settlement Workers at schools to support student success & integration for newcomer youth and families.

604-543-3060

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Scan for
Welcome Centre
Upcoming Events

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BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND

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Parent Workshops

LEARN HOW TO

KEEP KIDS SAFE FROM GANGS

BY BUILDING STRONGER RELATIONSHIPS AND INCREASING RESILIENCY

DATE	LOCATION	TIME
Thursday, October 5	Sunnyside Elementary School	6:00–8:00PM
Wednesday, October 11	A.J. McLellan Elementary School	6:00–8:00PM
Saturday, October 14	Newton Recreation Centre <i>(Presented in Punjabi, childminding included)</i>	11:30AM–1:30PM
Tuesday, October 17	Old Yale Road Elementary School	6:00–8:00PM
Wednesday, November 8	Fraser Heights Secondary School	6:00–8:00PM
Tuesday, November 14	Princess Margaret Secondary School	6:00–8:00PM
Saturday, November 18	Guildford Library	11:30AM–1:30PM

Topics:

- Warning signs for gang involvement
- Building stronger connections with your child
- Having difficult conversations
- Signs of online sexual exploitation and grooming
- Prevention strategies
- Supports and services

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For more information contact:
communitysafety@surrey.ca
236.598.3016

*Light meal provided

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH:



MYED BC / Password Rest



Student – I Forgot My Password to MyEdBC

Student - I Forgot My Password to MyEdBC

1. To retrieve a new temporary password for MyEdBC be sure to use a computer and not a mobile device.



2. Go to MyEdBC <https://www.myeducation.gov.bc.ca/aspn/logon.do> and type in your **MyEdBC Login ID** which is also your student number. Click on 'I forgot my password'. MyEdBC will email you a new temporary password.

MyEducation BC Prod

Login ID
Your Student Number

Password

[I forgot my password](#)

Log On

3. If MyEdBC has your surreyschools email, **log into your surreyschools account** <https://www.surreyschools.ca/Pages/default.aspx> to retrieve your new temporary MyEdBC password. Your login for your surreyschools will be the same login you would log in to FreshGrade or to log onto a school computer. **You can login by clicking on Office 365 or Sign In.** If MyEdBC has your personal email, login to your personal email account to retrieve your new temporary password.



4. Go to MyEdBC <https://www.myeducation.gov.bc.ca/asp/en/logon.do> and **type in your MyEdBC Login ID** which is also your student number. **Type in your new temporary password exactly** as it has been emailed to you under **Password**, as MyEdBC passwords are case sensitive.



The screenshot shows the MyEducation BC Prod login interface. It has a title bar 'MyEducation BC Prod'. Below it is a 'Login ID' field with the placeholder text 'Your Student Number'. Below that is a 'Password' field with a red arrow pointing to it. To the right of the password field is a link that says 'I forgot my password'. At the bottom left is a 'Log On' button.

5. MyEdBC will ask you to choose a new password. Enter the following information in the **Change Password** pop-up window.

Current Password: enter the **temporary password** that MyEdBC emailed you

New Password: enter your new password following the MyEdBC **Password Requirements**

Confirm New Password: enter your **new password a second time**

Click **OK**. You have now reset your MyEdBC password.



The screenshot shows a 'Password Requirements' dialog box. It lists the following requirements:

- Minimum length is 8
- At least one number
- At least one capital and lowercase letter
- At least one symbol that isn't a letter or number
- Can't contain 'password', login name, first name, middle name, last name, date of birth, personal id, or only sequential letters or numbers

Below the requirements are three input fields: 'Current Password', 'New Password', and 'Confirm New Password'. A red arrow points from the 'New Password' field to the requirements list. At the bottom left are 'OK' and 'Cancel' buttons. On the right side of the dialog, there is a red 'X' icon and the text: 'Your password has expired. Please create a new one.' At the bottom right is an 'OK' button.

Note: MyEdBC passwords are good for **90 days**. MyEdBC will prompt you to create a new password immediately.

Tip: **Ten unsuccessful login attempts will disable your account.** If this happens you will have to wait for it to be re-enabled. Call or go to your school office to request that your account be re-activated. This may take a few days or longer.