

# MITCHELL MIDDLE SCHOOL

spotlight

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF MITCHELL MIDDLE SCHOOL

April, 2017

## Principal's Message

We hope everyone had a safe and relaxing Spring Break. We only have three months left this year! The year is going by so quickly! We have lots planned for the rest of the year so with don't just survive, but THRIVE!

- During April our grade 6s and 7s will be taking DARE program facilitated by the RCMP. To learn more about D.A.R.E please look at <http://www.dare.org/category/international/canada/>
- On April 11 our music program will be hosting a 'Coffee House'. An evening to celebrate the talented music students at MMS
- In early May our entire school will be participating in the Global Day of Design (<http://globaldayofdesign.com/>)
- Our Band students are getting the opportunity to travel to and participate in the International Music Camp at the Peace Gardens south of Brandon.
- Our final band concert that will celebrate all of the learning that took place in music class this year happens on June 5.

These are just a few of the school wide activities we will be organizing to help make the last few month's great ones!

Mr. Mead

## The Ultimate Warrior Grade Level Grade Level Core



WE ALL BELONG



Mitchell Middle School

## Welcome to MMS!

We would like to welcome three new students, Judah in grade 5, Lex in grade 7 and Mareanna in grade 8. Welcome to Mitchell Middle School!

## Student Teacher

We are having a great time learning and working with Ms Tess Nesca, a 5<sup>th</sup> year U of M student who is dividing her time between the Grade 7 Band and our Grade 7 English classes. Welcome to Mitchell Middle!

## From the Music Room

### Dates and Details to Take 🎵 Of...

What a busy month!

March zipped by in a flash, filled with all sorts of wonderful musical experiences!

Special thank-you to all the parents who accompanied our Grade 5 and 6 students on their Field Trip to the Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra – it was a great day! And standing ovation to our excellent Choir students (190 voices strong!) who took part in the South East Music Festival the week before Spring Break. Your hard work was evident, and you made me very proud!

## Got Your Tickets?

Next Tuesday, April 11th @ 7:00pm is our Spring Concert / "Coffee House" event.

Audience members will hear performances by the Grade 7 and 8 Bands, Jazz Band, and 7/8 Choir, as well as special guests and entertainment from our own MMS Drama Department. We are also excited to announce the event is catered by our own Home Ec. Department, with treats/coffee/drinks served with a smile by Grade 8 Band members following the show!

Tickets are \$10 each – available from any Grade 7 or 8 Band member, or Choir member.

(\* Band Members are asked to give Mrs. Sawatzky a good estimate of how many tickets they will be selling by Thursday, April 6<sup>th</sup>. Thanks!)

Funds raised from this Concert will either go towards each individual's cost for the Grade 8 Band trip to International Peace Gardens, or a general fund for the purchase of rolling storage carts for the Music Stands in the Band Room.

(Money raised by Grade 7 Band members will be saved in their fundraising account, and can be applied towards their Grade 8 Band trip next year.) Thanks for your support!

### **Level One Band Festival –**

The Grade 7 Band will take part in their very first Festival on Thursday, April 27<sup>th</sup> at 11:20am. This Festival is held at the North Kildonan Mennonite Church, and we would love to have many parent volunteers along to join us – both to chaperone and to encourage from the audience.

If you would like to join us, please email Mrs. Sawatzky!

Friday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> (8:00am) to Sunday, June 4<sup>th</sup> – It's not too late for Grade 8 Band members to add their name to the list for the Grade 8 Band Trip to International Music Camp at International Peace Garden (15 minutes south of Boissevain)! We look forward to a wonderful weekend of collaborating with Grade 8 students from around Hanover School Division (Clearspring Middle, Stonybrook Middle, and Blumenort), and getting a feel for what Band might be like next year in Grade 9 at the SRSS.

The Coffee House will be our final fundraiser for this trip; remaining fees will be due May 15<sup>th</sup>.

### **Grade 8 'Farewell' Pictures**

Grade 8 pictures will be taken the morning of Friday, April 28<sup>th</sup>. More information will follow at a later date.

### **Athletic Department**



### **HSD Badminton Tournaments:**

Tuesday May 2nd 5 pm.

Grade 7's @ SMS.

Grade 8's @ SCS.

Thursday May 4th 5 pm.

HSD badminton championships grade 7-8 @ CMS.

### **Change of Address**

We ask that you inform our office of a new mailing address, email address, phone number, and any other changes as soon as possible. It is very important that we have accurate and up-to-date information on file.

### **Parent Council**

If you have any questions or concerns please contact one of the PAC members.

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WISE Kid-Netic Energy Science & Engineering day camp is coming to Steinbach again this summer!

When: **July 31-August 4, 2017**

Where: **Southwood School**

WISE Kid-Netic Energy will be in Steinbach soon! Spots are filling, so this may be your last chance to register for this science and engineering day camp. Every day, campers will explore a new and exciting field of science or engineering. This year's theme days include Space Discovery, Medical Science, Mining, Sustainability and Genetics. Come and join the fun!

There are a total of **30 camper spots** available for the week, open to youth **ages 9 – 12**, by December 31, 2017. Registration is **\$100** for the one-week day camp.

Special thanks to Hanover School Division for their continued support. Registration is available online at [www.wisekidneticenergy.ca](http://www.wisekidneticenergy.ca).

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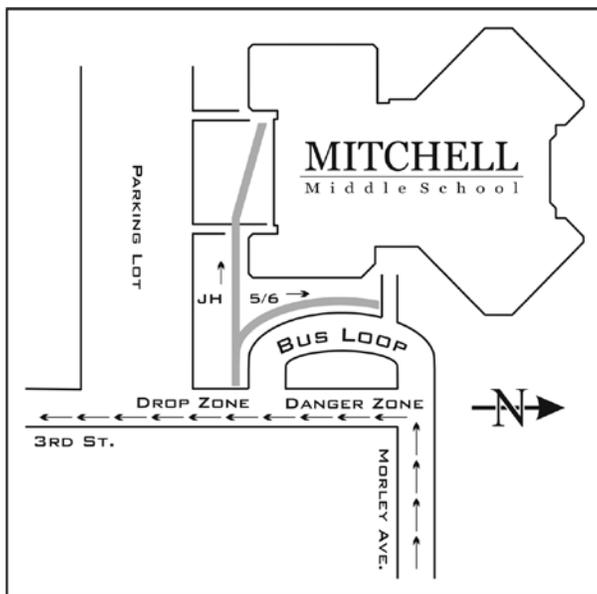
Twitter: @WISE\_KidNetic

## **Vehicular Traffic**

### **Safety Is Still First!**

Some things do not change... safety remains at the top of our list of concerns for our students. Morning arrivals and afternoon departures are potentially the two most dangerous times of the day at school. With many buses coming through between 8:30 and 9:00, and again between 3:30 and 4:00, along with a number of parents coming by in various vehicles to drop off or pick up their children, put together with many other students traveling on foot or by bicycle, traffic is heavy at those two particular times of the day. **Please!, please!, please!** **Pay close attention to the following rules and directives designed to keep your children safe:**

**Drop off and pick up your children on the west side of Third Street in front of the school and toward the south end of the bus loop** (see the "Drop Zone" area indicated on the accompanying map). Please approach the school from the east on Morley so that all traffic moves past the school in the same north/south direction. Do not drive through the bus loop between 8:30 and 9:00, nor between 3:30 and 4:00. **Do not drive into the parking lot to drop off or pick up children!** The parking lot does not have room to safely turn vehicles around, especially when children may be near. Thank-you for continuing to work with us to make the traffic part of our operation run as smoothly and safely as possible.



Please remind your students when walking to school to walk on the left side of the street facing traffic and when riding their bikes to stay on the right. Students walking along 3<sup>rd</sup> Street between MMS and MES should use the sidewalk.

## **Issues of Spring**

### **Neighbourhood Etiquette, etc.**

Now that the snow is melting, and temperatures are becoming much more pleasant, students understandably enjoy the walk or bike ride to school much more. Also, these trips to and from school, whether in the morning, at noon, or after school, tend to become longer events than when the weather is cold. Here are several reminders related to this:

(1) Leaving the schoolyard. Students are the responsibility of the school from the time parents send them off till they return home. For bus students, this means they must stay on school grounds all day unless they have specific permission to leave. Town students may leave at noon to go home for lunch unless parents have arranged for them to stay at school. Those who do go home for lunch may not bring other students with them unless that has been arranged with both sets of parents involved, and the school has been notified.

(2) Respecting private property. Don't take 'shortcuts' across people's yards. Also, remember that places like the churchyard are also private, and should not be used as 'playground extensions', even when students are legitimately on their way to or from school.

### **Bike Safety**

As the streets become snow and ice-free, and even dry, we expect that many students will be driving their bikes to school again. This is fine for students living on the north side of the highway (see note below), providing that the following guidelines are followed. Parents, please remind your children to obey them.

- 1) Drive on the right side of the road It is very difficult for car and bus drivers to make reasonable and safe progress when children are riding bikes on both sides of the street, sometimes even in the middle!
- 2) Park bikes properly in the bike racks. Our grounds look much neater if all bikes are properly parked (not lying on the ground).
- 3) Do not leave for home on your bikes until the buses have left (i.e. at 3:45), even if you are normally a bus passenger.
- 4) We remind all students to wear helmets for bike safety...and because it is the law!
- 5) Do not leave bikes at school in the evenings, overnight, or over the weekend.

### **We are very concerned!**

We are very concerned about the serious and increasing danger of students crossing the #52 highway on foot or on their bicycles. Several near misses have been reported where unsupervised students came dangerously close to being hit by motorists as they were crossing the highway. Parents, if you live south of the #52 highway, we at Mitchell Elementary School and Mitchell Middle School urge you to take advantage of Hanover School Division buses and not to allow your children to walk or ride their bikes to and from school without adult supervision.

The RM of Hanover and the Mitchell LUD are working with the Manitoba Department of Highways to provide appropriate infrastructure that ensures a safe place to cross for pedestrians and cyclists. For now, please help ensure your children's safe transportation to and from school by not allowing them to walk or cycle if it requires crossing the highway unless they are supervised by an adult.

Thank-you for helping keep our/your kids safe!

Mitchell Elementary School  
Mitchell Middle School

### **Summer Camps**

To date we have received brochures from Camp Arnes, Cedarwood and Roseau River Bible Camp. These can be picked up at the school office.

### **Women Fly 2017**

Women Fly 2017: Family Air Fair invites families, individuals and organizations to explore aviation at St Andrews Airport on June 3rd 2017:

For more information, please visit

<https://manitoba99s.wordpress.com/upcoming-events/women-fly-2017/>



**“Love builds bridges where there are none.”**

At Camp Wannakumbac, Clear Lake

Friday, May 26, 2017 (6:15 pm drop off) to  
Sunday, May 31, 2017 (1:00 pm pickup)

**This camp is open to any child in Manitoba, aged 7 – 17 years, who is grieving the death of someone significant in their lives.**

*Camp Bridges will provide a safe environment where the campers have opportunities to interact and share their feelings with other children in similar circumstances. They may learn to understand their grief, recognize that they are not alone, and that their feelings are normal. The camp is not designed to provide grief therapy, but we will acknowledge the loss and grief, honour memories, and have some fun, too.*

**Camper registrations must be received by May 5th, 2017**

**There is no fee to attend the camp.**

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APRIL

2017

Sun

Mon

Tues

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Thurs

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Sat



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3 Day 4

4 Day 5

5 Day 6

6 Day 1

7  
Administration/  
Professional  
Development Day  
  
No Classes

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Welcome back!

HSD Public Board Meeting 7:30pm

Sub Sandwich \$4.50

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10 Day 2

11 Day 3

12 Day 4

13 Day 5

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Good Friday  
  
No Classes

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Spring Concert "Coffee House" 7:00 pm

Sub Sandwich \$4.50

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17 Day 6

18 Day 1

19 Day 2

20 Day 3

21 Day 4  
  
Ham & Pineapple  
Pizza \$2.00

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Easter Sunday

Community Clean-up

Sub Sandwich \$4.50

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24 Day 5

25 Day 6

26 Day 1

27 Day 2

28 Day 3  
  
Gr. 8 Pictures  
Pepperoni &  
Cheese Pizza  
\$2.00

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HSD Board/PAC Liaison Meeting

Sub Sandwich \$4.50

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