

# MITCHELL MIDDLE SCHOOL

spotlight

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF MITCHELL MIDDLE SCHOOL

June, 2017

## Principal's Message

I can't believe it's already June! It's been quite a year of new things for me - and likely some new things for everyone else. I have learned something new every day. This is certainly the best aspect of being a principal and teacher. The learning never stops. I do want to say thank you for accepting me and learning right alongside me.

We have a few changes coming for the fall. A huge thank you and best of luck to Mrs. Cuccaro. She is moving on to a new school next year. The community of Blumenort is lucky to have you! Mrs. Barkwell is new to Mitchell next year teaching grade 6 Social Studies and grade 7 Science. Returning to Mitchell next year are Mrs. Loewen (gr 5 homeroom) and Mrs. Hinatsu (grade 6 homeroom shared with Mrs. Barkwell).

Also new at MMS next year is a fourth grade 5 homeroom. So, next year we will have 4 grade 5 homerooms and 3 homerooms for each of the grade 6, 7 and 8 grades with a student body of about 315 students.



## Our priorities for next year will focus on the following ideas:

1. Providing all students opportunities to learn the skills, disposition, values, and knowledge required for a productive and wholesome life.
2. Building school culture to enable all students to learn.
3. Partnering with our communities to enable all students and staff to learn.

These are similar to the divisional priorities and focus on the overall development and happiness of all of our kids.

As a school we will be focusing on the following goals in 2017-18 to ensure academic, intellectual, emotional and social engagement for all of our kids are:

1. By June 2018, All MMS students will show a mathematical mindset (strong character skills which include growth mindset, perseverance, mathematical thinking, enjoy math, willingness to try different methods) when approaching math class and math topics.
2. By June 2018, all students will have an understanding of their own reading skill set and develop a plan for improvement.
3. By June 2018, all MMS students will view themselves as critical thinkers and use those skills across the curricula.
4. By June 2018, all MMS students will understand, and be able to articulate and perform their role(s) within the Ultimate Warrior Core Values to gain a sense of belonging to MMS (Be Ready to Learn (5), Be Ready to Help (6), Be Ready to Participate (7), Be Ready to Serve (8)).

## The Ultimate Warrior Grade Level Grade Level Core



WE ALL BELONG



Mitchell Middle School

But, before we start next year, I want to wish everyone a finish to this year where everyone is thriving until the very last day. Thank you again for learning with me throughout the year, trusting me to work for the kids of Mitchell Middle School and the community of Mitchell. I am very lucky to have the chance to spend my days here. It's a great school and I look forward to seeing Mitchell Middle School become an even better school for everyone.

Sincerely,  
Andrew Mead, Principal

### **Welcome to MMS!**

We would like to welcome two new students, John in grade 5, and Jana in grade 8. Welcome to Mitchell Middle School!

### **From the Art Room...**

We have had an amazing year of Art at MMS. The kiln was set up in winter and we have not stopped firing items. Thanks to all the enthusiastic pottery club participants. You have made this a fun year.

The Hanover Arts Fair participants brought in amazing artwork and we had a great time setting them up at ClearSpring Mall. The students art will be on display the night of the Band Concert, for parents to enjoy.

I can't wait to see what next year brings.

### **Athletic Department**

#### **Track & Field:**

The grade 5 & 6 HSD Track & Field Meet is scheduled for Wednesday June 7<sup>th</sup> at Stony Brook Middle School. (Rain date is June 14<sup>th</sup>).

The grade 7 & 8 HSD Track & Field Meet is scheduled for Friday June 9<sup>th</sup> at Stony Brook Middle School. (Rain date is June 12<sup>th</sup>).

#### **Golf:**

All PE classes will be going to the Steinbach Golf Course driving range on Monday June 19<sup>th</sup> or Tuesday June 20<sup>th</sup>.

#### **HSD Soccer Tournament:**

Our gr. 7 & 8 students will be participating in the HSD soccer tournament on Monday June 26<sup>th</sup> at the Steinbach Soccer Complex.

### **From the Music Room**

#### **Dates and Details to Take Of...**

#### **MMS Final Concert: Monday evening, June 5th, at 7:00pm**

On the program:  
Grade 7/8 Jazz Band  
Grade 5 Mass Choir, Grade 5 Music classes  
Grade 7 Band  
Grade 6 Music classes  
Grade 8 Band  
Grade 7/8 Noon Choir  
Grade 5-8 Mass Choir – Closing Song

Parents and adoring fans are welcome to come to the Dress Rehearsal which is set to begin shortly after 1:00pm on the same day.

Band/Choir students are to wear their Black Band shirts and Black bottoms.

Grade 5 and 6 students are to wear "Mitchell Middle Colors" – navy top, or any other shade of blue. Your choice of bottoms.

#### **Friday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> (8:00am) to Sunday, June 4<sup>th</sup> –**

Best wishes to our Grade 8 Band students heading to International Peace Gardens for the weekend – all the best as you learn and make music together with other Grade 8 Band students from across Hanover School Division!

#### **Thursday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> @ 6:30pm – Concert in the Park!**

Grade 7 and 8 Band, Choir, and Jazz Band students will perform some of their greatest hits in a free concert at K.R.Barkman Park in Steinbach (next to the Fire Hall).

This concert is optional, but all students who can make it are encouraged to attend!

Mrs. Sawatzky will need some parents with trailers or vans to help haul equipment to the park. Email if you can help: [ssawatzky@hsd.ca](mailto:ssawatzky@hsd.ca)

A bus will be available to transport students and small instruments there and back.

Audience members should bring a lawn chair and mosquito spray!

#### **Library**

All library books are to be returned by **Tuesday, June 20<sup>th</sup>**.

#### **Awards Assembly**

Mitchell Middle School's Awards Assembly will take place on the morning of **Tuesday, June 27<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 am**. Parents of students receiving major awards will be notified in advance.

### **June Report Card 'Delivery', etc.**

All grade 5 to 8 students who requested it, will have their report cards emailed. All others will be mailed as in the past.

Grade 7 students will have their caution fee reports mailed to them, whether they have their report cards sent by email or by mail. Grade 8 students will have their caution fee reports and caution fee refund cheques mailed to them, whether they have their report card sent by email or mail.

All Grade 5 to 7 students who have their report cards emailed should be able to access their 2017/2018 supply list on the school website (<http://mms.hsd.ca>). All Grade 5 to 7 students who have their report cards mailed to them will receive a hard copy of next year's supply list included with that report card.

For those parents who requested an emailed report card, if you have not received it by July 4<sup>th</sup>, please contact the school no later than July 6<sup>th</sup> so that we can make sure you receive a mailed copy before the school closes for the summer break.

### **Year-End Reminders and Information**

#### **Return of School Material:**

All textbooks, library books, locks, and other school materials used by students must be returned before the end of the school year as follows:

- Library books                      **June 20<sup>th</sup>**
- Locks                                      **June 23<sup>rd</sup>**

#### **Payments:**

- For Grade 8 students, a caution fee refund cheque will be issued and sent out with the report card for any remaining balance.

#### **Locker Cleanup:**

Students are responsible for cleaning out their own lockers. Some school time will be given for this by homeroom teachers prior to the end of the last day of classes.

### **2017-2018 September Start-up:**

Classes for the 2017-2018 school year begin on **Wednesday, September 6<sup>th</sup>**. The school office will be open as of August 23<sup>rd</sup> from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. If your family is moving over the summer or if your children will not be attending Mitchell Middle School for any other reason, please advise us (as well as the elementary school, if both are affected). If you are aware of new families moving into the area, please ask them to register before school starts.

### **2017-2018 School Bus Service:**

If you are moving during the summer, please inform the Hanover School Division Transportation department as soon as possible (204-320-2347).

### **Students with Health Care Needs**

Does your child have medical concerns requiring special attention? At MMS we want to ensure the safety of all students and having the right information helps us do that. Below are two programs our school is connected with which help us communicate with you and medical professionals to ensure that the best care can be given to students with specialized medical needs. Please contact Ms. Jolene Kehler (Resource Teacher) if you are not yet involved in the programs below but feel they could be beneficial to your child's school experience.

- 1.) **The Unified Referral and Intake System** (URIS) is a provincial program that supports children with designated health care needs when they are attending community programs such as school or day care. Through URIS support, a registered nurse develops a health care plan for the child and trains school/day care staff on how to care for the child while he/she is at school. Our school receives URIS support from Southern Health. Students with health care needs related to asthma, anaphylaxis, diabetes, and epilepsy are often a part of this program.
- 2.) **No Child Without** program provides students (age 4-14) with access to Medic Alert's unparalleled 24/7 protection and emergency services through the provision of Medic Alert IDs and memberships. Medic Alert IDs can alert school staff, friends, coaches and others about your child's medical condition should an emergency occur. Brochures for this program are available through the school office or Resource department.

### **French News**

Congratulations to Julia who represented Hanover School Division and Mitchell Middle School at the *Concours d'art oratoire*. The *Concours d'art oratoire* is an annual French public-speaking event for schools throughout the province. Divisional winners compete at the provincial competition, which is held every year at the University of St-Boniface in May. Julia won **third place** at the grade 7/8 level for prepared speeches! Félicitations!

### **Parent Council**

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

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### **QSP Magazines**

This fall our school will be fundraising with *QSP Magazines*. We will be sending home an envelope with the brochures, order forms and a parent letter in October. Please wait to renew your subscriptions through your school. (Please disregard renewal notices you receive in the mail so that you can continue to support your local school.) Support your school at [www.qsp.ca](http://www.qsp.ca).

Encourage literacy while you help the school raise needed funds! Thank you for your support.

### **Red Cross Babysitting Course**

This course is designed to prepare adolescents 11 years and older for babysitting. Participants need to bring a doll or teddy bear, pencil, eraser, and a lunch. Students will need to be signed in and out by an adult.

Date: Thursday, June 29, 2017

Time: 9:00 am to 5:00 pm

Where: Red River College – Steinbach Campus

Tuition: **\$59 Summer SALE** (regular price \$97)

Please register in person or by phone minimum 5 business days prior 204-320-2500.

### **5-5-5 Summer Camp 2017**

Our very popular 5-5-5 Summer Camp will be back for its second time this summer!! It will be taking place August 21-25 at the SRSS. Students will be participating in four different workshops facilitated by SRSS Vocational Teachers from the following departments: Hairstyling, Welding, Carpentry, Electrical, Cooking, Baking and Aesthetics. They will also spend a day at the Mennonite Heritage Village participating in hands-on activities doing "jobs of the past". Each day the students will also have the opportunity to use my Blueprint's All About Me program to create portfolios documenting their experiences at the camp and we are hoping to also have lunch hour guest speakers come and talk about their occupations.

HSD will be sending out an email to all parents of our grade 5 (going into grade 6) students this week letting them know about the camp along with my contact information to register their child for the camp. Parents will have from June 5-June 16 to register their child with me (they do not register through their school or teacher). Camp space will be limited to 70 students.

### **WISE Kid-Netic Energy Science and Engineering Day Camp**

When: August 15 - 19

Where: Southwood School

WISE Kid-Netic Energy will be in Steinbach soon! Spots are filling, so this may be your last chance to register. Every day campers will explore a new and exciting field of science or engineering. This year's theme days include: At the Heart of Science, Construction, Forensic Science, Marine Biology and Plants & Fungi.

There are 40 camper spots available, open to kids ages 9-12, by December 31, 2016. Registration fees are \$100 for the one-week camp. Registrations are available online at [www.wisekidneticenergy.ca](http://www.wisekidneticenergy.ca) or call the office at 1-800-432-1960 ext. 934

**HANOVER SMALL SCHOOLS TRACK AND FIELD SCHEDULE**  
**Wednesday June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2017 (Rain Date June 14)**

9:45-11:00	ALL 60M and 100M RUN			
	<b>GR 5 BOYS</b>	<b>GR 6 BOYS</b>	<b>GR 5 GIRLS</b>	<b>GR 6 GIRLS</b>
11:00-11:30	400m	triple jump	high jump	800m
11:30-12:00	800m	200m	shot put	triple jump
12:00-12:30	high jump	long jump	800m	400m
12:30-1:00	shot put	400m	triple jump	200m
1:00-1:30	triple jump	high jump	200m	long jump
1:30-2:00	200m	800m	long jump	shot put
2:00-2:30	long jump	shot put	400m	high jump
2:30-3:00	<b>4 X 100 RELAY</b>			
3:00	TRACK CLEANUP AND DISMISSAL			

**Barb Cheop Track and Field Schedule, June 9th, 2017**

	9:45	Coach's Meeting
	10:00	60m girls and boys heats and finals
	10:45	100m girls and boys heats and finals
11:30		400m finals girls
	11:50	400m finals boys
	12:20	200m finals girls
12:50		200m finals boys
	1:20	800m finals girls
	1:40	800m finals boys
	2:00	4 x 100 relay girls
	2:20	4 x 100 relay boys

**1500m – Thursday, June 8th, 4:30 pm**

**Field Events**

	7 girls	7 boys	8 girls	8 boys
10:00				
10:45	High Jump	Long Jump	Discus	Triple Jump
11:30	Shot Put	High Jump	Long Jump	Discus
12:45	Triple Jump	Shot Put	High Jump	Long Jump
1:30	Discus	Triple Jump	Shot Put	High Jump
2:15	Long Jump	Discus	Triple Jump	Shot Put

All Times are approximate.



# Steinbach Alert Now

The City of Steinbach has launched a new emergency mass notification service that allows us to alert residents about life threatening emergency situations. You opt-in by entering your contact information and subscribe to notifications that you care about based on your location. The information you provide is protected and will not be used for any other purpose.

## How It Works

When the City of Steinbach issues a notification about a potential safety hazard or concern, you will receive a message on the voice or text communication methods that you have registered. If requested for the notification, you can confirm that you have received the message and you will not be contacted by any subsequent methods regarding that particular notification. If you do not confirm, the system will continue to attempt to reach you at all of the contact paths that you have registered.

To register please go to: <https://member.everbridge.net/index/892807736723434>





**STEINBACH ALERT NOW**  
Emergency Notification Service



# JUNE

# 2017

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tues</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thurs</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
			Gr. 7 & 8 Band & Choir Concert 7:00 pm  Sub Sandwich \$4.50	<b>1</b> Day 2  MMS Track & Field Day	<b>2</b> Day 3  Ham & Pineapple \$2.00	<b>3</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> Day 4	<b>6</b> Day 5	<b>7</b> Day 6 Gr. 5/6 HSD Small Schools Track & Field Meet (Rain date June 14) Sub Sandwich \$4.50	<b>8</b> Day 1	<b>9</b> Day 2 Gr. 7/8 HSD Track & Field Meet (Rain date June 12) Gr. 5 Field Trip to Fort Gibraltar Pepperoni Bacon Pizza \$2.00	<b>10</b>
<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> Day 3	<b>13</b> Day 4	<b>14</b> Day 5  Sub Sandwich \$4.50	<b>15</b> Day 6  Athletes in Action June 15 & 16 in Phys. Ed	<b>16</b> Day 1  Steak & Cheese Pizza \$2.00	<b>17</b>
<b>18</b> 	<b>19</b> Day 2 Phys. Ed classes going Golfing	<b>20</b> Day 3 Phys. Ed classes going Golfing	<b>21</b> Day 4 Sub Sandwich \$4.50	<b>22</b> Day 5	<b>23</b> Day 6 Last Canteen Day Gr. 7s at MES (pm) Double Cheese Pizza \$2.00	<b>24</b>
<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> Day 1 Gr. 7 & 8 Soccer Tournament at Steinbach Soccer Complex	<b>27</b> Day 2 MMS Awards Assembly at 10:30 am  Gr. 8 Farewell (pm)	<b>28</b> Day 3 Activity Day Events: Gr. 5/6s Swimming Gr. 7s @ Lilac Gr. 8s @ Grand Prix	<b>29</b>  Administration Day No Classes	<b>30</b>  Administration Day No Classes	<b>Start of School for 2017-2018 Wednesday, September 6</b>
