

MITCHELL MIDDLE SCHOOL

spotlight

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF MITCHELL MIDDLE SCHOOL

November, 2017

Principal's Message

The first two months of school have been a flurry of activity! So many positive things happening throughout the school. Some of our school wide accomplishments to date include:

- Dot Day
- Strong Connections
- Character Day
- Student Council Elections
- The Terry Fox Run
- Orange Shirt Day
- Warrior Week
- And our Day Wonder has got off to a great start!

Our school teams are doing great! Thanks to all the students and staff who committed to our Cross Country Teams. These teams participated in two divisional cross country meets and the Provincial Milk Run. Our volleyball teams are going strong and already half way through the season!

A huge thank you to all of our coaches for spending so much of your personal time giving these opportunities to MMS students.

All of these events and teams are a perfect fit for our engagement goal for this school year.

By June 2018, all MMS students will understand, 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) and engagement data will increase 5% at each grade level.

A dream of mine is to make sure that all kids are happy at Mitchell Middle School all the time. Our kids need to be challenged, feel safe to take risks and see learning as a joyful thing. One of the six core competencies with the Our Kid Deeper Learning Plan is we want all of our kids to be Learners. Kids who are engaged in school and who feel safe can learn. I strongly feel with high supports and high expectations there is no limit to what our kids can learn.



Music and Band Notes

* **Noon "Voluntary Choir" for Grade 6, 7 and 8** has begun! It is totally optional for keen singers - the group assembled is keen and committed, and sound wonderful already. We will be performing at the Remembrance Day program, as well as the Christmas program. There will be a chance for new singers to join us following the November 10th performance. After Christmas – Noon Choir rehearsals will be primarily for students singing in the Chorus of our Spring Musical!

* **Jazz Band** – for Grade 8 Band students and select Grade 7 students has also begun – we meet every Wednesday over the noon hour, and are already working on music to perform over the Christmas season! New musicians welcome!

Dates to Make of:

November 3rd – 17th – Grade 5-8 Band/Music Fundraiser! Mom's Pantry and Bothwell Cheese – Band students are raising money towards their June Band Trip; Music students are raising money to repair/replace aging classroom instruments.

Friday, November 10th @ 11:00am – Remembrance Day program featuring Grade 5 Choir, Grade 6-8 Voluntary Choir, Grade 8 Band. Open to the public!

Monday, December 4th – 4 - 6pm

Mom's Pantry/Bothwell Cheese pick-up. No food products allowed on school buses; there is no freezer space available to store food overnight. Please make arrangements to pick up any items your family has sold.

Tuesday, December 12th – Grade 5-8 Christmas Program – Student attendance is required for BOTH the **2:00pm and 7:30pm** program. Please inform coaches, leaders and loyal fans NOW!

Tuesday, December 19th @ 10:15am – Grade 5 Choir sings at the Steinbach Credit Union, to be broadcast on AM1250 radio.

Wednesday, March 21st and Thursday, March 22nd – MMS Production of... Beauty and the Beast! Auditions are wrapping up this week; scripts and music will be sent home early this month!

Friday, June 1st to Sunday, June 3rd – Grade 8 – and tentatively also Grade 7 - Band Trip to International Music Camp at International Peace Garden (15 minutes south of Boissevain). Students will miss one day of instruction. Details will be shared via email shortly.

Remembrance Day

Our MMS community will be holding a Remembrance Day service on **Friday, November 10th** to honour our veterans from all past conflicts and to recall the ultimate sacrifice made by so many who never returned to us. Our invitation extends to parents and members of the Mitchell community to join us prior to the **11:00 am** start of the program.



Athletic Dept.

Volleyball Playoffs & Championship

The grade 8 girls' volleyball playoffs will be on **Tuesday, November 14th**. (Location TBA)

The grade 8 boys' volleyball playoffs will be on **Thursday, November 16th**. (Location TBA)

The grade 8 volleyball championships will be held at CMS on **Tuesday, November 21st**.



Picture Retakes

Picture retakes will be on **Tuesday, November 14th**. All students who were absent on picture day will automatically be on the retake list. If a retake is required you must bring in your picture package together with a note with student's name and homeroom, stating why you are requesting a retake and return it to the school by **Thursday morning, November 9th** so a list can be compiled for the photographer.

Report Cards and Parent/Teacher Conferences

November 24th is when our students will get their first report cards of the year. All grade 5 to 8 students who requested it will have their report cards emailed. All other report cards will be sent home with the student.

Parent/Teacher conferences will be held on the evening of Thursday, November 30th. Please wait for more detailed information on the schedule for that event

A Tale As Old As Time

This year's musical is... **Beauty and the Beast Jr.** A classic Disney tale where audiences learn to look past appearances. Auditions have just wrapped up and the cast list will be posted soon. **Mark your calendar! Performance dates are March 21 & 22, 2018**

Lost and Found

Our Lost and Found bin is overflowing! Please remind your children to check for any items they may be missing and take them home. Periodically the bin is emptied and the contents brought to the MCC Thrift Store.

Parent Council

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

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Red Cross Babysitting Course

This course is designed to prepare adolescents 11 years of age and older for babysitting. Participants will learn important child care skills, safety tips for children of all ages, how to cope with common problems, how to make the children's environment safe and enjoyable, some great games and what to do in case of an emergency. Students 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: Saturday, December 9, 2017

Time: 9:00 am to 5:00 pm

Where: Red River College – Steinbach Campus

Tuition: \$59.00

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

In Flanders Fields

*In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.*

*We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.*

*Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.*

by John McCrae, May 1915



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<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tues</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thurs</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
			1 Day 2 Sub Sandwich \$4.75	2 Day 3	3 Day 4 Mom's Pantry Fundraiser Begins Pepperoni/Mushroom Pizza \$2.00	4
5  Daylight Saving Time Ends Turn Clocks Back One Hour	6 Day 5	7 Day 6 Taco Del Mar Burritos & Quesadillas \$3.50 HSD Board Meeting (Public)	8 Day 1 Day Wonder End of Round 1 Sub Sandwich \$4.75	9 Day 2	10 Day 3 Remembrance Day Assembly 11:00 am Pepperoni/Cheese Pizza \$2.00	11  Remembrance Day
12	13 No Classes Administration/ Professional Development Day	14 Day 4 Picture Re-takes Gr. 8 Girls' Volleyball Playoffs	15 Day 5 Sub Sandwich \$4.75	16 Day 6 Gr. 8 Boys' Volleyball Playoffs	17 Day 1 Mom's Pantry Fundraiser Ends Ham & Pineapple Pizza \$2.00	18
19	20 Day 2	21 Day 3  HSD Volleyball Championships at CMS	22 Day 4 Sub Sandwich \$4.75	23 Day 5	24 Day 6 Term 1 Report Cards Issued Pepperoni/Bacon Pizza \$2.00	25
26	27 Day 1 Day Wonder Start of Round 2	28 Day 2	29 Day 3 Sub Sandwich \$4.75	30 Day 4 Parent/Teacher Conferences 4:30 - 7 pm in the Gym Drop In		