

MITCHELL MIDDLE SCHOOL

OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER



APRIL 2018

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 we don't just survive, but THRIVE!

We have lots to be excited for over the next few months. Some of our upcoming events are:

- Friday April 20 - Grade 8 Farewell Pictures
- Friday, April 27 - Community Clean Up
- Wednesday, May 2 - HSD's 2nd Annual Career Cafe & Exhibition at the SRSS
- Thursday, May 3 - PCAP Assessment - Field Test - 8H (more information to come)
- Friday, May 4 - Grade 5s to Oak Hammock Marsh
- Friday, May 4 - Global Day of Design
- Monday, May 21 - No school - Victoria Day
- Thursday, May 30 - MMS Track and Field Meet (Rain date May 31)
- June 1 - 3 -International Peace Garden - Band Trip (gr 7)

These are just a few of our school wide activities - to keep up to date be sure to follow our school calendar at: <https://mms.hsd.ca/calendar/>

A huge congratulations to all staff and students involved in the Beauty and the Beast production. A wonderful opportunity for everyone involved! Thank you to everyone for their commitment and time. A job well done!

We are in the midst of planning for the next year. To do this we are asking parents and guardians for their feedback. There are two ways to respond this short survey. It can be completed online by following this link. (<http://tiny.cc/19rcsy>) or it can be completed on paper and returned to the school office. We would appreciate it all responses be completed by April 20, 2018. Thank you for your feedback and time!

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Principal

Welcome to MMS!

We would like to welcome two new students, Santiago in grade 6 and Damaris in grade 7. Welcome to Mitchell Middle School!

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 up-to-date information on file.

Grade 8 Farewell Pictures

Grade 8 pictures will be taken the morning of Friday, April 20th. More information will follow at a later date.

Notes from the Music Room



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

A standing ovation to our excellent Grade 5 Choir (85 voices strong!) who took part in the South East Music Festival the week before Spring Break. Your hard work was evident, and you made us very proud! Excellent performance!

Hearty congratulations to the cast and crew of *Beauty and the Beast* – your hard work ahead of time made the performances really shine! Special thanks to MMS staff for your support and flexibility, as well as our Mitchell parents. Bravo!

Coming Events:

Friday and Saturday, April 13th and 14th – Good luck to our Grade 8 Band students Vaughn, Taryn and Wyatt who are taking part in the Eastman/Interlake region Honour Band held in Springfield! Congratulations!

Monday, April 23rd – A special in-school concert by the St. James-Assiniboia Jr. Honour Choir: 45 Grade 7 and 8 students from 6 different schools in St. James-Assiniboia School Division, under the direction of Mrs. Gabi Gallo.

Wednesday, April 25th – A group of Grade 5 students will be taking part in “Manitoba Orff – Children’s Day” in Winnipeg – participating with students from schools from all over Manitoba and spending the day singing, moving, playing recorder and xylophone, and having a great time!

Thursday, April 26th – Our Grade 7 Band will travel to Winnipeg and participate in the Level One Band Festival held on the CMU campus. There, they will perform for a panel of judges, listen to other Bands, and enjoy a workshop with a Band Specialist. This is always a great day of learning, and being proud of all that we have accomplished in such a short time of learning a new instrument.

Friday, June 1st (8:00am) to Sunday, June 3rd – It’s not too late for Band members to add their name to the list for the Grade 7 and 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 Band students from around

Hanover School Division (Clearspring Middle and Stonybrook Middle), and getting a feel for what Band might be like next year in Grade 9 at the SRSS.

Information will be sent home shortly regarding our final (optional) fundraiser for this trip.

Beauty and the Beast

After months of rehearsing, creating sets, findings props, and making costumes our musical finally came to life on the stage! *Beauty and the Beast Jr.* was a huge success! We couldn’t be more proud of our students. They did an amazing job and impressed us all with their talents and skills.

Thank you to all our amazing volunteers for your help and support. We couldn’t have made this show happen without you. Lastly, a huge thank you to everyone who came to watch. We couldn’t have had a show without you!

Summer Camps

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

Parent Council

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

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Clubs at MMS

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Before School					
Lunch	-Beading Club -Think Tank in the Library for 5s and 6s	-Gr 6-8 Voluntary Choir -Principal's Principled Program (Grade 7 and 8)	-*Tech Ed Club (7/8s) -Jazz Band -Beading Club -Think Tank in the Library for 5s and 6s	-Gr 6-8 Voluntary Choir -Principal's Principled Program (Grade 7 and 8)	-Crochet Club -Makerspace Fridays

*Tech Ed Club is guaranteed on Wednesdays, but additional days may be offered as students request them.

**Listen to announcements as some of these days change due to unforeseen circumstances

Vehicular Traffic

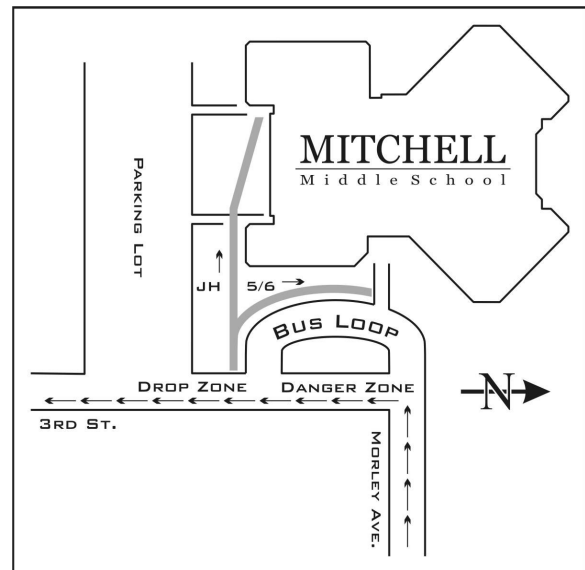
Safety Is Still First!

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 3rd 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*

Eastman Raiders Football

Registration for all age groups will take place May 3-5th at the Clearspring Mall in Steinbach. Practices for most age groups will begin mid-late June except for the 1st Down Program which will run independently of the regular season.

2018 age groups:

1st Down Program – Ages 4-7 (Born between 2011-2014) – non-contact skill development program

Crunchers – Ages 8-9 (Born between 2009-2010)

Atom – Ages 10-11 (Born between 2007-2008)

Pee Wee – Ages 12-13 (Born between 2005-2006)

Bantam – Ages 14-15 (Born between 2003-2004)

Midget – Ages 16-18 (Born between 2000-2002)


Raiders football is a co-ed program focused on fair play and skill development for all players. No previous football experience is necessary.

All equipment is provided in the cost of registration, you only need to provide cleats, a mouthguard and a desire to learn.

Please visit www.eastmanraiders.com as more details will be posted closer to registration weekend. Use the Contact tab to send in any questions regarding the upcoming season.

April

2018

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
1	2 Day 6 Welcome Back!	3 Day 1 Day Wonder HSD Board Meeting (Public)	4 Day 2 Sub Sandwich \$4.75	5 Day 3 Booster Juice \$4.50	6 Admin/PD Day No Classes	7
8	9 Day 4	10 Day 5	11 Day 6 Sub Sandwich \$4.75	12 Day 1 Day Wonder	13 Day 2 Steak & Cheese Pizza \$2.00	14
15	16 Day 3	17 Day 4	18 Day 5 Sub Sandwich \$4.75	19 Day 6	20 Day 1 Gr 8 Farewell Pictures Double Cheese Pizza \$2.00	21
22	23 Day 2 St. James-Assiniboia Jr. Honour Choir	24 Day 3	25 Day 4 Sub Sandwich \$4.75	26 Day 5 Grade 7 Band Level One Band Festival at CMU campus	27 Day 6 Community Clean Up Pepperoni Mushroom Pizza \$2.00	28
29	30 Day 1					

Community Survey - April 2018

Hello, please take a few moments to give us feedback on how things are going this year to date. Your feedback will help us with our school plans for the 2018-19 school year. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Mead (amead@hsd.ca/204-371-6278) at your convenience.

Thank you for your time and feedback. This survey will be closed on Friday, April 20, 2018.

1. Mitchell Middle School has a warm and welcoming atmosphere.

Mark only one oval.

- Strongly disagree
- Disagree
- Neutral
- Agree
- Strongly agree

2. Comments about the atmosphere at MMS.

3. Mitchell Middle School is a safe place for my child(ren).

Mark only one oval.

- Strongly disagree
- Disagree
- Neutral
- Agree
- Strongly agree

4. Comments about safety at MMS.

5. **Mitchell Middle School's website, blog and calendar are valuable to keep me informed in what is happening at school every day.**

Mark only one oval.

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Neutral
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

6. **Mitchell Middle School's social media feeds (Instagram and Twitter) are valuable to keep me informed in what is happening at school every day.**

Mark only one oval.

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Neutral
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

7. **Mitchell Middle School's monthly newsletter is valuable to keep me informed in what is happening at school every day.**

Mark only one oval.

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Neutral
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

8. **Mitchell Middle School's weekly electronic newsletter is valuable to keep me informed in what is happening at school every day.**

Mark only one oval.

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Neutral
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

9. **Comments about MMS communication.**

10. **Administration is accessible and approachable**

Mark only one oval.

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Neutral
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

11. **Comments about administration.**

12. **Administration's response to discipline or other issues that arise are appropriate**

Mark only one oval.

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Neutral
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

13. **Comments**

14. **MMS provides a high quality educational program**

Things to consider: academics, sports, clubs, field trips, special days, etc

Mark only one oval.

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Neutral
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

15. **Comments about the educational program at MMS.**

16. **My child valued and enjoyed Day Wonder this year and MMS should try and continue it for 2018-19.**

Mark only one oval.

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Neutral
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

17. **My child's learning needs are being met.**

Mark only one oval.

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Neutral
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

18. **Comments about my child's learning needs.**

19. **I am interested in joining the Parent Advisory Council.**

This question is just to gauge interest. If the answer is yes, please select it below and then contact Mrs. Toews (charmainetoews@gmail.com) or Mr. Mead for more information.

Mark only one oval.

- Yes
- No

20. Parent Council Fundraisers are valuable.

Mark only one oval.

- Yes
- No
- Maybe

21. Comments/Suggestions about PAC fundraising efforts.

22. Other feedback you would like to leave.

23. Who are you?

Select all that apply
Check all that apply.

- Parent/Guardian of a child in grade 5
- Parent/Guardian of a child in grade 6
- Parent/Guardian of a child in grade 7
- Parent/Guardian of a child in grade 8

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