

MITCHELL MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



JUNE 2018

Principal's Message

I can't believe it's already June! It's been another year of growing and learning. I continue to learn something new everyday. This is certainly the best aspect of being a principal and teacher. The learning never stops. I do want to say thank you for trusting us with your kids everyday.

We have a few changes coming for the fall. A huge thank you and best of luck to Mrs. Sawatzky as she is moving on to a new school next year. The community of Blumenort is lucky to have you! Also, thank you to Mr. Fender who came in to our school in September. Thank you for being a positive member of our community. We will miss you next year! Good luck to Mrs. Malech as she brings a little one into the world next fall. New to our school next year are: Mrs. Thiessen (gr 7 ELA and Drama), Mrs. K. Friesen (Music and Band), and Mrs. M. Friesen (Grade 7 Math and grade 8 ELA).

Mitchell Middle School continues to grow. We are adding a fourth homeroom at the grade 6 level. So, next year we will have 4 homerooms at grade 5, 6 and 8 with 3 homerooms at grade 7. Our student body will grow to a size of about 337 students. This is up about 20 students from 2016-17.

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 focus on the following goals in 2018-19 to ensure academic, intellectual, emotional and social engagement for all of our kids:

1. By June 2019, All MMS students will have a measurable increase of their appreciation for mathematical mindset and demonstrate perseverance in a variety of math environments.
2. By June 2019, ELA teachers will have begun the process of implementing a school-wide ELA continuum, with a focus on one of the following six areas: Reading, Writing, Listening, Viewing, Speaking, Representing.
3. By June 2019, 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). Engagement data will increase 5% at each grade level.

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

Summer Camps

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

Summer Reading Club

The Jake Epp Library will be hosting a Summer Reading Club **July 3- Aug 18th**. Registration takes place **June 25-30th**. The program is free of charge, but participants must have a library membership. A special 2-month family membership is available for \$10.00 for families with at least one reading program registrant.

In addition, there will be free weekly craft classes; registration is required. A Reading Circle will be available for all children to attend with no registration required.

Dates and Details to Take Of...

**Friday, June 1st (8:30am) to
Sunday, June 3**

Grade 7 and 8 Band trip to International Peace Gardens is happening this week! Students will enjoy a wonderful weekend of music-making and getting to know their future SRSS classmates who are currently in Clearspring Middle School and Stoneybrook Middle School. Good luck, and have a fantastic time to all our student musicians taking part!

June 14th and June 22nd –

International Drummer Jay Stoller will be here for 2 full days offering African Drumming Workshops for our Grade 5 and 6 music students. This exciting opportunity is taking place in lieu of students attending the spring Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra Concert this year.

Wednesday, June 20th –

Choir Exchange! Bothwell Grade 7 and 8 Choir students will be here at MMS for an afternoon of

Collaboration and Fun, beginning at 2:25. Our MMS and Bothwell choirs will have a chance to perform for each other, as well as learn a new piece together. Parents are welcome to attend!

Upcoming Events:

June 7th: Gr.5 - Birds Hill Park Field Trip

June 15th: Gr.5 - Fort Gibraltar Field Trip

June 18/19: Athletes in Action

June 21: PAC Pizza Lunch Orders Due

June 22: Gr.7s at MES - Activity Day

June 26th: Awards Assembly

The MMS Awards assembly will take place on the morning of **Tuesday, June 26th at 9:15 am**. Parents of students receiving major awards will be notified in advance.

June 26th: PAC Pizza Lunch at 11:00

June 26th: Grade 8 Farewell - PM at the Park

June 27th: MMS Activity Day:

Gr.5 - Zoo, Gr.6- Camp Manitou, Gr.7- Lilac,

Gr.8 - Lazertopia/Outlet Mall.

Athletic Department

Track & Field:

MMS Track & Field Meet is **Friday, June 1st**. (Rain date is May 31st).

Grade 5 & 6 HSD Track & Field Meet is scheduled for **Wednesday, June 6th** at Stony Brook Middle School. (Rain date is June 13th).

Grade 7 & 8 HSD Track & Field Meet is scheduled for **Friday, June 8th** at Stony Brook Middle School. (Rain date is June 11th).

Golf:

All PE classes will be going to the Steinbach Fly In Golf Course driving range on **Wednesday, June 20th** or **Thursday, June 21st**.

HSD Soccer Tournament:

Our gr. 7 & 8 students will be participating in the HSD soccer tournament on **Monday, June 25th** at the Steinbach Soccer Complex.

MMS Track & Field Meet

Track Events:

9:10	60m girls
9:50	60m boys
10:30	100m girls
11:10	100m boys
11:50	400m girls
12:25	400m boys
1:00	200m girls
1:35	200m boys
2:10	800m girls
2:45	800m boys

* The canteen will be open from 10:00-2:30.

Field Events:

9:10 Boys:	Gr.5 – High Jump Gr.6 – Long Jump Gr.7 – Triple Jump Gr.8 – Shot Put
9:50 Girls:	Gr.5 - High Jump Gr.6 - Long Jump Gr. 7 - Triple Jump Gr. 8 - Shot Put
10:30 Boys:	Gr.5 – Triple Jump Gr.6 – Shot Put Gr.7 – Discus Gr.8 – High Jump
11:10 Girls:	Gr.5 – Triple Jump Gr.6 – Shot Put Gr.7 – Discus Gr.8 – High Jump
11:50 Boys:	Gr.5 – Shot Put Gr.6 – Break Gr.7 – High Jump Gr.8 – Long Jump
12:25 Girls:	Gr.5 - Shot Put Gr. 6 - Break Gr. 7 - High Jump Gr. 8 - Long Jump
1:00 Boys:	Gr. 5 - Break Gr. 6 - High Jump Gr. 7 - Long Jump Gr. 8 - Triple Jump
1:35 Girls:	Gr. 5 - Break Gr. 6 - High Jump Gr. 7 - Long Jump Gr. 8 - Triple Jump
2:10 Boys:	Gr. 5 - Long Jump Gr. 6 - Triple Jump Gr. 7 - Shot Put Gr. 8 - Discus
2:45 Girls:	Gr. 5 - Long Jump Gr. 6 - Triple Jump Gr. 7 - Shot Put Gr. 8 - Discus

June Report Cards

All grade 5 to 8 students whose parents have set up their Parent Portal accounts will be able to view their child's Report Cards on June 27, 2018 at 4:00 pm. All other Report Cards will be sent home with students at the end of the day on June 27, 2018.

Students that have outstanding fees will receive a School Fees Account Statement in their Report Cards. For grade 8 students, a caution fee refund cheque will be issued and included in the Report Card, or mailed, for any remaining balance.

2018-2019 supply lists will be included with the hard copy of Report Cards and can also be accessed on the school website (<http://mms.hsd.ca>).

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 20th**
- **Locks** **June 22nd**

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.

2018/2019 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).

2018/2019 September Start-up:

Classes for the 2018-2019 school year begin on Wednesday, September 5th. The school office will be open as of August 22nd from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. If your family is moving over the summer or 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.

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.

Parent Council

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

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Notice-Religious Exercises-Mitchell Middle School 2018-2019

The Board of Trustees of the Hanover School Division has received petitions requesting that religious exercises be held in Mitchell Middle School during the 2018-2019 school year.

The petitioners have specified their desire for the recitation of the Lord's Prayer and the reading of a Bible passage or story from the Bible.

As the petitions bear the signatures of parents representing more than 60 students in the school, the Board of Trustees of the Hanover School Division has authorized religious exercises, as specified above, to be held before the official instructional day, from 9:00 a.m. to 9:05 a.m., in a designated common area of the school.

Provincial and divisional guidelines will be followed. These guidelines are available from the school office, the divisional administration offices, or on the web site at www.hsd.ca.

Only children of parents who have signed or joined the petition may participate. Parents may join the petition by forwarding a signed note to the Board of Trustees of the Hanover School Division (forward to Mitchell Middle School), indicating the name and the grade of the students they are signing for.

Notice-Religious Instruction-Mitchell Middle School 2018-2019

The Board of Trustees of the Hanover School Division has received petitions requesting that religious instruction be held in Mitchell Middle School during the 2018-2019 school year.

The petitioners have specified their desire for the Discovery Time program offered by Child Evangelism Fellowship.

As the petitions bear the signatures of parents representing more than 25 students in the school, the Board of Trustees of the Hanover School Division has passed the required by-law permitting religious instruction, as specified above, to be offered by volunteers during designated half-hour per week classes.

Provincial and divisional guidelines will be followed. These guidelines are available from the school office the divisional administration offices, or on the web site at www.hsd.ca.

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Practice of Religion in Hanover School Division

As a Manitoba public school division, the Hanover School Division is obligated to comply with the provisions of The Public Schools Act and provincial guidelines governing the implementation of religious exercises and religious instruction. The Public Schools Act states that public schools must be non-sectarian. Religious exercises and religious instruction in public schools may only be implemented by school boards in a manner consistent with the Act and departmental guidelines after a parent petition is presented to the school board. Petitions must be submitted annually. The Hanover School Division will continue to provide for appropriate religious exercises and instruction consistent with provincial and divisional guidelines.

NEW! WISE Kid-Netic Energy presents All-Girls Codemakers Camp in Steinbach!

When: **July 30-August 3, 2018**

Where: **Clearspring Middle School**

WISE Kid-Netic Energy is excited to bring you five days of hands-on activities designed to increase your understanding of coding and computational thinking. Some gadgets you can look forward to learning with are Snap Circuits, littleBits, Cue robots, 3-D printers, Lego Mindstorms, Cozmo robots, and littleBits Coding Kits. Our female instructors will help you whether you know a little or a lot. Registration is **FREE** thanks to CanCode funding from the federal government. Registration is on a first-come, first-serve basis. There are **20 camper spots** available, open to youth **ages 13 – 15** (by December 31, 2018). Registration is available online at www.wisekidneticenergy.ca. Sign up today!

For more info:

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Instagram: [wisekidneticenergy](https://www.instagram.com/wisekidneticenergy)

Do you happen to have a daughter, or young woman in your life that loved attending WISE Kid-Netic Energy's Science & Engineering camp, but is too old to attend now? WISE Kid-Netic is very excited to let you know that this summer they are offering a FREE five day All-Girls Codemakers Camp for 13-15 year olds (by Dec. 31, 2018) in Steinbach July 30-Aug. 3! Thanks to federal government CanCode funding via Actua they are able to take this camp on the road free of charge, and they're super pumped.

For more details, and to register, please visit

<http://www.wisekidneticenergy.ca/codemakers-all-girls-camps/>

Here's what campers can expect each day. There is no need to have any prior coding knowledge. In fact WISE Kid-Netic Energy encourage those that don't have any experience to join!

Monday: Introduction to Coding

Our first exploration of electronics, coding, and computer science! Snap Circuits, the Hour of Code, a coding choose your own adventure, and inventing with littleBits are all parts of this diverse day.

Tuesday: Robotics Day

Today is the first day of the week where we work closely with various robots like Dash and Cue! In addition, we will get a chance to design 3D printed works like a veterinarian, and have fun with a crazy electronic unit called Backyard Brains.

Wednesday: LEGO Mindstorms Day

One of our favorite days is LEGO Mindstorms day! We delve into the unique way LEGO coding works and the campers will build their own robots for our challenges. If you can think it, you can build it!

Thursday: littleBits Day

We've organized multiple activities using cool electronics from littleBits today! The inventive controller MakeyMakey, the #STEAM dream Codekits, and the famous Arduino all make an appearance in the affectionately named, littleBits day.

Friday: Artificial Intelligence

Our final day is packed with computer science concepts like Artificial Intelligence and facial recognition with robots like Cozmo, and doing advanced coding in Processing which campers are encouraged to expand on with free tutorials and libraries!

Mitchell Mud Days Summer Camp and Ongoing Events

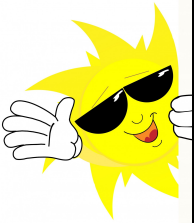


This year we are having 2 summer camps available, along with some recurring summer recreational activities.

- The first camp will be held from July 16-20 from 10-3pm each day for ages 9-13. Registration forms will be available at Mitchell Co-op. Please submit your registration forms/fees to a box in the Mitchell Co-op by June 29. There will be a 40 child cap, so make sure to bring in your forms ASAP. Once the registration box has been taken away, the camp will be full. The cost will be \$30 for the entire week.
- The second camp will be held July 30 - August 1 from 10-12pm each day for ages 6-9. Registration forms will be available at Mitchell Co-op. Please submit your registration forms/fees to a box in the Mitchell Co-op by July 13. There will be a 30 child cap, so make sure to bring in your forms ASAP. Once the registration box has been taken away, the camp will be full. The cost will be \$15 for all 3 days.
- Throughout the Summer, there will be free ball hockey and basketball taking place on Tuesdays starting July 10 at the arena from 1-3pm. There will also be access to a waterslide at the Stahn Field Park from 1-3pm on Thursdays beginning on July 12. These events are both outlined in the calendar that the kids have received in school. This calendar is also available for pick-up at the Mitchell Co-op.
- There is a special tie dye event being held on August 15 at the Mitchell arena park from 1-3pm. Available for all ages. Please bring a white t-shirt that is 100% cotton if you want to participate.

[View the Mitchell Community Event Calendar here.](#)



2018

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
					1 Day 6 Band Trip 1st-3rd MMS Track & Field (Rain Date May 31) Double Cheese Pizza \$2.00	2
3	4 Day 1	5 Day 2	6 Day 3 HSD Gr. 5 & 6 Track & Field @ SMS (Rain Date June 13) Sub Sandwich \$4.75	7 Day 4 Gr. 5 Field Trip to Birds Hill Park	8 Day 5 HSD Gr. 7 & 8 Track & Field @ SMS (Rain Date June 11) Pep & Mush Pizza \$2.00	9
10	11 Day 6	12 Day 1	13 Day 2 Sub Sandwich \$4.75	14 Day 3	15 Day 4 Gr. 5 Field Trip to Fort Gibraltar Pepperoni & Cheese Pizza \$2.00	16
17  Happy Father's Day	18 Day 5 Athletes in Action	19 Day 6 Athletes in Action	20 Day 1 Phys. Ed. Classes Going Golfing Sub Sandwich \$4.75	21 Day 2 Phys. Ed. Classes Going Golfing PAC Pizza Orders Due	22 Day 3 Gr. 7 at MES Activity Day Ham & Pineapple Pizza \$2.00	23
24	25 Day 4 HSD Soccer Tournament Gr. 7 & 8	26 Day 5 Awards Assembly 9:15 a.m. PAC Pizza Lunch 11:00a.m. Gr. 8 Farewell	27 Day 6 ACTIVITY DAY Report Cards LAST DAY OF CLASSES!	28	29 	30 First Day Back September 5th