



# MITCHELL MIDDLE SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER October 2018

### Principal's Message

We focus our learning on the 6 Cs and 2 Ls. We call these the core competencies. These are shown in the centre circle Divisional Deeper Learning Graphic



To introduce these ideas we have had a number of school wide events to start the year.

- Dot Day - a day to celebrate creativity
- Terry Fox Run - a day to talk about Character
- Orange Shirt Day - a day to celebrate and learn more about indigenous culture and to learn about becoming a global citizen

We define Creativity, Character and Citizenship in the following ways:

**Creativity** - Having an entrepreneurial 'eye' for economic and social opportunities, asking the right inquiry questions to generate novel ideas, and leadership to pursue those ideas and turn them into action.

**Character** - Learning to deep learn armed with the essential character traits of grit, tenacity,

perseverance, and resilience and the ability to make learning an integral part of living.

**Citizenship** - Thinking like global citizens, considering global issues based on a deep understanding of diverse values and worldviews, with a genuine interest and ability to solve ambiguous and complex real world problems that impact human and environmental sustainability.

We want all of our kids to be strong in these 'soft skills' along with academic skills such as reading, writing and mathematics. Ensuring each of our kids grow in all of these areas sets them up for a successful high school experience and beyond.

The competencies of being Critical Thinkers, Communicators, Collaborators, being Citizens, having strong Character, being Creative, being Learners and being Literate are key for all students to have a happy, wholesome and productive life.

A special congratulations to all of our Cross Country Athletes who had a wonderful season. The team participate in three meets. To finish the season they claimed the following banners:

- Grade 6 Boys Runners Up
- Grade 5 Girls Runners Up
- Grade 5 Boys Champions
- Grade 8 Boys Runners Up
- Grade 7 Boys Runners Up

Volleyball Season also is now underway. We have grade 7 boys and girls as well as grade 8 boys and girls teams. Good luck to all of our volleyball athletes and thank you for participating. Keep an eye on the MMS school calendar to keep track of schedules.



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A big thanks to all of our coaches who are involved with teams to start the year.

- Cross Country - Mrs. Barkwell, Mrs. Friesen, Mr. Penner and Mr. Tufford
- Grade 7 Girls Volleyball - Mrs. Friesen
- Grade 7 Boys Volleyball - Mrs. Unger (student teacher)
- Grade 8 Girls Volleyball - Mrs. Thiessen and Mrs. Burton
- Grade 8 Boys Volleyball - Mrs. Friesen and Mr. Thiessen

We had a great turn out to our Parent Advisory Council meeting. Thank you to: Our PAC this year includes:

- Charmaine Toews – [charmainetoews@gmail.com](mailto:charmainetoews@gmail.com) - President
- Naomi Streit – [naomiharder@hotmail.com](mailto:naomiharder@hotmail.com) – Treasurer
- Pam Kehler – [pam@kebler.ca](mailto:pam@kebler.ca) – Secretary
- Lisa Moser – [plhnpmoser@hotmail.com](mailto:plhnpmoser@hotmail.com)
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This group is in the midst of planning an innovative Fundraiser that will be starting in mid-October. New members to the MMS PAC are always welcome at meetings. Our next meeting is Monday, November 12, 2018 at 9 AM.

It has been a great start to the year. Please keep in touch with your child’s teacher on a regular

basis to stay up to date with what is happening at MMS.

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### MMS Daily Schedule

8:50 AM Students come indoors and move to homerooms. Staff in halls/classrooms

8:57 AM Head to ROEs/Homerooms

9:05 AM All students report to homerooms

9:05-9:10 AM Homeroom time (Attendance/Announcements/O Canada)

9:10 AM Period 1

9:50 AM Period 2

10:25 AM Grade 5/6 Break

10:30 AM 7/8 Break Bell

10:39 AM 1-minute warning bell (5/6s come inside and 7/8s to class)

10:40 AM Period 3

11:20 AM Period 4

11:55 AM Lunch bell

12:15 PM Students can go outside

12:20 PM Lunch Break

12:49 PM Lunch Break Ends

12:50 PM Staff in halls/classrooms

12:53 PM All kids in homerooms

1:00 PM Period 5 Bell

1:35 PM Period 6 Bell

2:10 PM Grade 5/6 Break

2:15 PM PM 7/8 Break Bell

2:24 PM 1-minute warning bell (5/6s come inside and 7/8s to class)

2:25 PM Period 7 bell

3:05 PM Period 8 bell

3:40 PM End of period 8

3:45 PM General Dismissal

### Visitor’s Pass

At Mitchell Middle School we value the presence of parents and volunteers in our school and want people to feel welcome. It is important that you report to the office when arriving at school where you will be given a Visitors Pass. We want to



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keep our school safe for everyone, and reporting to the office both reduces classroom interruptions as well as enables staff members to be confident that an adult they may not recognize does, in fact, belong in the school. Thank you for helping us keep our kids safe.

### **Student Council**

Thank you to all students for participating in our Student Council Elections. Congratulations and welcome to the successful candidates for 2018-2019:

President: Sam  
Vice President: Rachel  
Secretary: Anemone  
Treasurer: Seth  
Grade 8 Representative: Jayde  
Grade 7 Representative: Avery  
Grade 6 Representatives: Haydyn & Seth  
Grade 5 Representative: Nadia

### **Warrior Week**

Mitchell Middle Warrior Week will be October 22nd- 26th. Student Council has planned some fun events!

**Monday, Oct 22nd- School Assembly**  
**Tuesday, Oct 23rd- Twin Day**  
**Wednesday, Oct 24th- Pajama Day**  
**Thursday, Oct 5th- Decade Day**  
**Friday, Oct 26th- Costume Day and Nickel Carnival**

Stay tuned for more information to come. We are looking forward to engaging in some fun school spirit activities.

### **Bicycle Registration Program**

The Steinbach RCMP Detachment is starting a new program to recover lost/stolen bicycles. To take part in this program, please complete the

bike registration form emailed home for each bike. Paper copies are available in the office. Once completed, these forms can be returned to the School Office. The RCMP will use this information to improve their process of returning recovered bikes. They also recommend you engrave a unique number in a hidden location on your bike and write this number on the form and keep it written down in a safe place at home for identification purposes

### **Red Cross Babysitting Course**

Red River College is hosting a Babysitting Course Saturday, Oct 20th from 9-5pm. Please register in person or by phone a min. of 5 days prior. They can be reached at 204-320-2500. Cost of the course is \$59.00 and is payable by cash, cheque, debit or credit card.

### **Allergy Alert!**

We have students with severe, life-threatening nut allergies. We are encouraging parents to keep this in mind as you pack lunches/snacks for your children. Please avoid all nut products.

Also, please avoid strong perfumes/sprays which may cause an adverse reaction for some students and staff.

### **Printed Newsletter**

Aside from our September issue, the newsletter will be emailed home and posted on our website monthly. (<http://mms.hsd.ca/>) If you would like to continue to receive a paper copy of the newsletter, please email Mrs. Neufeld at [paneufeld@hsd.ca](mailto:paneufeld@hsd.ca) or call the school at (204) 320-9488.

### **Picture Day**

Picture day has been set for Wednesday, October 17th. Students will receive a flyer/order form. Orders can be placed using the paper flyer and prepaying on picture day or you can place your order online at [mylifetouch.ca](http://mylifetouch.ca) using your picture day ID Code found on the brochure.



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### Volleyball Schedule

#### Grade 7 Boys

Date	Destination	Bus Departure Time	Return Time to MMS
Thursday, October 4, 2018	Stonybrook Middle School	4:45	approx. 7:30 pm
Thursday, October 11, 2018	Green Valley School	4:45	approx. 7:30 pm
Thursday, October 18, 2018	Clearspring Middle School	4:45	approx. 7:30 pm
Thursday, October 25, 2018	Mitchell Middle School	Game starts at 5:30	N/A
Thursday, November 1, 2018	Mitchell Middle School	Game starts at 5:30	N/A
Thursday, November 8, 2018	Landmark Collegiate	4:45	approx. 7:30 pm

#### Grade 8 Boys

Date	Destination	Bus Departure Time	Return Time to MMS
Thursday, October 4, 2018	Mitchell Middle School	Game starts at 5:30	N/A
Thursday, October 11, 2018	Kleefeld School	5:30	approx. 7:45 pm
Thursday, October 18, 2018	Niverville Collegiate	5:30	approx. 7:45 pm
Thursday, October 25, 2018	Clearspring Middle School	5:30	approx. 7:45 pm
Thursday, November 1, 2018	Landmark Collegiate	4:45	approx. 7:30 pm
Thursday, November 8, 2018	Mitchell Middle School	Game starts at 5:30	N/A

#### Grade 7 Girls

Date	Destination	Bus Departure Time	Return Time to MMS
Tuesday, October 2, 2018	Mitchell Middle School	Game starts at 5:30	N/A
Tuesday, October 9, 2018	Clearspring Middle School	4:45	approx. 7:30 pm
Tuesday, October 16, 2018	Mitchell Middle School	Game starts at 5:30	N/A
Tuesday, October 23, 2018	Clearspring Middle School	4:45	approx. 7:30 pm
Tuesday, October 30, 2018	Mitchell Middle School	Game starts at 5:30	N/A
Tuesday, November 6, 2018	Mitchell Middle School	Game starts at 5:30	N/A

#### Grade 8 Girls

Date	Destination	Bus Departure Time	Return Time to MMS
Tuesday, October 2, 2018	Blumenort School	4:45	approx. 7:15 pm
Tuesday, October 9, 2018	Green Valley School	5:30	approx. 7:45 pm
Tuesday, October 16, 2018	Landmark Collegiate	4:45	approx. 7:15 pm
Tuesday, October 23, 2018	Mitchell Middle School	Game starts at 5:30	N/A
Tuesday, October 30, 2018	Stonybrook Middle School	4:45	approx. 7:15 pm
Tuesday, November 6, 2018	Stonybrook Middle School	4:45	approx. 7:15 pm



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Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
	<b>1</b> Day 1	<b>2</b> Day 2	<b>3</b> Day 3 Day Wonder Subs \$4.75	<b>4</b> Day 4	<b>5</b> Day 5 Pepperoni & Cheese Pizza \$2.00	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>  <b>No classes</b>	<b>9</b> Day 6 Grade 6 Immunizations	<b>10</b> Day 1 Subs \$4.75	<b>11</b> Day 2	<b>12</b> Day 3 Eastman Choral Workshop Ham & Pineapple Pizza \$2.00	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> Day 4  Bus Safety Week Day Wonder	<b>16</b> Day 5	<b>17</b> Day 6 SAY CHEESE!  Picture Day	<b>18</b> Day 1 School Bus Evacuation Drills	<b>19</b> MTS Day <b>No classes</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> Day 2 Warrior Week! 	<b>23</b> Day 3 Twin Day	<b>24</b> Day 4 Pajama Day Subs \$4.75	<b>25</b> Day 5 Decade Day Day Wonder	<b>26</b> Day 6 Costume Day & Nickel Carnival Pepperoni & Bacon Pizza \$2.00	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> Day 1	<b>30</b> Day 2	<b>31</b> Day 3 Subs \$4.75			