



# MITCHELL MIDDLE SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER November 2018

### 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
- 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, who brought home FIVE banners!. These teams participated in two divisional cross country meets as well as the Provincial Milk Run. Our volleyball teams are going strong and are more than half way through the season! Thanks to our coaches Mrs. Friesen, Mrs. Burton, Mrs. Thiessen, Mr. Thiessen and Mrs. Unger, 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 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) 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 that with high supports and high expectations there is no limit to what our kids can learn.



We are fortunate to live in a caring community and to have a school full of adults that truly care for all of our kids. Although things come up like conflict and behaviour we don't like to see, our school and community response matters as much as, if not more than the 'thing' that may have taken place. When parents and schools work together to provide a safe, peaceful and engaging place for our kids to learn, there is no end to what we all can accomplish.





## Athletic Dept.

### **Volleyball Playoffs & Championship**

- The grade 8 girls' volleyball playoffs will be on **Tuesday, November 13<sup>th</sup>**. (Location TBA)
- The grade 8 boys' volleyball playoffs will be on **Thursday, November 15<sup>th</sup>**. (Location TBA)
- The grade 8 volleyball championships will be held at CMS on **Tuesday, November 20<sup>st</sup>**.

## Report Cards and Parent/Teacher Conferences

**November 23<sup>rd</sup>** is when our students will get their first report cards of the year. All grade 5-8 students who have selected electronic reports will have access to them on the Parent Portal. All other report cards will be sent home with the student. Parent/Teacher conferences will be held on the evening of **Thursday, November 29<sup>th</sup>**. Please wait for more detailed information on the schedule for that event.

## From the Music Room

Noon "Voluntary Choir" for Grade 5, 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 9<sup>th</sup> performance.

**Jazz Band** – for Grade 7 and 8 students has also begun. We meet every Monday after school until 4:30 and Friday over the noon hour. We are already working on music to perform over the Christmas season! New musicians welcome!

## **Band Fundraiser**

We are doing a new fundraiser in band this year, selling Green Bean coffee. This is for students in band and will help to offset the cost of those going on the band trip. Forms will be available for pick up November 9 and are due November 23. The cost of one bag of coffee is \$16 and students get a profit of \$5 from each bag sold. Pick up for the coffee will be in early December. Any questions, you can contact Ms. Friesen, keifriesen@hdsd.ca

Dates to  Take of:

**Friday, November 9<sup>th</sup>** at 10:40am – Remembrance Day program featuring Grade 5 Choir, Grade 6-8 Voluntary Choir and Grade 8 Band. Open to the public!

**Friday, November 9<sup>th</sup> - Friday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>** - Band Fundraiser.

**Thursday, December 13<sup>th</sup>** - 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!

**Thursday, December 20<sup>th</sup>** at 10:15am – Lunch Choir sings at the Steinbach Credit Union, to be broadcast on AM1250 radio.

**Friday, May 31<sup>st</sup> - Sunday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>** - 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.

## Picture Retakes

Picture retakes will be on **Tuesday, November 13<sup>th</sup>**. 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 along with a note stating your child's name, homeroom, and why you are requesting a retake and return it to the school by **Thursday morning, November 8<sup>th</sup>** so a list can be compiled for the photographer.



### **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**

### **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.

### **New in the Canteen!**



**School Lunch Program**  
Every **Thursday** at MMS starting **November 8th**

#### **Why Freshii?**

- It gives families healthy choices for school lunches.
  - Flavourful
  - Nutrient-dense
  - Gluten-free, dairy-free, vegetarian (we've got you covered)
- Choose a wrap, a bowl, or a salad.
- Protein can also be added.
- Please see attached order form

[Download Order Form Here](#)

### **Visitor's Pass**

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



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## Order Form *(Please fill and bring to the canteen on Thursday.)*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Class: \_\_\_\_\_

<b>Wraps</b> (\$5.50 each)	<b>Bowls</b> (\$5.50 each)	<b>Salads</b> (\$5.50 each)
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Super Kid</b> (romaine, spinach, aged cheddar, carrots, broccoli, cucumber, tomatoes, greek yogurt ranch)	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Kung Fu</b> (brown rice, carrots, broccoli, edamame, crispy wontons, teriyaki sauce)	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Super Kid</b> (romaine, spinach, aged cheddar, carrots, broccoli, cucumber, tomatoes, greek yogurt ranch)
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Greek</b> (romaine, quinoa, feta cheese, cucumber, tomatoes, kalamata olives, balsamic vinaigrette)	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Rainbow</b> (quinoa, carrots, cabbage, mango, edamame, cherry tomatoes, honey dijon dressing)	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Greek</b> (romaine, quinoa, feta cheese, cucumber, tomatoes, kalamata olives, balsamic vinaigrette)
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Cobb</b> (romaine, avocado, hard-boiled egg, aged cheddar, tomatoes, corn, greek yogurt ranch)	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Mexican</b> (brown rice, avocado, black beans, corn, tomatoes, aged cheddar, greek ranch yogurt)	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Cobb</b> (romaine, avocado, hard-boiled egg, aged cheddar, tomatoes, corn, greek yogurt ranch)

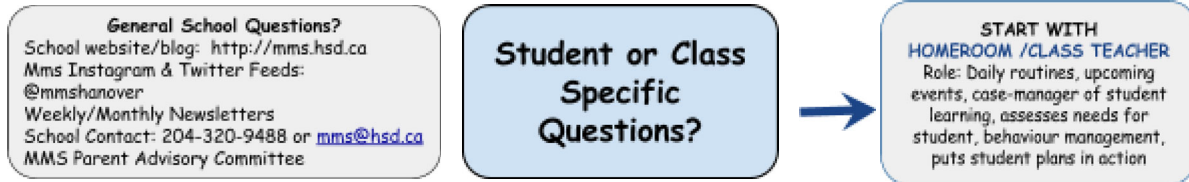
### Add Protein (\$1.00 each)

- Chicken
- Falafel
- Tofu

TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_

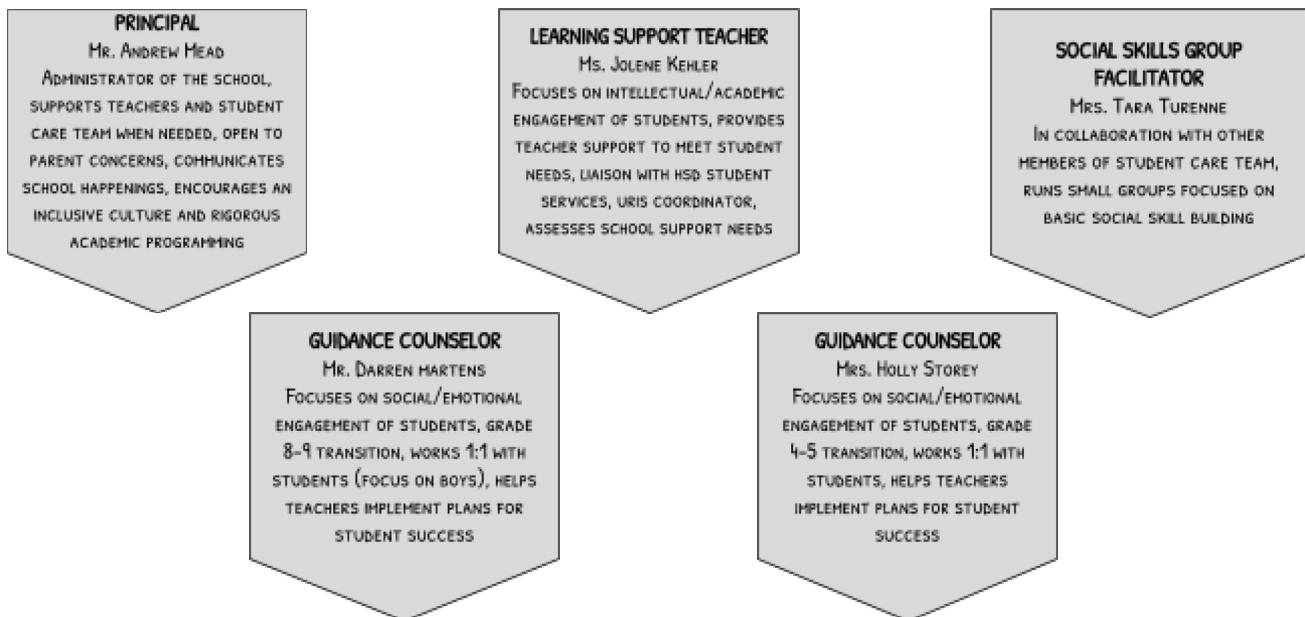


## MMS PARENT-SCHOOL COMMUNICATION



If a student needs additional support for academic, intellectual, emotional, or social engagement the homeroom teacher will be supported by our [student care team](#). Parents will be notified of significant student care team involvement with their child by the homeroom teacher or a member of the student care team. Communication regarding the child remains with the homeroom teacher.

**STUDENT CARE TEAM-** support classroom teachers, co-develop student plans, help teachers implement plans, emergency response






**Hanover School Division Student Services Team-** provide additional services to our school at the request of the learning support teacher, activated by needs in consultation with classroom teacher, other members of student care team, parents, and previous schools. Team members include: School Social Worker, School Psychologist, Speech Pathology, Occupational Therapy, Curricular Program Support

**Divisional and Community Services -** At times it is necessary to involve other divisional and community services. These include but are not limited to: HSD Superintendents Department, HSD Board of Trustees, Child and Family Services, RCMP, and Southern Health.



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Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
				<b>1</b> Day 4	<b>2</b> Day 5 Steak & Cheese Pizza \$2.00	<b>3</b>
<b>4</b> 	<b>5</b> No classes	<b>6</b> Day 6	<b>7</b> Day 1 Subs \$4.75	<b>8</b> Day 2	<b>9</b> Day 3 Remembrance Day Service 10:40am Band Fundraiser Begins Double Cheese Pizza \$2.00	<b>10</b>
<b>11</b> 	<b>12</b> Day 4	<b>13</b> Day 5 SAY CHEESE!  Picture Retakes	<b>14</b> Day 6 Subs \$4.75	<b>15</b> Day 1	<b>16</b> Day 2 Pepperoni & Mushroom Pizza \$2.00	<b>17</b>
<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> Day 3	<b>20</b> Day 4	<b>21</b> Day 5 Subs \$4.75	<b>22</b> Day 6	<b>23</b> Day 1 Band Fundraiser Due Pepperoni & Cheese Pizza \$2.00	<b>24</b>
<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> Day 2 Day Wonder	<b>27</b> Day 3	<b>28</b> Day 4 Subs \$4.75	<b>29</b> Day 5 Parent Teacher Conferences	<b>30</b> Day 6 Ham & Pineapple Pizza \$2.00	