



VICE-PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

We are so excited to be welcoming everyone to school for a great year at MES! Over the last decade I have had the privilege of working with many of our Mitchell families as their school journey began. I am looking forward to continuing those relationships, and being able to support the school and community in a new way this year. As I have been outside, in the hallways, and in the classrooms over the last week it has been evident that our students and staff are thrilled to be back at school and learning together. It was wonderful to see so many families come out for our 'Meet the Teacher' evening. Thank you so much for your continued support!



WELCOME

Welcome to all the new families that have moved into our community this summer. For some this move has been to not only a new community but a new country as well. We hope you'll feel right at home in no time at all.

ATTENDANCE

Please remember to call the school, between 8-9 am to let us know if your child is going to be late or absent for the day. This can also be done through the parent portal.

PICTURE DAY



This year picture day will be on **October 13th**. More information will follow in the October newsletter.

REMINDERS FROM THE OFFICE

Please remember to send your child's water bottle, cutlery, and proper outdoor clothing.



STRONG CONNECTIONS

Our Strong Connection dates are Friday, September 17th and Monday, September 20th. Your child will only attend school on one of these days. Please check parent portal to see which day your child will attend.

SCHOOL STAFF 2021-2022

Principal:

Joe Thiessen

Vice-Principal/Counsellor:

Jennifer Thomson

Learning Support:

Lorie Friesen

Learning Support/Counsellor:

Sheila Krahn

Kindergarten:

Jessica Nickel

Jamie Penner

Meagan Rempel

Phylis Wiebe

Grade 1:

Allison Antonio

Lindsay Hrehirchuk

Janeen Lange

Dawn Machel

Grade 2:

Heidi Newman

Jessica Penner

Karen Swiderski

Jaime Thompson

Audrey Walton

Grade 2/3:

Brittany Bell

Grade 3:

Tamara Banman

Brenda Enns

Jessica Neudorf-Wiebe

Michelle Wiebe

Grade 4:

Cory Dyck

Gus Durksen

Loretta Friesen

Diana Head

Jennifer Martens

Literacy Support:

Karen Swiderski

Literacy Support/EAL:

Audrey Kampen

Numeracy Support:

Elaine Peters

Karen Hiebert

Music & Choir:

Albert Bergen

Physical Education:

Steffan Reimer

School Secretaries:

Janette Koop

Astrid Barkman

Librarians:

Linda Buhler

Deborah Klassen

Educational Assistants:

Ronda Alexiuk

Tracy Banman

Kathleen Derbowka

Teresa Dilts

Roxanne Doerksen

Kim Esau

Leanne Frechette

Dianne Funk

Amy Harms

Jamie Karr

Emily Letkeman

Sandy Reimer

Cassandra Schmidt

Anja Stang

Ina Tschritter

Custodian:

Norm Lajeunesse

Custodial Assistants:

Debbie Loeppky

Irina Seibert

James Watchorn

Michelle Martin

MES SCHEDULE

8:30	Students enter School
8:40	Announcements, Period 1
9:15	Period 2
9:45	Period 3
10:15	Recess
10:30	Period 4
11:00	Period 5
11:30	Lunch/Recess
12:00	Recess/Lunch
12:25	Period 6
12:55	Period 7
1:25	Period 8
1:55	Recess
2:10	Period 9
2:40	Period 10
3:10	General Dismissal
3:20	Dismissal for bus students

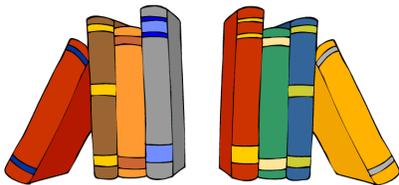


STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE

Voluntary student accident insurance forms have been sent out. If you are interested in coverage, just follow the directions on the form. You can phone 1-800-665-8990 if you have any questions.

LIBRARY NEWS

We are excited about starting a brand new school year. New classes, new friends and teachers, and new adventures and stories waiting to be read! A reminder to parents that each student will again be receiving a special plastic book bag on their first visit to the library. These bags are to be kept in students' backpacks throughout the year to ensure that books are kept clean and dry as they are brought to and from school. Please remind your child to keep this bag (or another plastic bag) in his/her backpack at all times so that we do not need to issue fines for damaged books. Likewise, if pages are torn or loose or if the book requires general repair, please return the book to the school for us to repair. We appreciate your desire to help but we have special acid-free tape and library adhesives that we use to ensure that the repair is more effective and long-lasting. We appreciate your support as we encourage both responsibility and the love of reading.



SCHOOL FEES

Please pay your child's school fees on parent portal or by dropping off a cheque or exact cash at the office.

The Student Handbook is available on the MES website.

ARRIVALS & DEPARTURES

Thank you to all parents for keeping our bus loop clear and safe. This is just a quick reminder to all our new students and parents of the bus loop rules:



- 1) Refrain from using the bus loop between **8:00am and 4:00pm** (during school hours).
- 2) If you are dropping off or picking up students please do so from the street in front of the school (please do not drive onto the staff parking lot.)
- 3) Always walk around the front of the first bus, or the back of the last bus (**not between them!**) when more than one bus is stopped in the bus loop.
- 4) Please remind children who walk or bike to school to do so on the appropriate sides of the street so that buses and other vehicles can pass safely.

HEAD LICE

Once again we would ask parents to be vigilant about checking their children for head lice on a regular basis. If head lice have been discovered in your child's classroom you will receive a letter to alert you, but with students participating in community activities, clubs, and school activities we cannot be too careful. Also, if you discover that you do have these crawly little creatures, please let the school and the Public Health Nurse know as soon as possible.

THE 4 B'S OF MITCHELL ELEMENTARY

Here at MES we are committed to ensure that all students are welcomed and feel safe during all parts of the school day. Thus, we have initiated the 4 B's of MES as part of our student conduct and school wide behaviour program.

- * BE SAFE
- * BE KIND
- * BE PRODUCTIVE
- * BE RESPECTFUL



PEANUT/NUTS & PERFUME ALLERGIES

We have students who have a life-threatening nut allergy. We are encouraging parents to keep this in mind as you pack lunches/snacks for your children. Please avoid nut products.

Also, please be mindful that strong perfumes can cause an adverse reaction for some students and staff.

TERRY FOX

Terry Fox Week is September 20-24! Students will be taught about who Terry Fox was, why we do the walk, and what the Terry Fox Foundation is all about. All students will go on a walk/run to carry on Terry's legacy during their regularly scheduled Phys Ed classes on Sept. 23/24. We encourage all students to bring a 'Toonie for Terry' by Friday, Sept. 24th.

