

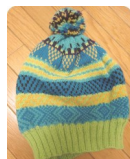
VICE-PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

As an adult and a parent, there are a lot of things happening in the world, in our country, and in our community that are difficult to navigate. These topics have the ability to cause division within friendships, families, and in home/school relationships. What I personally find the most important to remember these days is that as parents and educators our most important job is to support and guide our children through it all. I know that I struggle as a mom with how much to say about certain topics to my kids, and with feeling disconnected from my kids' classrooms and their teachers this year. I'm sure that these are things that many of you can relate to. Everyday I thank you for trusting us to educate your precious kiddos. When I walk down a hallway, into a classroom, or onto the playground I am reminded just how innocent and joyful our children are.


In October we celebrated Thanksgiving, and Fall Fun Week. There were smiles and laughter everyday! Pajama day and Dress Like a Teacher day were so much fun! As we look forward to November we will end our first term. You will receive your child's first report card of the year and will get the chance to chat virtually with their teacher. As a mom, I am looking forward to the opportunity to find out how my kids are doing in academics, in social/emotional learning and in their interactions with others. I hope that you all take the chance to connect with the classroom teacher and talk about your child's successes, their challenges, and our shared goals as we look forward to term two. Thank you for your support and understanding as we navigate through these ever changing times together.

DRESSING FOR THE WEATHER

The days are getting colder and we want to remind students to dress for the weather as recess times can seem very long if you are cold.



GRADE 1 - 4 REPORT CARDS

Grade 1-4 Report cards will be available on Parent Portal after 2 pm on November 19th. Printed copies will **not** be sent home. 

PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

Parent Teacher Conferences will take place from **November 22-26** by phone or zoom meeting. More information to follow from your child's homeroom teacher.

REMINDERS FROM THE OFFICE

We ask that you would please wear a mask when entering the school. If you need to drop something off for your child at school, we have a drop off box at the front door. Call the school to let us know you have dropped something off, and we will have it delivered to your child.

PICTURE RETAKES

November 19th am



All those that were absent on picture day are automatically on the re-take list. Please return your picture package if you would like retakes.



Please note: If you have an afternoon Kindergarten student that would like re-takes, please make sure to be here at 8:45 am as the photographers will not be available to take pictures in the afternoon.



MATH BEFORE BED

Transforming your daytime and nighttime numeracy discussions!

The benefits of reading stories to our children at nighttime have been shared countless times over, and for good reason. Reading improves literacy skills. Why is it that we don't do math with our children before bed? Check out <https://mathbeforebed.com> if you are interested in trying some math at home in a comfortable way, before bed or at any time.



November is Numeracy Month

Mitchell Elementary is using pictures and images to think about numbers and math, some of the images are from the site mentioned above. Each week the teachers will direct their classes in discussions and mathematical thinking about the images. Each image is designed to bring forth math ideas, questions and answers.

Every Monday your child will bring home a picture. The purpose of each is to generate a discussion about HOW you determined an answer. If you find one answer, try to find another. All students who return the paper showing some of their thinking by Thursday (Wednesday on the short week) will be entered in a draw. One student in each class will receive a prize each week.



CHOCOLATE MILK IS COMING BACK!!!

Chocolate milk will be available in a couple weeks. Please watch for further information.

****PLEASE NOTE** Milk tickets are sold in bundles of 10 for \$10. We will not be selling individual tickets for milk cartons due to covid restrictions.**

Tickets can be purchased by sending cash or cheque (payable to MES) to your child's home-room teacher. If you would like to make a payment via the Parent Portal, please notify the school office by email to mes@hsd.ca to make arrangements.

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS

The Community Christmas Committee is again coordinating the preparation and distribution of Christmas hampers to those in our area that are in need. The following are some suggestions of items the schools could collect on behalf of Community Christmas:

Baby Formula	Diapers/Wipes	Baby Crackers
Baby Food	Ivory Snow Det.	Laundry Det.
Fabric Softener	Dish Soap	Hand Soap
Toothpaste	Tooth Brushes	Deodorant
Garbage Bags	Cleaning Products	Porridge
Cream of Wheat	Pancake Mix	Pancake Syrup
Ketchup	Mustard	Mayonnaise
Cooking Oil	Canned Corn	Canned Soup
Boxed Soup	Crackers/Cookies	Pasta
Pasta Sauce	Sidekicks pasta	Cheez Whiz
Cake Mixes	Juice Boxes	Rice
New unwrapped toys		

We will be collecting until Thursday, November 27th.



PARENT COUNCIL

PAC is here to be a liaison between parents and the school. They also help out at various school events. If you are interested in joining, please contact Lisa Moser at (204) 371-1884.



STUDENT FEES

There are still quite a few students that have not paid their student fees for the 2021-2022 school year. Please pay online on Parent Portal or bring a cheque or cash to the school office.