



## VICE-PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

### Returning to Community

With our wonderful end of summer mini-heatwave, it seemed out of place to hear the honk of geese while sitting around the fire last night - almost shocking. But it was, more importantly, a great reminder of the importance of community, teamwork, and collaboration. I'm told that geese support each other when times are tough and that two geese will fall out of formation to stay with an injured or sick goose. And, of course, geese fly further together than alone.

While there are a number of interesting life parallels that can be drawn here, I would simply like to offer a hearty "welcome!" to our new registrants and "welcome back!" to our students, parents, teachers, EA's, support staff, grandparents, guardians, and friends of MES. We are returning to "community" on many different levels this fall. Let's be reminded of the importance of community, teamwork, and collaboration as we all fly further together to make MES "A Great Place to Grow!"



## WELCOME

Welcome back to our Vice Principal John Terrick, and welcome to Melanie Friesen in 1F and Rebecca Koop in 4MK. We are happy to have you here!

**\*\*\*Please check in at the office. For safety reasons, all visitors will need to be accompanied in the hallways.\*\*\***

## ATTENDANCE

Please remember to notify the school if your child is going to be late or absent. This can be done through the Parent Portal, emailing [mes@hsd.ca](mailto:mes@hsd.ca), or calling the office from 8:00-9:00 am.

## 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 16th and Monday, September 19th. 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 2022-2023

### **Principal:**

Joe Thiessen

### **Vice-Principal/Learning**

#### **Support:**

John Terrick

### **Learning Support/Guidance:**

Jennifer Thomson

### **Learning Support:**

Lorie Friesen

### **Guidance:**

Sheila Krahn

### **Kindergarten:**

Sheila Krahn

Janeen Lange

Jamie Penner

### **Grade 1:**

Melanie Friesen

Megan Lewis

Dawn Machel

### **Grade 1/2:**

Stephanie Signer

### **Grade 2:**

Jessica Penner

Karen Swiderski

Jaime Thompson

Audrey Walton

### **Grade 3:**

Tamara Banman

Brenda Enns

Lorie Friesen

Janeen Lange

### **Grade 3/4:**

Cory Dyck

### **Grade 4:**

Gus Durksen

Diana Head

Rebecca Koop

Jennifer Martens

### **Literacy Support:**

Karen Swiderski

### **Literacy Support/EAL:**

Audrey Kampen

### **Numeracy Support:**

Elaine Peters

### **Music & Choir:**

Albert Bergen

### **Physical Education:**

Steffan Reimer

### **School Secretaries:**

Janette Koop

Astrid Barkman

### **Librarians:**

Deborah Klassen

### **Educational Assistants:**

Tracy Banman

Kathleen Derbowka

Teresa Dilts

Roxie Doerksen

Kim Esau

Leanne Frechette

Dianne Funk

Amy Harms

Jamie Karr

Emily Letkeman

Sandy Reimer

Cassandra Schmidt

Jennifer Thompson

### **Custodian:**

Norm Lajeunesse

## MES SCHEDULE

8:30	Students enter School
8:43	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
3:12	Dismissal for bus students
3:19	Dismissal for walking students

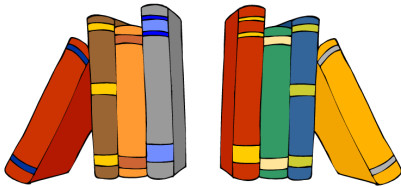


## STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE

Voluntary student accident insurance information is available at [solutions@ia.ca](mailto:solutions@ia.ca) or call 1-800-255-5667. Please see the attachment for more information.

## LIBRARY NEWS

After 3 years without one, we are excited to hold a Scholastic Book Fair September 26-29. For those who are not able to make it in person, anyone who orders online during those dates will have their purchases added to our total rewards. More details will be out soon.



## 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.

## TERRY FOX DAY—September 23rd

MES will be joining schools around Canada celebrating the life and legacy of Terry Fox, who inspired Canadians coast-to-coast by running 26 miles per day raising money for cancer research. Students are encouraged to continue Terry's legacy by bringing a "Toonie for Terry" (or any other amount) on September 23rd when we'll have our Terry Fox Walk/Run.



## 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.

## PARKING & PICK-UP:

Please take note of the areas that are safe for parking. The Mitchell Gospel Church is willing to let parents use their parking lot during the hours of 8:15-9:00 and 3:00-3:45 pm. This is the parking area one block directly south of the school down the path that connects to Willow & Oakview.



## PEANUT/NUT 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.



## PICTURE DAY

This year picture day will be on **October 12th**. More information will follow in the October newsletter.

