Getting Ready to Garden Again...

It’s that time of year again when we hope our playground will start to thaw and little feet start getting wet, as well as other body parts, if splashing in the puddles becomes too irresistible!

Spring will be on its way soon, (one could only hope) and at MHS that also means gardening season will soon be here!

We are very excited to have plots this year for families who would like to try out their green-thumbs. Mrs. Davies and Mrs. Spoelder’s classes will be starting their seeds soon and will have everything from cabbages to potatoes, beginning to grow before we get the seeds into the ground. Ms. Harding is back from her maternity leave and she too will be getting into the gardening action with her students.

In the Fall, during the first couple of weeks of school, we will harvest all of our vegetables and use some of them in our fish chowder that we serve at our annual Feed the Fire Ceremony.

If you are interested in having your own plot for growing veggies or would like to help us care for our gardens that supply our healthy food programs, please contact Mrs. Simmons for info!

MHS Showcase Traditional Games

Twenty students from MHS shared their knowledge with a group of hockey players from San Diego last week, as well as with other students from various schools around Yellowknife who are on the Wolfpack Development Peewee Hockey Team. The MHS students were amazing ambassadors for both the school and their cultures as they instructed the boys how to complete each game. The very fit young athletes remarked at how the games were a test of their strength, agility, and endurance and that they were not easy to do. They nicknamed Titan- “the beast” because he kicked 6ft. 5in on the one foot high kick. All of the teens from San Diego, YK, and MHS had a blast!
“Lights-On” Program: Another Success!

Over the Spring break, we were delighted once again to host activities for students who wanted a safe place to socialize with their friends, free of charge!

Students came out for swimming a couple of times as well as bowling. At each event there was food available—either pizza or snacks.

We would like to acknowledge Jumpstart from Canadian Tire for providing the funding for these activities as well as the staff for chaperoning each event. Keep an eye out for information that comes out for “Lights On” activities if you would like your child to attend these chaperoned events over the winter months.

Dene Law For April:

“Be Polite and Don’t Argue With Anyone”.

This month’s Dene Law is pretty self explanatory! But every now and then we need to remind our students about how to use an appropriate tone when speaking to each other and to grown-ups. Having a difference of an opinion is okay, it is how we inform others that sometimes gets us into trouble!

Through our PBIS goals of SOAR, we remind our students to Share what they have, Ownership, Achievement and Respect. This month we will be focusing on this out on the playground and during eating times so that we can have fun and play nicely without arguments.

Attendance Matters!

Did you know that the most important thing that can help your child develop strong literacy, numeracy and social skills, is just getting them up and off to school?

At MHS we celebrate classes that show improvement, and the best attendance every month by ordering pizza for the whole class. Last month, Grade 1 Costello-Wright had the most improved attendance, and Grade 7/8 Harding had the best!!!
Thank-You PAC!

Throughout this winter our Parent Advisory Committee has been very supportive in helping us organize fun events for our students as well as help educate our students on general topics that can affect their learning while in school. We really appreciate the hard work and dedication that this small but mighty group has shown the staff. Such organized events were two swimming nights at the RIMP, a school family dance, and coming up they will be helping Ecology North host a coffeehouse at MHS.

The PAC created displays on screen time, good nutrition, healthy sleeping habits and bullying, for a showcase at family events and subsequently the displays were left out around the halls for students to read. The PAC's assistance in doing these types of things, helps our students and families keep active during the cold and dark months as well as learn about healthy habits at home for their learning in school. Thank-you PAC for all that you do for MHS students and staff!

BULLY 4 YOU!

On April 25th our grades 5-8 students will be attending a presentation at WMS and RLN respectively about cyber bullying. Many times this type of bullying occurs outside of the school and after school hours, but can be brought into the schools by children who are upset about what has happened. Brian Trainor will be the lead presenter and from his website he says, “After 27 years of policing, and having seen most types of bullying, cyber-bullying, and workplace harassment, the time had come to educate students, employees, and seniors on how to prevent abuse and harassment”.

We hope our students will learn something from the presentation and we hope our parents who are interested in this topic will feel welcome to attend an evening presentation at Sir John Franklin on April 25th at 7pm.

WELCOME BACK AND WELCOME TO STAFF...

All of our “mammas” are back! That was a comment I heard in the staff room on the first day after March break. All of our staff that had been away on maternity leave are now happy to be back and working in the school again. Please welcome back Ms. CP and Ms. Griffin along with Ms. Harding and Ms. Brace who came back in previous months.

As well, we have two student teachers learning the ropes. Lorna Brinstone, (a former MHS student), is working with Ms. Davies, and Stephanie Hendrix is in the Kindergarten room with Mrs. Jung.

We wish everyone a great spring and hope they settle into the routines without too much stress! For the returnees, I am sure it will feel after an hour or two, like they had never left...:)
Hockey Jersey Day on Thursday, April 12th,

In a show of support to the families and community of Humboldt, many coaches across Canada, including Yellowknife, are encouraging their players to wear their jerseys on Thursday. MHS supports this show of concern and asks you to send your child in one if you own one. Staff will also be encouraged to wear theirs.
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Anne Louise O’Brien sent this shot in of our soccer field. She said she loved to look out on it all winter and see the green in the middle of the snow!