Welcome Back from Spring Break!

And in a blink of an eye, we are back! March break was unseasonably mild, so we all hope that everyone got outside to play in the warm temperatures and enjoyed the sunshine. Now that we are back, we are on course for the last three months of this academic year with lots of focus on learning and achieving. The spring always brings a wealth of opportunities in sports and the arts as well, with Super Soccer, Track and Field, and our spring concert and various performances. Also this spring, we will be hosting a conversation with the International Space Station, MADD presentations, Ecology North partnerships, and a lot more exciting events! And don’t forget, we also have our gardens to prepare!

The last three months will be busy, busy, busy, so please encourage your child to get lots of rest as the daylight comes back in the evenings, so they are awake and ready to learn!

Random Acts of Kindness

To encourage students to think more about “Pink T-shirt Day”, an anti-bullying campaign, staff decided to challenge the students to brainstorm something they would like to do to help out others in our school or in the general Yellowknife community. And as usual, the students didn’t disappoint. They completed various things that really showed how kind and thoughtful they are. Check out the pictures later in the newsletter, to see what made us so proud!

UPCOMING SPORTING EVENTS

- SUPER SOCCER Tournament APRIL 24-28
  Practices for soccer are as follows:
  7/8 Boys
  Monday 3:30
  Wednesday 4:30
  7/8 Girls
  Monday 4:30
  Wednesday 3:30
  5/6 Boys
  Tuesday 3:30
  Thursday 10:45 (recess)
  5/6 Girls
  Tuesday 4:30
  Thursday 3:30
  Wrestling Practice every Friday at 3:30
“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, take **Ownership**, **Achieve** their very best, and show **Respect** to everyone and everything! 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.

**ICE ICE BABY!**

With the mild temperatures over March break we had a lot of snow melt away into puddles but now with the cooler temperatures again, we have a lot of ice on our playground. Already we have had some stitches, bruises and bumps in just the two days back. Although we try to take precautions to make the playground safe, wearing suitable footwear is also a good idea.

Please encourage your children to dress appropriately for the weather with warm jackets, toques, mittens, snow pants and boots. Although it is wonderful to shed the winter gear when the sun starts to hang around longer, it can still be very chilly and uncomfortable in the shade and windy spots when not dressed warmly.

**Mrs. Wile is Retiring!**

Although we are sad that our counsellor Mrs. Wendy Wile has decided to hang up her MHS keys in June, I am sure that she is looking forward to some new adventures and opportunities as she begins a new chapter. Mrs. Wile’s children attended MHS many years ago, her husband worked here for many years and now she is moving on as well. We wish her lots of love, luck and best wishes and will remind her to come visit us anytime!!
Random Acts of Kindness!

Junior Kindergarten made cookies for the JKS at RLN and NJM schools. Kindergartens helped Mr. Jose, our caretaker, clean the school.
Grade 1Mac made Valentines for all staff.
Grade 1Scott made cookies for staff
Grade 2/3 did one hundred acts of kindness in their class
Grade 2J made care packages for the Salvation Army
Grade 3/4 cleaned out our art cupboard
Grade 5T wrote and delivered hug-o-grams to everyone in the school
Grade 5/6 Mac made stew and bannock for the elders
Grade 6HR organized, cooked and cleaned up a hot dog lunch for the whole school
Grade 7/8H made spaghetti for our food program
Grade 7/8B made and delivered cookies to the RCMP
Grade 7/8 CP baked muffins for our breakfast/lunch program.
April is always the month for showing appreciation for our planet. With many “Earth Day” celebrations around the globe, MHS always likes to participate and do their part. We will be cleaning up our playground and probably helping with the city wide clean ups. As well, we always try and collect as many phone books as we can, to get in for recycling. Monies received usually go towards green initiatives for example, like planting our gardens and our composting fees!

**Baked Goods Needed!**

On April 27, Ecology North will be hosting their Coffee house, clothing exchange, silent auction, and craft fair in our gym and foyer. Every year, our Grade 8 students help our PAC to run a baked goods table and serve coffee and tea. Any funds raised from the event goes towards their end of the year celebration for when they leave Grade 8 and move onto the high school. Although the grade 8 students serve, and clean up, we do need all families to help contribute to bringing in baked items. We will collect these donations on Friday, April 26th. So if you could send them along with your children, we would certainly appreciate it. Also, if you would like to volunteer an hour or so to help the grade 8’s serve tea or coffee, we would really appreciate it.

**Family Math Games Night**

Do you like to play dominoes? Card games? Manipulate play dough? How about follow a recipe?

If you said yes to any of these questions, do we ever have an event for you!

On Wednesday, April 24th, at 6:30pm, we will host our second family math games evening. Students are encouraged to bring their parents to play some fun games, order pizza for supper and enjoy some social time with each other! Watch for a letter later in the month for all the details!
Please see the following article written by the grade six students as part of their learning for Alberta Achievement Exam Preparations. Every year they have to write a newspaper article as part of the exam and this was their first practice at it.

Pink Shirt Day and Hot Dog Lunch!
By: 6HR Class

One class, 600 hundred hotdogs and a school-wide celebration of friendship and Pink Shirt Day. On February 27th, at 11:05am the grade 6 class hosted a hot dog lunch for all staff and students of Mildred Hall School. The class had to do a health project around building relationships and decided to have school-wide lunch to help construct long-lasting friendships.

The class had a huddle to think about ways to help build relationships at the school. One grade 6 student, Nestor Grey, explained what inspired the event. “Past memories. At my old school we had a hot dog lunch together and students weren’t assigned seating so they could sit with friends not in their classes. I got to see one of my friends that I wouldn’t usually see.” Another student, Dylan Bishop-Nitsiza discussed how the class was also inspired by an article called ‘No One Eats Alone Day.’ “In the article, a girl with a medical condition that affected her skull which disfigured her face, always ate alone. She was friendless. She died when she was 15 and in her memory the school she was at created an event called ‘No one Eats Alone Day.”

The event was a great success. “The grade 6 HR class worked very hard to plan the event and then ensured that all the plans came through,” said Mrs.Simmons, the principal of MHS. When asked what he enjoyed, Dale, a first grade student said he enjoyed “the food and seeing other friends.” Everyone was pleased with the event. “It was nice of the grade 6’s to include everyone,” said Logan, a grade 7 student.

This is the first large-scale, student-led, anti-bullying event at Mildred Hall School but the grade 6 students have vowed to run this event annually! If you wish to learn more about Pink Shirt Day visit pinkshirtday.ca.

PAC Meeting
Wednesday, April 10th
6:30pm in counselling offices area.

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Sometime this week we will be talking to the International Space Station. A notice will come home about it. Grown-ups, please feel welcome to join us, for this super cool opportunity!