It is hard to believe that this year is coming to a close and that it is December already! Over the last four months we have all worked together to ensure your children had the best possible experiences at school. But we couldn’t have done it without the help of you, our families and other friends in the greater Yellowknife community.

At this point in time, we would like to say thank-you to all of our volunteers who have contributed in helping us work with your children. We have several regular volunteers who come in two and three times a week and we have also received some volunteer help from people who have come in as guests or have generously given in the way of donations to our lunch program, school supplies, things needed for our athletics and fine arts programs, as well as for our garden and playground. Many businesses, foundations and charity groups have also contributed financially, or with their time, to various programs throughout our school to help us make a difference.

Thanks and acknowledgement goes to:
Cal’s Carpet Cleaning, Yellowknife Co-op, Canadian Tire Jumpstart Program, City Cab, the Royal Canadian Legion, Breakfast for Learning, Breakfast Club of Canada, Food First Foundation, and the Yellowknife Food Rescue Program. We also want to recognize the work of “Yellowknife Cares” who brings weekend kits to the school on a regular basis.

Without the help of the greater community, and volunteers from families and organizations, many programs would not be manageable for the MHS staff. We appreciate it so very much.

Ninety new school jerseys were donated by Carl’s Carpet Cleaning. We are absolutely thrilled with our new sports team gear. Much gratitude goes to Carl & Gail Boulger.

PARKING UPDATE!

As our population expands at the school, we are faced with different things to celebrate. And various challenges.

Our greatest concern has been focused around the safety of the children as they come and leave our school property.

We have had several meetings with the various shareholders, such as the trustees of YK1 District Schoolboard, the NT Department of Education Culture and Employment and a committee of engineers, in planning a new traffic flow, parking, and “kiss and ride” type of drop off.

The next step is for all of these parties to meet with the City of Yellowknife to address the traffic flow in the residential area of Matonabee Street and our alley-way. Once this meeting occurs, and if all goes well, a plan will be put into motion with ground breaking action in the Spring.
Upcoming Christmas Events & Activities

Christmas is a time for family and friends to gather and be together! This includes our MHS family! Over the next couple of weeks there will be lots of occasions for you to feel welcome to come and visit with us. From tree decorating with hot chocolate to concerts, caroling and our feast, we hope you will come in and spend some time and good cheer with us.

Please see the upcoming dates and times for when we will be doing special things at the school or out around the community as a school group.

December 7th– The MHS choir will be singing at City Hall 4:45 for cross country light up.

December 13th– Christmas Concert at 6:30pm. (Please note the earlier time so the pre-K and Kindergartens won't be up so late!)

December 20th– Christmas Feast. Please let your child’s teacher know how many in your family are coming and if you are bringing a pot luck dish. Please bring in a serving spoon with your dish marked with your name.

Dec. 18th, 19th, 21st– Caroling.
Dec. 18th– 9:00
Dec. 19th– 12:35
Dec. 21st– 2:35

Christmas Concert, Dec.13th @ 6:30pm

The music room is always a busy place but it has really ramped up over the last few weeks in preparation for the Christmas performance.

We are happy to welcome Ms. Brace back from maternity leave and she has been getting the students in tip top shape to perform their very best for you.

With a wide variety of performances from all of the classes, Glee club, choir, the bands, and fiddlers, the show looks to be a very entertaining one.

Please mark the date on your calendar and take special attention to the early time, so that our youngest eagles aren’t up past their bedtime!

3rd Annual Christmas Bake Sale & Craft Fair

A huge thanks goes out to everyone who brought baked goods to our Christmas bake sale for us to sell, as well as to those who purchased baked goods!

On November 25th our school gym and front foyer was a bustle of activity as over forty vendors sold their wares.

Altogether we raised over $2000.00 to go towards special programs and events that our students participate in.

Special thanks goes to the MHS Staff and PAC for their help in organizing and running the event. Also a huge thanks to Sheila Stewart, and MF LeDoze for their generous contributions of baked goods and time. MF made delicious crepes for folks to sample!
New Playground Equipment!

Last year we received some funding to begin our fiddle program at MHS. This year, it wasn’t Santa that delivered, but the Department of Education Culture and Employment.

Although we had heard that we might get a new piece of large equipment for the JK-K playground, to our surprise we were allocated not just one large piece, but THREE! Presently, we know that two pieces will expand the JK-K area but it is still undecided at this time where we will put the third piece. After all, the big kids like new equipment as well!

Thank-you ECE for all the support you have given us to make our playground a safe and engaging place to play and learn.

What is a SOAR Blitz?

When you have over two hundred and sixty children working together in a building, there has to be some school wide expectations of behavior so that everyone stays safe and learns to their very best potential.

At MHS, we use the motto SOAR to keep these school wide expectations in the forefront at all times.

Every couple of weeks, we look at data to figure out where the areas are that need improvement. Then the staff hand out “Eagle Tokens” to the students who we see showing the positive behavior that is expected. We call this a SOAR Blitz! The students set a class wide goal with their teacher, for a number of tokens to accumulate. Once they meet the goal in a timely manner, they have a class celebration. This past month, we worked on “Playground and eating time”. Classes celebrated with various ideas such as pajama days, movies, extra tech time, and extra time in the gym.

S– Share what you have.

O–take Ownership for all you do.

A– Achieve your very best.

R– Respect everyone and everything around you.

Be sure to check out our website, twitter, and facebook page to stay current on upcoming events.

SOARING on the new field!
“LIGHTS ON”

Students in Grades 6-8 are invited to come to four evenings over Christmas to socialize and have fun with adult supervision. If interested watch for the letter with more information coming soon!

The dates are:
December 27 & 30
January 3rd & 6th

Hope to see you there!
Do you like to sew but don’t have a place to do it?

Bring your projects on Tuesday evenings to the tipi for sewing, chatting and visiting with an elder!

Chess club has started for Grades 4-6 students! Every Wednesday at first recess!
Get your name in the Newsletter Draw!!!

Name: ______________________
Grade: ______________________
Parent Signature: ______________________

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NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER DRAW WINNERS...
- Kurtis Kimiksana
- Loucas Stawnichy
- Rhyder Lorenzen

CONGRATULATIONS !!!

Friday is Pizza day. Bring your $ on Wednesdays and eat on Fridays. 2.50/slice!

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School begins Jan. 8