Welcome to Another School Year!

Welcome back to another year of learning, friendship and fun! For those of you who are new to our Mildred Hall School community, we hope your transition to a new school has been one of excitement, and we welcome you.

The summer brought us a renovated parking lot! We hope the changes will be more efficient and safe for everyone; especially our students. We know the first few days getting used to the changes may be a little confusing, so we are hoping that extra supervisors outside will help with that. Please be patient with everyone as we all adjust to the new routines.

The cool, wet summer was wonderful for the MHS community garden, and our lunch program will be well stocked with fresh greens, potatoes, carrots and tomatoes.

Our population has grown again, and we are still in the process of hiring more staff. We are almost hitting the 300 mark!

We are hoping that you will all feel welcome to come into the school at anytime to see what is going on in your children’s classes, have a chat, or volunteer with various things throughout the year. Home and school communication is so very important for our students’ success and we hope you will keep in touch with us when you need help if things are challenging or when you want to celebrate successes. Our doors, hearts and minds are always open.

New Staff at Mildred Hall School

We are so happy to have several additions to our staff. All of our new people have worked with various children in different capacities throughout Yellowknife and have chosen to work with us! The new faces are very experienced, with many skills to offer our young folks.

Please welcome…

Hille Stewart
Tianna Hardy–Mainville

We are still looking to hire a Grade 5 teacher, and two EAs. Hopefully we will have these hired by the end of the first week!
Dene Law for September—“Share What You Have”

Traditionally, the Fall brought the Dene people together for hunting and fishing so that they would have enough food for the long winter months. Collection of berries and other plants also was important for nutrition for the Dene people. Stories were told and knowledge was shared as young children watched their elders.

With this in mind, we too get ready for Fall. It is a time for knowledge-sharing; learning to share our space and supplies, and becoming a community. We too will be going on the land to collect berries, plants and birds, and some students will work on harvesting our gardens. The Dene people shared what they had for survival. We share what we have to honor that important law and to be kind.

School Expectations SOAR!

In keeping with our school mascot of the “Soaring Eagle”, we will continue our PBIS school-wide expectations for which the slogan “SOAR” was created. This will also help us integrate the Dene Laws in every classroom. Throughout the year we will use this as our guide to live and work together.

S—share what you have
O—take ownership for your actions
A—achieve to your very best
R—respect yourself, all others and your surroundings.

Throughout the year we will use this as our guide to work and live together in a kind and respectful manner. If families would like a copy of our discipline policy, it can be made available for you. At MHS we focus on teaching behaviors through a positive manner.

VAPING

Something that is a huge concern for staff is the number of young children who have been seen vaping this summer around town. These are not necessarily MHS students but it was brought up at meetings already last week, by concerned staff. More information will be distributed as the year progresses, but please know that vaping is not permitted on school property or in the building. Vaping is very dangerous for youngsters and will not be condoned by any staff at MHS. Any paraphernalia brought into the school by students will be confiscated.
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Pizza Day

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