First Term Report Cards & Three Way Conferencing

It is that time of year when your child will be bringing home a summary of how he or she has been progressing so far this school year. It is very important that you sit down and read through the comments with your son or daughter so that they know how they are doing, rather than the children just reading the number placed by the outcomes. It is also very important to us, as teachers, that you and your child come into the school and talk with us about their progress. Having this time to sit and talk about what is going well and which areas may need some support or attention, helps your child take ownership for their academic achievement.

Students also love to show off the work they have been doing and feel proud to show their family around the school. Please feel encouraged to come in and chat, discuss or ask questions about the report card, or any other aspect of school life. We are all in this together and only want the absolute best for your children.

We look forward to seeing you on November 19th and 20th from 4:00 to 7:00. Please call the office to make an appointment to see your child’s teacher as soon as you can to get the time that works best for you and your family.

Questions to Ask Your Child’s Teacher...

Sometimes, it is difficult to know what to ask in an interview when you only have a few minutes to sit with a teacher. Here are some suggestions you could use as a guideline:

1.) What are my child’s strengths and challenges with their schoolwork?
2.) What type of assessments will my child be required to do this year?
3.) Is my child participating in classroom discussions and activities?
4.) How are my child’s social skills?
5.) Have you noticed any unusual behaviors?
6.) Do you think my child is reaching his/her potential?
7.) Does my child seem happy at school?
Remembrance Day Assembly

On November 8th at 10:30am, there will be a very special assembly in the school gym where our students will participate and learn about the importance of observing Remembrance Day. It is a very special assembly because of the somber nature.

Students from all different grades have been preparing readings, poems, songs and prayers to honour the occasion. They will share their reflections with the rest of their peers and to family members who are able to attend.

We will be wearing poppies to the service and then taking them off at the end to symbolize the laying of a wreath.

As always, please feel welcome to come to the assembly and share this special occasion with us.

**NOVEMBER 8th, 10:30am in the MHS SCHOOL GYM**

Dene Law Focus For November

For November, we are focusing on the teaching, “Be respectful of elders and everything around you.”

Elders have a wealth of wisdom and specialized skills, and are folks that we can all learn from.

With November being a month of “Remembrance”, this respect of our elders can extend into all cultures. When we think about people who have gone before us to make our world a little more kinder, gentler, and humane, we have a lot for which we should thank our elders. Although our Dene law is specific to our Dene elders, to show respect for all mankind is a cross cultural commitment that we can all make.

Dress for the Cold Weather Please!!!

Now that the Fall is leading into winter, students must dress appropriately for outdoor recesses. Not only is it important for the children to get outside for fresh air breaks for their physical and mental health, it is very important that staff get time in the day to eat their lunch, and take care of their own needs. Over recent weeks, some students have been lingering in the halls and hiding, to avoid going outside. This is not acceptable behavior as the staff take turns supervising activities so we all get time to eat. Please remind your children that it is their responsibility to come dressed for the weather. Hats and mittens, winter coats, boots and snow pants are necessary for recess play time and other outdoor activities the classes may be engaged in throughout the upcoming months.

If you need help in getting warm things for bundling up to enjoy the fresh air breaks, please let Mrs. Simmons know.
A Boo-tiful Event!

Once again our Family Dance was a huge success with between 330-350 people coming out dressed as ghouls, ghosts, princesses and witches and oh so much more! Although there was a lot more game playing and chasing around than actual dancing, everyone had a great time and left tired and happy. There were no injuries, and clean up time was short and not at all too messy, considering the amount of food and treats that were around.

Many thanks to all of you who came out to visit and chat with us, or to chaperone your wee ones as they tried their hand at bowling and other games in the gym. Some of the costumes were

AMAZING and must have taken hours upon hours to create.

Special thanks to the staff Dance Committee and our Mildred Hall PAC in organizing the event and canteen, and many thanks to all the staff who came out to chaperone the madness!

It was a terrific night!

Other Learning Activities on the Halloween Theme!
Sewing Circle Nights …

A cozy way to spend winter evenings.

If you like to sew and chat, you are welcome to join in with other parents from our school who also like to socialize and sew. Last month, MHS began hosting sewing circles every Tuesday evening from 6:30–8:30 pm in the tipi. We have an elder available who may be able to help you with your projects and be able to pass on their teachings. The sewing circle is not a beginner class but if you are interested in improving, there will be enough expertise around to help you out. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs. Simmons via email or phone.

The Choir will be performing at City Hall on Dec. 5th at 4:45 for the annual Tree Lighting Ceremony. Dress warmly & come out and hear them!

Grade 6-8 students will be attending the award winning movie, “Three Feathers” on Thursday, November 7th at the theatre.

Baked Goods Needed

We are having a bake sale on November 30th to help support special events and activities at our school. If you like to bake and have the time to contribute, please drop off your goods on November 29th.
Mark your calendar!!

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

CHRISTMAS FEAST

Don’t forget to call and book your teacher interviews through Donna! 873-5811

Grade JK-5 MHS students will be going to NACC to see the Sir John Franklin High School students on stage performing, “Frozen”, on Thursday afternoon, November 7th. Bring along a twoonie if you are able!
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Get your name in the News-letter Draw!!!
Name: ______________________
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