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

The summer brought us a brand new program called the “Birch Bark Discovery Center, a fancy new mini bus, some lovely new playground equipment, and a freshly painted gym! All the rain we had in the 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 and therefore so has our staff. 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

We are so happy to have several additions to our staff. All of our new people have worked in other schools 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…

Brendan Callas,
Erin Zacharias,
Kari Anderson
David Stephens,
Liwa Palomares,
Hyacinth Dunkley,
Welcome Back…
Kelsey MacNeil
Summer Science Camp A Success!

Mildred Hall hosted its first science camp last month with the help of the University of Alberta. Instructors from the U of A came to Yellowknife and worked with many students for a week long camp and introduced the youngsters to a hands-on approach in learning about science. Themes explored were, aquatic discoveries, buildings and structures, anatomy, and scientific discoveries. The students all had a great time and the instructors said the kids were all well-behaved and engaged. They also thought our school was a beautiful building and were happy to work in it.

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.

The Wheels on the Bus...

We are super excited to let you all know that we will be buying a mini bus in the next few weeks! We were so thrilled to be able to receive funding for this purpose and are very happy about what opportunities having our very own bus will bring for the MHS students. Our next step to getting the MHS mini bus up and operating is getting several of our MHS staff trained with a bus license. Then, most likely it will be Mr. Nichols who will be heading down to Edmonton to pick it up!
We Welcome a New Program to MHS!

The “Birch Bark Discovery Center”

On the very last day of school in June, we were over the moon to find out that ECE approved YK1 and Montessori to work together to pilot a new program called “The Birch Bark Discovery Center”.

YK1 decided that its location would be Mildred Hall because much of our ideologies and philosophies, of teaching are very similar to what the program wanted to pilot. It was a “natural” fit! (Pardon the pun).

Students will be spending time in an outdoor/indoor multi-age classroom working on ideas that they are most interested about.

We will keep you posted on how the program progresses!

Unity ...

by Ray A. Lingenfelter

I dreamed I saw a studio
And watched two sculptors there.
The clay they used was a young child’s mind
And they fashioned it with care.

One was a teacher – the tools he used were books, music, and art.
The other; a parent, who worked, with a guiding hand and a gentle, loving heart.

Day after day, the teacher toiled with a touch that was careful, deft, and sure.
While the parent labored by his side and polished and smoothed it o’er.
And when at last, their task was done,
They were proud of what they had wrought.

For the things they had molded into the child
Could neither be sold or bought.
And each agreed they would have failed if either had worked alone.

For behind the parent stood the school,
And behind the teacher… the home.

School Expectations SOAR!

In keeping with our school mascot of the “Soaring Eagle”, we will continue our PBIS school-wide expectations in 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.

We will be ordering new hoodies this month... If parents want one, we will order one for you!
Students– free. Adults– $30
Get Your Name in the Newsletter Draw for a PRIZE!!

Name:_______________
Grade:_______________
Parent Signature:________________________

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