



Wildcat Weekly

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Dryland Fundraising

The Foothills Dryland Sailors Club (FDSC) was established to support the fundraising efforts of MCS students participating in an educational sailing adventure, off the coast of British Columbia. This experience is available to all MCS students in Grades 7 and 8.

As part of the fundraising efforts for the 2022 trip, we are excited to be selling Spolumbo's Sausage and Simple Simon Pies. If you know a Sailor participating in the trip and wish to support their individual efforts, please contact them directly to order.

If you would like to do a general order which will be split to help all sailors, contact the FDSC at:

foothillsdrylandsailors@gmail.com

for order forms and payment information. Orders will be open until Friday, Nov. 20th. Thank you for your support!

Purdy's Fundraiser

Please place and pay for your order by November 24th and you can pick up your orders on December 4th in the Millarville Community Library. Thanks for helping support MCS!

Student Illness

The guidelines around student illness have been updated. Please review the [information from AHS here](#) as the process, while complicated, is well laid out.

Please remember to email both the teacher and millarville@fsd38.ab.ca for student absences.



This issue:

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Leadership in the School

One of the things that we want for all of our students is to have the experience of being a leader. This comes in many forms, as we provide students to be a leader in small ways in our daily classroom activities and larger ways as we support them as they plan for major school events. Every student has the potential to be a leader in different ways.

In the past week, we have had several major leadership opportunities. I shared with you the Remembrance Day Virtual Assembly that the Grade 8 class put together for our school. I was incredibly proud of how they put that together in such a respectful and thoughtful way. Embedded in that were opportunities for other grades, whether it was in the creation of each grade's wreaths or the reading of "In Flander's Fields" by our Grade 5 class or in the sharing of personal family connections for Remembrance Day. When I sat in on the presentation of the Virtual Assembly in classes, students volunteered to read out the personal stories for the class – again, demonstrating leadership.

On any given day, every student has multiple opportunities to step up and lead in their class. We also value what are known as the "quiet leaders," a quality that can be easy to miss. These are the students who might not often volunteer or speak up, but in their actions and the way they carry themselves, they demonstrate to others how to be their best.

We also had our first Students' Matters committee meeting last Friday. This is a district initiative that brings together small groups from every school in the division, and invites them to examine and analyse their school through data and experience and identify ways they can initiate positive change. Our students looked at multiple facets of our school, but identified that through our wellness data it seems like our students identify in themselves a lack of self confidence. They are working on a plan on how they can work with the school and the different grades to help improve students' feelings of self confidence. It really did strike me that our students aren't feeling as confident as they deserve to be though, as I can honestly say that I have never met a student body with more capability and potential than this one. That said, I can't wait to support the action plan of our representatives, so that I can help students see how truly special and capable they are.

Thank you for all your support,

Tim