



Wildcat Weekly

October 16th, 2020

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Book Fair!

A great number of precautions are being taken to ensure students will have safe opportunities to explore their interests and pick books they would like to read. The book fair will be held the week of October 26th.

Halloween!

As we approach Hallowe'en, we have been doing a great deal of thinking about how we can celebrate while following guidelines and providing a meaningful educational experience. Hallowe'en is on a Saturday, and students have the Friday off as well.

We have begun talking to the students about our Hallowe'en events, and how they might look this year. From the discussions with students and teachers, we have decided that each class will be doing Hallowe'en activities on the 29th of October. Students have input into these activities. As well, students will not be wearing costumes, and are instead encouraged to wear Hallowe'en colours or themed clothing.

Student Illness

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

School Council

If you are interested in School Council updates or would like to attend, email millarvilleschoolcouncil@gmail.com to be placed on the mailout list.



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We have been reflecting a lot on what a different year it has been. I really can't celebrate enough how flexible, open minded and understanding the students and parents have been in Millarville. I am extremely grateful for this community and how much support this school has through these strange times.

We have been having discussions all year around important events – our Terry Fox run, Remembrance Day, Hallowe'en, Christmas, Meet the Teacher and so on. In each of these, we need to approach the event a bit differently, trying to show that we recognize the importance and want to honour these traditions. The Terry Fox run was a great success. Our next event will be Meet the Teacher which will move online – details will come from your teacher soon. And at the end of the month we have Hallowe'en. I have described how our Hallowe'en celebration will look in the sidebar, but again I want to mention how appreciative I am of the students and their thoughtfulness and resilience. It would be very easy for students to feel like all their traditions are being taken away, but instead they are being innovative and trying to help us preserve the joy in these events.

And looking into November, we have Remembrance Day coming up. Traditionally, this is a day when we together gather as a school, which is not currently possible. Like the Terry Fox run, Remembrance Day has a great deal of personal significance for me, so as an adult I struggle with the idea that it will be different. But with that said, I know our Remembrance Day ceremony that will capture the respect and reverence that is the most important aspect.

What has helped me come to terms with many of these changes and differences is the energy that the students are approaching these issues with. The student mindset has been so well developed at this school to recognize the barriers but focus on solutions, when it can be so easy to just see the barrier and stop. Our students are an amazing group and I hope that as we ride the rollercoaster through the remainder of 2020 we can all be just a little more Wildcat – that is what will get us through.

I can never say it enough –
Thank you for all you do,
Tim Hasiuk