



Wildcat Weekly

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Terry Fox Run

We are looking forward to our Terry Fox run tomorrow. We feel that we need to have a Terry Fox run to show students that important traditions are being upheld. This year we are having each grade run separately to maintain their cohorts safely. As this is a physical activity we are not asking students to wear masks while they perform the run.

Although the Terry Fox run is important for all of us as a community, we are not able to allow parent participation or spectating this year.

School Council

Our Millarville School Council will meet virtually on Tuesday, October 6th at 7pm for the AGM. There will be positions on the council open if you would like to be involved with the council. If you are interested in receiving School Council updates or would like to attend, please email millarvilleschoolcouncil@gmail.com to be placed on the mailout list. All parents and guardians are welcome to attend, and a link to the meeting will be posted on the school website the day of the meeting.



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This week I would like to talk about what learning looks like at Millarville Community School this year, where the focus right now is on safety. By now we have all heard from our students what the different safety measures look like in the school but I'm guessing that you might have heard less about what learning looks like.

As an International Baccalaureate school, Inquiry is at the centre of a lot of what we do. Inquiry is a highly misunderstood teaching and learning strategy that has been both built up and maligned. At its heart though, is the idea that we learn about new ideas and concepts through investigation, questioning, research and experimentation. This allows the learner to make personal and meaningful connections to the topic, leading to learning that will stand up over time. As adults, we use inquiry as one of our go-to strategies for learning.

When we create our goals as a school, we look to what parents want for students, what employers want from students, and what we as a community hope for our students. From that we find a lot of commonality. We all want our students to have the skills and abilities to navigate the world as good citizens. Our approach to learning at MCS is designed around those ideas so that we provide opportunities for students to develop their abilities in critical thinking, problem solving, creativity and collaboration.

As we move forward this year, we will be working in consultation with the Millarville School Council to develop our Education Plan. We invite you to get involved with the School Council so that we can hear your voice as we continue to examine how we can best prepare our students for the future.

Sincerely,

Tim Hasiuk