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Millarville Community School

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Favorite Book Character!



Human Library

Upcoming Events:

- Feb 02: Wildcat Chaos Tourn. - Boys
- Feb 06: Parent Council Meeting 7pm
- Feb 09-10: Wildcat Chaos Tourn. - Girls
- Feb 13: Fundraising Meeting 3pm
- Feb 19-23: No School

Bus Reminder

Please do not walk or have your child walk between the buses at any time. For safety, we recommend dropping students off close to Rancher's Hall and have them walk behind the red barriers to the doors.

How is your New Year going?

Last month I suggested pirate maps and shark strategies to start your new year off right. Create and post lists (pirate maps) of what needs to be done when at home. When a job needs to be done, encourage your child to jump on it and complete as efficiently as possible (shark strategy). Keep it up!

Over the last two weeks, we have seen two renditions of Jack and the Beanstalk, participated in a basketball tournament and listened to the stories of some of our community members in our first Human Library. Thank-you to all of our guests and visitors for sharing time and their passion with our kids.

Our staff have been learning about the Enhanced PYP; some modifications to our inquiry based learning program for students in grades K-5. As part of these enhancements, the term "Agency" comes to the forefront of learning. Agency, as defined by IB, is the power to take meaningful and intentional action, and acknowledges the rights and responsibilities of the individual. Students with agency:

- Have voice, choice and ownership; and a propensity to take action
- Influence and direct learning
- Contribute to and participate in the learning community.

We look forward to sharing these concepts more with you in the future.

Second, but equally important, our staff has been refining our policy around mathematics teaching and learning. Your input is valued in the building of this policy; please watch for a survey coming out soon.

Speaking of surveys, please watch for Alberta Education parent surveys in your mail and return as soon as possible. Every voice counts!

Glenn Gibson
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January/February 2018

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday/ Sunday |
|-------------------------|--|--|--|---|---------------------|
| 29 | 30 | 31 | Feb 01 | 02 | 03/04 |
| Gr. 4 Assembly @ 2:15pm | Gr. 1-4 – Winsport Gr. 5-8 – Nakiska | Gr. 6 Basketball @ Longview | Gr. 6 Basketball @ MCS Jr. C Girls Basketball @ NDC Boys & Jr. B Girls Basketball @ Cayley | Kinder Friday Jr. B Boys Wildcat Chaos Basketball Tournament  Gr. 6 – Police Int. Center | |
| 05 | 06 | 07 | 08 | 09 | 10/11 |
| | Gr. 6 Basketball @ MCS Parent Council Meeting 7pm | Jr. C Girls Basketball @ OJ | Boys & Jr. B Girls Basketball @ MCS | Jr. B & C Girls Wildcat Chaos Basketball Tournament  → | |
| 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17/18 |
| Next Newsletter | Kananskis Presentation 9:30am Fundraising Meeting 3pm | Happy Valentine's Day Jr. C Girls Basketball @Westmount  | Boys & Jr. B Girls Basketball @ RDL Gr. 6 Basketball @ Crescent Point Field House, Aldersyde | Kinder Friday Gr. 1 Assembly | |
| 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24/25 |
| Family Day – No School | Teacher's Convention – No School | Teacher's Convention – No School | Teacher's Convention – No School | Teacher's Convention – No School | |

If your child is late or absent from school, please contact the office at 403-938-7832 or email
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Volunteer Position: Hot Lunch Coordinator **We need your help!**

This position includes: manage the website/email, set menus, coordinate with suppliers, arrange for delivery and distribution on Tuesday mornings and liaison to the Fundraising Society.
Average commitment: 3 hours per week, plus 3-4 hours per month.

If anyone is interested in more information about the Hot Lunch Coordinator position (or in becoming part of the Hot Lunch team in any capacity), please contact Tara Conroy or Marjan Ruitenschild at mshotlunch@gmail.com
Please note that if we do not have a new coordinator by spring break, our hot lunch program will be discontinued for the 2018-19 school year.

Skating on the rink!

Schedule will be:
Monday & Wednesday: Gr. 1-4
Tuesday & Thursday: Gr. 5-8
Please ensure children have the following:
Must be able to tie own skates
No hockey sticks
Helmets are mandatory
Lunch recesses only

Nakiska Ski Trip

Tuesday, January 30th - Gr. 5-8
Arrive: 6:45am
Return: 6:00-6:30pm

Thank you to all volunteers!

WinSport Ski Trip

Tuesday, January 30th - Gr. 1-4
Arrive: 8:00am
Return: 2:45pm for regular busses.

Thank you to all volunteers!

Thank You!

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Human Library Event. The response was overwhelmingly positive.
Ask your grade 5, 6, 7 or 8 student about their experience.



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Character Dress-Up

Book character costumes were awesome. Thank you to everyone for making the day “fantastical”!

From the Safe, Caring & Welcoming Communities Team:

I can make thoughtful and appropriate choices.

“Attitude is a choice. Happiness is a choice. Optimism is a choice. Kindness is a choice. Giving is a choice. Respect is a choice. Whatever choice you make, makes you. Choose wisely.”

— [Roy T. Bennett](#), *The Light in the Heart*



All members of the MCS Community are invited to join us at the next School Council Meeting on Tuesday, February 6, 2018 from 7:00-8:30 pm, to be held in the Learning Commons. The agenda will include:

Special Topic – Oilfields High School Presentation

Are you considering your child's transition from MCS to Oilfields High School? Oilfields principal Caroline Roberts will be presenting their school's curriculum, programs, and learning environment, as well as answer any questions you may have. Karen Larder will also be speaking about their Quest program.

Open Discussion – An opportunity for families to have a voice in the support and enhancement of student learning at MCS.

Free Childcare Provided

Can't make the meeting? Contact your School Council with any questions or comments at millarvilleschoolcouncil@gmail.com

Afterschool Programs

If your child is involved in an afterschool program or sport AWESOME! Just a reminder that **siblings of these students are not to be left at the school unattended**. Please make alternate arrangements to have these kids take the bus or get picked up at regular time as there is no supervision provided. Please also know that students are not to be left at the building until evening events take place. If you have any questions around this policy, please contact the office.