



MELITA SCHOOL NEWS

OCTOBER 2016



Please note:

In an effort to save paper and be more environmentally friendly, we have decided to discontinue sending out our newsletter in the mail to all community members. Rather, we will make the newsletter accessible from our website at

<http://schools.shmb.ca/mci/>

If you wish to obtain a paper copy of the newsletter, please phone the office and we will gladly provide you one! Thank-you (1866-422-5113)

Picture Retakes will take place on Tuesday November 1st at 9:00 am

Principal's Message

Welcome to yet another edition of the Melita School newsletter! As I write this message, Halloween is fast approaching, and we are almost through our second month of school already!

Thanks to all who were able to attend our annual open house on Oct.6th. We had lots on the go and a tremendous turn out of families of students of all ages....which was really great to see! Thanks also to our senior student council for putting on the bar-b-que that was enjoyed by many people, our jazz band for putting on a performance, our ladies who ran the Book Fair, our varsity volleyball teams for putting on a great show in their games as well as our teachers for having lots of things out for families to see. It was a great night and we were really happy to see our school so full of families!

Our staff have been very busy once again. We had some staff go to Edmonton in October to learn more about Professional Learning Communities or PLC's. We at Melita School are now in our third year of implementing PLC's in our K-8 areas and we as a team are quite happy to have the time to meet with our fellow colleagues within our own building and formulate plans to come up with even better ways to address the learning needs of all our students. Our division is also looking at ways to try and implement PLC's effectively in the high school area as well. Thanks to our school division and board for supporting this great movement in an effort to strengthen our teaching styles and provide better overall learning for our students!

Our volleyball season continues to be going strong. All of our teams have been very busy and we have seen a lot of great games at our school! Thanks to the parents for helping out with driving and thanks to our refs as well as our volunteer timekeepers and of course our students and coaches who are putting in long hours this volleyball season!

Our student council continues to grow and they are coming up with great school spirit ideas! We are super proud of our growing council and were very happy that they went to a retreat and came back with even more wonderful ideas! Thanks to our staff who volunteer to lead our enthusiastic students as they all work together to keep our school spirit strong.

One great idea for school spirit was a recent potluck that was held on Oct 7th for high school students and staff. Thanks to all who brought so many delicious dishes.....we had lots of great food there and it was fantastic to get together for lunch as a school community.

We recently had a few students travel to Hartney as a student committee where they met with students from other schools as well as our Superintendent and some board members to discuss division plans moving forward. The students were invited to give input and opinions as to what they would like to see as well.

We also recently were honored to have the Westman Honor Choir visit our school, and our very own Latisha Louttit is a member. Thanks to the band parent committee for helping our school sponsor this wonderful event!

We are still actively seeking parents to form a Parent Advisory Council for our school. Recently, our past PAC dissolved, so we are in the process of finding interested parents to form a new PAC. If you are interested or have any questions, please call the office and let me know.

We will be having our annual Halloween parade on Oct.31st at 9:30 in the gym. This is open to the public, so please feel free to come out and see some great costumes!

We will also be having our annual Remembrance Day service on Nov.10th at 10:45 in our school gym. This is open to the public as well, so please accept this as your invitation to attend as we as a school community remember the sacrifices that were made for all of us.

That's all for now. If you have any questions or concerns, please let me know.

Thank You

The Grade 5 Class would like to thank Julia Schoonbaert and Brandi Wessing for bringing some of their homegrown pumpkins into the classroom. Also thank you to Mrs. Jennifer Champion for the delicious cookies. Much appreciated.

Mrs. Kersten and Gr 5 Class

BAND NEWS

- next Band Parent committee meeting is Tues. Nov 1st at 6 pm in the band room. All band parents and students are welcome to attend.
- this year there will be two general fund raisers for all grade 6-12 band students: chocolate bar sales are currently underway with a closing date of November 16th. Money collection by the parent committee is Wednesday mornings (8:40 - 9:00) in the school front lobby.
- any band students in grades 7-12 interested in taking part in the Westman Honour Band (Feb 10/11) must have their application and \$25 entry fee into Ms. Baird by Nov. 3rd.

UPCOMING PERFORMANCES

- Melita School Remembrance Day Service: Thurs. Nov 10th at 10:45 am (senior band only)
- Melita School Bands Winter Concert: Tues. Dec. 6th at 7 pm. (all grades 6-12 band students). Students are to be in their warm-up rooms by 6:30 pm dressed in concert attire ; white dress shirt , black dress pants, black socks and dark shoes. Boys are to have white, collared, long sleeve shirts. Girls - white shirts, no tank top. Please do not wear T Shirts.

Middle Years News

The start of a new school year brings a fresh group of individuals to create our Student Council. For the 2016-2017 our council members are:

President: Rylee Kobs

Vice: Wyatt Wierenga

Social Convenors: Ashlyn Barnesky & Darius Ternovestsky

Room Reps: Keegan Judd, Tyler Downey & Kristin Rink

The middle years students joined with the senior students for Spirit Week plus One Day on October 24th – October 31st. Their themes were: PJ Day, Dress Like a Tourist, Fake an Injury, Throwback Thursday, Flannel Friday and Halloween. On October 31st, each class carved a pumpkin for their classroom.

Friday, November 4th will be our first dance of the year. It will start at 7:00 and end at 10:00. Thank you in advance to our parent chaperones.

Campbell Soup Labels

For the past 18 years Campbell Canada has proudly offered the Labels for Education program.

During that time the company has supported thousands of schools, including ours, across Canada. Campbell's will remove the Labels for Education program by the end of 2016. The school will be collecting labels until the end of October. After that time we will be counting and submitting our labels for the final time. The school has been able to order outdoor equipment because of your support. We thank you for all your support in this program!

Social Justice

The Social Justice Committee Members have been very active already this year! For our helping out locally, we organized the Terry Fox Activities for September. We were very fortunate to have had Fred Fox (Terry's brother) come and speak with us. The Senior Members, organized the community walk and the Junior Members planned the school walk and cupcake sales.

We would like to thank all who participated and made donations towards the Terry Fox Foundation. This year we submitted over \$2600.00 in donations from our community! For the month of October, we are "Scaring Hunger". This year, the high school grades are competing to see which class can bring in the most food donations. The middle year students are also doing a classroom challenge by bringing in food items. A huge thanks to our Senior Student Council for donating the prizes for our winning grades! The early year students will be participating in a sock hop on October 31 organized by the Junior Social Justice members. All food collected will be delivered to our local Melita and Area Food Pantry. Again, a huge thank you for your donations!

In November, Social Justice Members will have an opportunity to attend WE Day in Winnipeg. We will be doing some volunteering at Samaritan House in Brandon and then touring the Human Rights Museum in Winnipeg. We will be joining many other students at the MTS Center to take part in WE Day and to become inspired to take action to help others!

2016-2017 Dates to Remember:

Oct. 31	Halloween Parade 9:30 Gym
Nov. 10	Remembrance Day Service 10:45 Gym
Nov. 11	Remembrance Day No Classes
Nov. 14	Admin Day No Classes
Nov. 18	WE Day for Social Justice Students
Nov. 22	Evening Interviews 4:00-7:00
Nov. 23	Evening Interviews 4:00-6:30
Nov. 25	Admin Day No Classes
Dec. 6	Band Winter Concert 7:00pm
Dec. 12 & 13	Elementary Concert (Theatre)
Dec. 22	Last Day of Classes
Dec. 23 - Jan. 6	Christmas Break
Jan. 9	First Day of Classes
Feb. 6	Term 2 Begins
Feb. 20	Louis Riel Day No Classes
Feb. 27	PD No Classes
Mar. 7	Band Festival Concert 7:00pm
Mar. 10	Admin Day No Classes
Mar. 21	Evening Interviews 4:00-7:00
Mar. 22	Evening Interviews 4:00-6:30
Mar. 24	Admin Day No Classes
Mar. 27 - 31	Spring Break
Apr. 3	Classes Resume
Apr. 14	Good Friday No Classes
Apr. 17	Admin Day No Classes
May 8- 12	K-4 Artist in the School
May 22	Victoria Day No Classes
June 7	Band Lunch and Listen 12 Noon
June 23	Graduation Ceremonies
June 26	Grade 6 Concert Morrow Park
June 29	Awards/Celebration Day 9:30 Gym
June 30	Admin Day No Classes

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- have an overall academic average of at least 80%;
- be able to communicate efficiently in both official languages, as evaluated by the House of Commons; and
- apply to a university in the National Capital Region, be accepted and accept the offer of admission.

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