

***Wildcat Weekly***

A group of people standing around a table with food on plates

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**Welcome Fall!**



Dear Parents,

During the month of September, the Wildcats focus on the International Baccalaureate (IB) learner profile word of ***inquirer.*** Wildcats nurture our curiosity, developing skills for inquiry and research. We know how to learn independently and with others. We learn with enthusiasm and sustain our love of learning throughout life. How can parents help to develop inquirers at home? You can visit places that spark inquiry like museums, parks, historical sites or science centres. Explore areas of your child’s interest by visiting the library to borrow books. Model being an inquirer. Ask questions and wonder! Praise your child for asking questions. Have your child jot down their wonders in a journal. Spend time researching wonders.

A HUGE thank you to all the volunteers who helped with the Terry Fox Run and the Wildcat Cross Country running meet at MCS on Thursday, after school. Your help with these two runs is appreciated and allows us to offer exciting events at our school. We have always been lucky here at MCS to have strong parental support! Thanks for your time!

Please note that we have closed the APPLE fundraiser but have a CHICKEN and APPLE PIE fundraiser running next, just in time for Thanksgiving! Please see the website for more information.

Mr. Beacom has started this year’s Outdoor Pursuits. Classes have started heading outside to enjoy learning in the beautiful Fall weather. The focus this month has been on playing cooperative games. Classes have been working through challenges that require communication, risk-taking, and teamwork.

Please be reminded that the weather is changing. We have outdoor recesses twice a day. The only time we stay inside is if it below -20oC so we kindly and respectfully ask that students are dressed for the weather. We do have extra mittens and a few hats at school but hope that all our students take into account our outdoor time everyday when preparing for their school day. We strongly believe that the two outdoor breaks help our learners regulate their behavior and have a break from learning to play with friends. It helps them to socialize and to get fresh air. Thank you for supporting us in this by checking that your student is dressed appropriately for that day’s weather.

We desperately need new volunteers for School Council and the Fundraising Society. Both have one meeting per month and each meeting is an hour long at the most. If you can help us with these groups, please email me at davisk@fsd38.ab.ca

Remember to sign up for Hot Lunch, check our website for more information or to participate. <https://www.foothillsschooldivision.ca/millarville>

With gratitude,

Ms. K. Davis

**Upcoming Events**

* Sept. 22 = PD Day
* Sept. 25 = Football game away
* Sept. 26 = Gr. 6 Vaccines
* Sept. 27 = Gr. 1 Quilt
* Sept. 29 = Orange Shirt Day

An Interview with Mrs. Baranyay:

**What makes a “good day” at school?**

A good day at school is one where I see MCS students caring for one another, sharing ideas, and putting their best effort forward to reach goals.

**How do you show school spirit?**

It feels so great to be a Wildcat! My school spirit continues to grow as I become involved in school council, cheering on our Wildcat teams, and of course wearing MCS swag.

**What accomplishment fills you with pride so far this year?**

As the new vice principal, I’m filled with pride when I think about the strong team of dedicated staff I have been lucky to join. I am proud of the efforts that went into a smooth start up and look forward to a wonderful year together.

A group of kids looking at a map

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**September 21, 2023**