

***Wildcat Weekly***

 

**We are Caring!**

**Upcoming Events:**

* Feb. 14-16 = Hostel Trip
* **Feb. 16 = Learner Profiles go home**
* **Feb. 19-23 = Break**
* **Feb. 28 = Pink Shirt Day**
* **Mar. 15 = PD Day**
* **Mar. 29 – Apr. 7 = Spring Break**

**An Interview with
Miss Olver:**

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

I love when the kids come in smiling and are excited to be here. Hugs are a great way to start the day! By the end of the day so many say, “It’s home time already!?” That must mean we had a day full of learning.

**How do you show school spirit?**

Wildcat clothing is such an easy way to show school spirit. It’s more than that though. Supporting each other, spreading positivity, and taking pride in our school community are genuine ways to show our appreciation.

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

Taking on the IB Coordinator role this year has come with it’s own challenges, but overall it’s a rewarding position to be in. I look forward to bringing the PYP team forward with our new curriculum and ever changing Units of Inquiries.

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**February 12, 2024**

Dear Parents,

During the month of February, Millarville Community School focuses on the International Baccalaureate (IB) learner profile word of ***caring.*** We encourage our students to show empathy, compassion and respect. Wildcats have a commitment to service, and act to make a positive difference in the lives of others and in the world around us. Students who are CARING want people around them to be happy and are sensitive to their needs. They think about the world and work to take care of their community and the environment. They remember to treat others how they themselves would like to be treated.

How can parents help to develop students who are **caring** at home? Role model the caring behavior you would like to see in your child all the time. Your child has big eyes and ears and notices everything you do. Using kind words, helping people without being asked, being an active listener all show your child that you care about people. Even a simple thing, like holding a door for someone, shows your child that you are aware of others around you and want to help them. Think about how your family can get involved with community organizations. Reduce, Reuse & Recycle. Sometimes this can be challenging for busy families but make the effort to establish these habits in your home. By developing children who care about the environment, you are helping the future of the globe. Smile. After reading a book, spend some time considering how the people in the book acted. Was someone in the book caring? All the time or just some of the time? Were all the characters in the book caring or just some of them? Mrs. Nutbrown has lots of books about caring in the library right now.

As a caring community, we would like to remind parents of the benefits to outdoor activities. We strongly advocate for our students’ learning to be stewards of the land. Our Outdoor Pursuits Program is a program that promotes caring for the land, caring for others and caring for self. It is by being outdoors that many of us find peace and tranquility. In the outdoors we can destress and find a calmness of mind. Lately, we have seen the increase of stress in our students and the decrease of support for the Outdoor Pursuit program and we are asking you, as parents, to consider if there is a direct correlation between these two new trends. Our school has such a caring environment, and we believe that it is due to the strong programming that we have in place. We send gratitude to all of you who are supporting this program and all it can teach our students.

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