Hello MNS Families,

**Character Education Themes**

Every month we celebrate a different character education theme. During the month of September we focused on **Respect**. The following students were recognized at our Terry Fox Assembly by their homeroom teacher as a student who shows this quality:

\*Kenny McIntyre

\*Lucy Gagnon

\*Alex Biryukov

\*Jonathon Corscadden

\*Aaliyah Leskie

\*Orin Marciano

\*Carson Kennedy

\*Skye Lyons

\*Riley Roberts

\*Tina Jang

\*Emma O’Leary

\*Delia Whitaker

\*Nathan Coleman

\*Grant McIntyre

\*Jack White

\*Nihma Hussain

\*Kaitlyn Leblanc

\*Nilesh Rajpurohit

\*Caroline Hovey

\*Luke Walsh J

The following students received Pat on Backs at our assembly today.

Jacob Gallery Gemma Laskey

Taking Matty for a drink Being Kind

Mrs. Lamb Mme. Alex

Desiree Nsiah Asare Annika Roderick

Being prepared Being Kind and Helpful

Mme. Thompson Mme. Pye

Alex Burchill Bailey Walton

Acting in a respectful way helping with Recycling

 Mme. Lawlor

Brady Kirkpatrick Logan Roy

Participation Speaking in French and

Mme. Fillion Presenting in French

 Mme. Nelson

Ben Coates MacKenzie Domouchel

Great Help Being Responsible

Mrs. Ackroyd Mrs. Lamb

Caroline Walker Sami Attabib

Helping with Bulletin board Being Good Mme. Nelson Mrs. Gatien

 MacKenzie Stackhouse Nihma Hussain

Speaking in French Organizing books

Mme. Dempster Mrs. Watson-Bedard

Kelsey Albert Ethan Adams

Carrying Boxes Cleaning Tables

Mme. Lamb Mme. Lawlor

**Middle School Halloween Dance & Sock Hop for Elementary Students**

A Middle School Dance will take place on Thursday, Oct 29th from 6:30pm -8:30pm.

There will be an Elementary sock hop on Thursday, Oct 29th at noon. A $1.00 donation or a non-perishable food item will be collected for our local food bank.

Halloween Costumes will be reserved to the festive Orange and Black clothing for students and there will be no costumes, face paint, or masks worn at school. Our Monthly Character Celebrations and Pat on the Back recognition will take place and Students will receive a little MNS treat for Halloween as well.

**School Raffle**: Our Major Fundraiser of the year will kick off on Friday October 16th. Students and Staff will be selling tickets on a chance to win $1,000. The Raffle winner will be announced at our assembly on Friday, November 6th.

**Babysitting course:**

Babysitting Course is being offered Thursday, October 8, 9-3:30, Room A102. Registration is $40 minimum required to have the course 10 registrants. Information has been sent home with interested students.

**Recycle My Cell**

Do you have an old cell phone laying around that you don't know what to do with? We have the solution! MNS will be participating in the **Recycle My Cell Student Challenge** as a part of waste reduction week. Not only will we be doing a great thing by reducing waste, we also have the chance to win $1 for every cellular device collected. The Recycle My Cell Student Challenge accepts all devices that connect to a cellular network, such as cell phones, smartphones, wireless PDAs and pagers. Also, while they do not count towards prize eligibility, the Challenge also accepts cell phone accessories, such as cell phone batteries, chargers, wireless aircards and headsets/headphones. **The Challenge does not accept home phones, cordless phones, baby monitors, MP3 players, multimedia players (such as iPods), tablets (such as iPads), or walkie-talkies.** There will be a drop off box in the office or you can send the items with your child to school. MNS will be collecting the cellular devices from **October 19th - 25th.**  Thank you in advance for your support with this great initiative!

**ASD-S Parent Communication Survey** – The district improvement plan has made communication a priority items for improvement.  As such, they have created an online survey they are asking parents to complete to assist the district, schools and teachers learn more about ways in which to better communicate.  Please can access the survey off our school website on the “Parent Survey” tab on our menu bar. The survey will be open until Oct. 9th.

<https://secure1.nbed.nb.ca/sites/district8/islandview/Pages/default.aspx>

**Elementary Cross Country** –   The final event for Elementary Cross Country is Wednesday, October 7th at 3:45pm at Simm’s Corner Park.

MNS would like to thank Karen & Ryan Kennedy from the Millidgeville Pharmasave for purchasing 60 sports jerseys for MNS elementary athletics. These jerseys will be used by our students participating in various jamborees throughout the year. Thank you !

**Middle School Cross Country**- Middle School Cross Country Team will participate at the Forest Hills meet on Oct 14th with a rain date of Oct 15th. More details to follow.

**Middle School Activity Period**

 **& Fitness Friday**

Our first Fitness Friday activity block will begin on Friday, Oct 16th.  Elementary and Middle School students will have an opportunity to participate in a wide variety of learning activities focusing on Physical and Mental Fitness. Our scheduled dates in term 1 include  Oct 16th, Oct 30th, Nov 13th, Dec 11.

Middle School Students selected their top 3 choices from a list of activities and they will participate in during Fitness Fridays.  The activities will run Oct-Dec, January-March, April-June.  Here is the list of teacher organized activities being offered this term: Board Games, Chess, Science Olympics, Coding Club, Cooking Club, Zumba, Cross Fit Teens, Intro to Judo, Bucket Band, Creative Comics, Knitting, Dance, Stop N’Talk, Drama, and Study Hall.

Our Elementary Fitness Friday will have a series of speakers and special activities planned throughout the year. October 16th will feature a presentation on WITS along with Brain Break activities and smoothies for everyone. On October 30th, we hope to have a presentation from Fundy Gymnastics to celebrate Wellness Week.

**Student Vote**

The Middle School students at MNS are participating with the CIVIX Student Vote initiative <http://studentvote.ca/>   and will be doing some work over the next few weeks with their  Social Studies classes. Student Vote is a parallel election for students under the voting age, coinciding with the  federal  election. The purpose is to provide young Canadians with an opportunity to experience the voting process firsthand and build the habits of informed and engaged citizenship. With voter turnout continuing to decline, particularly among youth, and the hope is the earlier they engage with the voting process, the more likely they will be to participate when they graduate high school.

Students in Ms. Erika Nelson’s grade 8 class will be running the logistics of the election on the day as Deputy Returning Officers, Poll Clerks etc. but all of our Middle School students will hopefully cast a ballot. The Student Vote Day will be around the 15th of October.  In an attempt to make the experience as real as possible, we have extended an invitation to the four Federal Candidates to a student forum that will be held in our cafeteria on Oct 7th from 10:30-11:40 am.  We will provide an opportunity for each candidate to speak on information concerning their party’s platform.

**Grade 7 & 8 Year End Trips**

Information and permission forms for the grade 7 and grade 8 year end trips went home with students on Tuesday.  The tentative dates for these trips are as follows:  Grade 7 trip to Charlottetown June 17-19th and Grade 8 trip to Ottawa June 15-19th.  Non-refundable deposits for the trips ($50 for Charlottetown & $100 for Ottawa) are due no later than October 30th.   This deadline is very important as the final cost of the trip depends on the number of students participating. More details to follow in November.

**STUDENT PICK UP/DROP OFF**

The issue of Student Drop off in the Bus zone (Front of School) has improved greatly. Thank you parents and guardians.

We are in the process of having our drop off lane and traffic arrows freshly painted at our official drop off area near the Middle School Playground. There will also be pylons added to the drop zone area to make the lane more noticeable. We would ask that vehicles remain in the drop area line near the entrance gate before allowing students to exit the vehicle.

Students getting out of cars in the parking lot increases the chances of injury with the amount of vehicles often dropping students off in the morning. Thank you for your cooperation.

**SAFETY!**

Several of our students have allergies to different types of nuts. Please refrain from sending nuts or products made from nuts so that our students can enjoy a healthy and safe atmosphere.

No scents make good sense. Many of the perfumes, deodorants and body sprays have chemicals that affect the breathing of students and staff. It is a school policy that we must insist on the use of unscented or very lightly scented products.

Thank you for keeping the entire school community in mind when coming to school. ☺

**Elementary Choir**

Elementary Choir will begin practicing on Thursday, October 15th an noon hour.

**SCHOOL CAFETERIA**

The online cafeteria ordering system seems to be running smoothly over the past couple of weeks. Improvements have been made with the addition of warm containers for food delivery, student and parent volunteers and the menu options have increased as well this year. Please visit [www.schoollunchorder.ca/](http://www.schoollunchorder.ca/) to place orders online.

**Immunization Clinic (All Grade 7 Students)**

Public health is holding an immunization clinic at the school for Grade 7 students on Friday Oct 23. All grade 7 students will be offered a booster vaccine that protects against Tetanus, Diphtheria, and Whooping cough if they have not received one in the last 5 years. The girls will also be offered a vaccine that protects against cervical cancer. This vaccine is a series of 2 which will be given throughout the school year.

**School Picture Day**

Picture day took place on Monday, September 28th. A date will be announced for re-takes soon.

**UPCOMING DATES**:

- Bus Safety Oct 6th

-Professional Learning Days Oct 8th & 9th (No Classes)

-Thanksgiving Monday, Oct 12th (No Classes

-October 16th Fitness Friday

-Raffle Kick off Oct 16th

-Grade 7 Vaccinations Oct 23

The MNS Website can be found <https://secure1.nbed.nb.ca/sites/district8/schools/emns/Pages/default.aspx> and our school twitter account can be found @MNSStars

As always, please feel free to contact Mr. Whelton for further information at 658-5353 or by e-mail Michael.whelton@nbed.nb.ca

**School Mission Statement**

The mission of MNS, a diverse family of learners, is to develop independent and confident community members. By promoting kindness.

**School Vision Statement**

MNS’s vision is to:

STRIVE for high expectations & academic excellence

TEACH the whole child

APPRECIATE and celebrate diversity

RESPECT needs, interests and abilities

SHARE within our community