Good Afternoon Families!

We hope you and your family have enjoyed a fabulous summer and the children are excited to return to school. The staff is eager and excited at this time as well in preparing for the upcoming year. I would like to welcome a few new staff members to the MNS family. Ms. Mary-Ann Melvin joins the elementary FI team, Ms. Chamberlan is returning from maternity leave in grade 5, Ms. Lawlor is replacing Ms. Gignac during maternity leave in Middle School, and Mr. Penny is filling in for Ms.Marilee Price in the Music department. Ms. Linda Oliver has joined the staff as our new Librarian while Ms. Shelley Gogan has joined our office staff in the Administrative Assistant role. We have three education assistant’s joining our staff this year as well. We would like to welcome Mr. Mersereau, Ms.Saulnier, and Ms. Andrea Verville to the Millidgeville North community.

We wanted to remind families of some of our back to school information. MNS bussing information was mailed out last week to all MNS families in hopes of making the transportation process more convenient for students on the first day. As you know, we have been busy making adjustments to our school timetable this year that will align with the Department of Education’s instructional minute’s guidelines. During July and August, Student Transportation Services worked to revise applicable bus route schedules to accommodate new students and/or new school requirements. As a result, some students may experience minor changes in their bus route schedule. If you wish to reconfirm bus stop service for September, please access this website the third week of August [www.asd-s.nbed.nb.ca](http://www.asd-s.nbed.nb.ca/)

Our new start time this year is 8:35 am. Students may be dropped off at school no earlier than 8:10 am. Our Dismissal time is 2:40pm. I’ve attached our schedule for the first day of School along with our new timetable for the school year. For parents bringing their child to school on the first day of school, please park in the sports field parking lot near the Middle School Playground and enter the school through the walker door. This will alleviate parking congestion at the front of the school near our bus zone.

\*\*\*All MNS students will attend school September 2nd. Students and family members who wish to accompany their child to school the first day will enter the school at 8:25 am and assemble in the gymnasium for a short welcome before students are called by their homeroom teachers.\*\*\*

Cafeteria Services will be provided again this year by Chartwells. Food service ordering will see some changes for our Elementary classes who will eat lunch in their classrooms during the upcoming school year. A five day meal menu has been developed and online ordering is encouraged. Meal orders may also be made using the order form that has been attached. Exact change only or Cheque payable to Compass Group Canada, or you can go online to order your child’s lunch at**:** [**www.schoollunchorder.ca**](http://www.schoollunchorder.ca) **. Note: Cafeteria service will be available to Elementary students beginning Monday, September 8th. A grab and go menu option will be available for Middle School students during the first week.**

Open House / PSSC Election – Please be aware that our PSSC election will take place at our Open House for families and students on Wednesday, September 17th  5:30pm – 7:00pm. A BBQ will take place again this year from 5:30pm-6pm. We have several openings on our PSSC and encourage parents to considering letting their name stand to be on the committee. All interested names need to be submitted to the school principal by August 16th. If you are looking for additional information about the role, please contact the school. An information booklet is attached to this message as well.

2014-2015 Staff:

Administrative Assistant – Ms. Gogan

Principal- Mr. Whelton

Vice Principal- Ms. Price

Gr 3 Ms. Fersuson

Gr 3 Ms. Crosby

Gr3 Ms. Fillion

Gr 4 Mr. Mathews

Gr 4 Ms. Dempster

Gr 4/5 Ms. Melvin

Gr5 Mr. Sullivan

Gr 5 Ms. Craig

Gr5 Ms. Chamberlan

Gr6 Ms. Arseneau

Gr6 Ms. Gatien

Gr. 6/7 Ms. McLaughlin

Gr.7 Ms. Watson

Gr. 8 Mr. Corey

Gr.8 Ms. Fox

Gr. 8 Ms. Lawlor

Librarian- Ms. Oliver

Guidance,-Ms. Cornfield

Physical Education- Ms. Kilpatrick

Methods and Resource - Ms. Robitaille-Crowley, Ms. Hicks

Art Ms. Patullo

Music Mr. Penny

Band Ms. Munn

Education Assistants

Ms. Owens

Ms.Danells

Ms. Gamblin

Mr. Bonham

Mr. Mersereau

Ms.Saulnier

Ms. Andrea Verville

**Important Dates:**

-Tues, Sept 2nd – First Day of School for all student.

-Wednesday, September 17th – BBQ/Open House/ PSSC Election 5:30pm-7pm

**\*\*\* Note- We are a Scent Free and Peanut Free School\*\*\*\* We have numerous members of our learning community with Allergy’s. Thank you for your understanding.**

We look forward to an amazing year at MNS!!!! See you soon.

Michael Whelton