

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

There are a few days over the Christmas holiday season, once the rush of gatherings and events are finished, where time stands still for a little while and everything seems to move in slow motion. It's quite the opposite of slow motion in the organized excitement of MES life, and we have a lot of important work to complete before the break. So, in spite of the hustle and bustle of December, let's not forget to walk slowly, breathe deeply, and reflect on the incredible gifts of the season. I have personally witnessed many MES gifts over the last three months, in so many different shapes and sizes: encouraging and thoughtful words shared; beautiful home-made cards given; and gentleness, kindness, and support among students and staff are just a small sample of weekly goodness here at the school. Much Grace and Peace to you and your family this Christmas season.



John Terrick
Vice Principal

CHRISTMAS CONCERT PARKING

Mitchell Middle School and the Mitchell Church have graciously offered their parking lots as overflow parking for our Christmas concert. Please consider these spaces as parking options and avoid the use of the West side of the street in front of the school and the bus loop.

BUDDY BENCHES ROCK!

MES says, "Thanks!" to our school PAC and Hiebert Manufacturing for donating two Buddy Benches. Sometimes you just need a buddy, and MES students were encouraged to **Look, Ask, and Invite** at our last school assembly, because that's how we roll. Check out the MES Blog and Twitter feed for a few pics and highlights. mes.hsd.ca

FROM THE MUSIC ROOM

The Grade 4 students will be singing at the Steinbach Credit Union on Tuesday the 13th from 10:15-10:30 AM. Parents are welcome to come out to hear their children sing, or simply tune in Mix 96 or 1250 AM radio to enjoy the performance on air. The grade 3 & 4 MES Christmas Concert, "Little Christmas Traveler", is Wednesday, Dec. 21st. Performances are at 1:30 and 7:00 PM. The Kindergartens will be singing a few songs at the afternoon concert only. We would like the children to wear white tops and black bottoms.

BUS INFORMATION - hsd.ca

Any bus that will be late due to weather or mechanical issues will be listed on the HSD website in the bus delay area. Go to hsd.ca / Departments / Transportation.



PEANUT/NUTS & PERFUME ALLERGIES

We have students who have a life-threatening nut allergy. We are encouraging parents to keep this in mind as you pack lunches/snacks for your children. Please avoid nut products.



Also, please be mindful that strong perfumes can cause an adverse reaction for some students and staff.

LIBRARY NEWS

Please note that all library books are due back in the library on Thursday, **December 15th** in order for a partial inventory to take place before the holidays. As we enter the winter season, please remind your children to keep their special library book bag in their backpacks. We appreciate your help as it is important to keep books separate from soggy mittens, wet socks and leaky lunches. Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a New Year filled with new and exciting books to read!



COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS

The Community Christmas Committee is again coordinating the preparation and distribution of Christmas hampers to those in our area that are in need. The following are some suggestions of items the schools could collect on behalf of Community Christmas:

Baby Formula	Diapers/Wipes	Baby Crackers
Baby Food	Laundry Soap	Fabric Softener
Dish Soap	Deodorant	Hand Soap
Toothpaste	Tooth Brushes	Ketchup
Mustard	Mayonnaise	Canned Goods
Boxed Soups	Pasta Sauce	Sidekicks Pasta
Crackers/Cookies	Cheez Whiz	Cake mixes
Juice Boxes	Pancake Mix/Syrup	Cream of Wheat
New unwrapped toys		

We will be collecting from **DEC. 1st- 16th.**

PARENT COUNCIL

PAC is here to be a liaison between Parents and the School. Our Parent Council is:

Gerrilyn Fehr	371-2190	Jamie Karr	371-4871
Charmaine Toews	326-9699	Sheryl Adrian	346-1933
Melissa Thiessen			



The Board of Trustees, Administration, and Staff of the Hanover School Division wish you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

