

VICE-PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

What do the Mitchell Sr. Center, Fall & Winter Fun Days, MES Assemblies, the MES Outdoor Learning Center, Grade 4 basketball, Christmas & Spring concerts, I Love to Read month, and chocolate almond sales all have in common? **Community & Learning Partnerships!** When we stop and consider the many different community partnerships that lead to increased student engagement at MES, we very quickly highlight the trust and appreciation shared with the community as we handle the world's most precious cargo - Our Kid. Something small like a box of chocolate covered almonds goes a long way in supporting our Outdoor Learning Center and special student events. MES says, "Thanks!" for all the support. From an almond purchase to donations of time, we all have an important role to play.

STARS OF THE FUTURE

Children born between July 1, 2013, and December 31, 2013, together with their parents, are invited to attend a Spring 2017 **Stars of the Future** clinic. Stars of the Future is a FREE screening program for children that live in South East Manitoba. It is a onetime appointment, designed to find out how your child is doing in the areas of speech & language, hearing, growth and development. The appointment is one hour long. Appointments may be booked by calling 204-346-6136 and leaving a message. For more information on Stars of the Future go to www.healthychildcoalition.ca. Appointment times do fill up quickly, so we encourage you to book your appointment early.

Clinics will be held in the following communities:

Steinbach: Apr. 12 & 13; May 10 & 11	Vita: Apr. 24
Grunthal: May 8	Sprague: Apr. 6
Ste. Anne: Apr. 21	Niverville: Apr. 27
	Lorette: May 2

Stars of the Future is offered FREE to families living in the South East region through a partnership with Southern Health-Santé Sud, South East Children's Therapy Initiative and Healthy Child Coalition – South East.



ALLERGY ALERTS!

We have a student who has a severe, life-threatening peanut 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.



HELP CONTROL HEAD LICE

Please check your child(ren) for head lice on a regular basis. Learn about head lice, the recommended treatments, and how to prevent the spread of head lice to others. Information can be found on South Eastman Health website: <http://www.sehealth.mb.ca> or on the Canadian Pediatric Society website at: <http://www.caringforkids.cps.ca/whensick/HeadLice.htm>

If you need more information, have questions, or have difficulty getting rid of head lice, contact our public health nurse at 204-346-6251.

Your cooperation is vital in controlling the spread of head lice in our school.

TREATS and TREASURES Sale

April 28

Kids in Liberia, Africa need help to go to school. We can help them!

MES students in all grades are invited to participate in the annual **Treats and Treasures Sale** by donating gently used toys, books and trinkets by **Wednesday, April 26th**. They may also provide **individually wrapped baked goods** (nut free). All classes will have an opportunity to shop in the gym on April 28th. All funds raised will be going toward sponsoring children to go to school through the organization, Provision of Hope.

