

### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Treats and Treasures Sale was a huge success! What a wonderful event we had at MES this past Friday as we raised funds to send students to school in Liberia, Africa. Students brought in used toys, books, baked items and organized it into a flea market. They had a wonderful time shopping for treats and treasures with their classmates. A big thank you to the grade 4's for being our shop keepers. In addition to this, the staff held a silent auction featuring a variety of events and prizes offered up from their talents and gifts. Total monies raised reached over \$3,600 allowing us to maintain our current 9 student sponsorships with the possibility of adding more. Congratulation to the community of MES for their compassion and generosity.

### CHOCOLATE FUNDRAISER

We had a very successful chocolate fundraiser and this enabled us to beautify the front of our yard and finish our outdoor learning space. A big thank you to PAC for partnering with us in this endeavour. Look for more highlights as the weather warms up and we get to use this space.

### HEALTHY LIFESTYLES MONTH

May is Healthy Lifestyles Month here at MES and there is a fun and active month of activities planned for the students! With Healthy Lifestyles Bingo, Bike Safety Days, Grade 4 Running Club, Jump Rope for Heart, and an interview with an elite athlete at our kick-off assembly, May is shaping up to be an awesome month! More details will be sent home shortly.

### FROM THE MUSIC ROOM

MES Spring Concert is on Thursday, **May 11th** with two performances at **1:30** and **7:00pm**. The Gr. 1 and Gr. 2 students are going to perform "*The Best Pet Show Ever*" and "*Get Hoppin'!*". We would like the Gr. 2 students to wear green tops and Black bottoms.

### "JUMP ROPE FOR HEART"

We will be starting our annual "Jump Rope for Heart" fundraiser on May 13th with a touring jump rope demo team! Gr. 1-4 students will then raise money for the Heart and Stroke Foundation and also help raise awareness for an active healthy lifestyle. The gym is going to be a 'hopping' place on May 25th & 26th as the students will be skipping during their regularly scheduled gym class time. Thank you for helping support this important event!

### BICYCLE SAFETY

MPI will be sponsoring and presenting a Bike Safety Rodeo at our school on **May 15th & 16th**. Cycling is fun, healthy, practical and good for our environment. It is important for students to learn and practice the rules and responsibilities of safe cycling.



### 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.

### 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](http://www.healthychildcoalition.ca). Clinics will be held in the following communities:

Lorette: May 2  
Grunthal: May 8  
Steinbach: May 10 & 11



This is 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.

### DRUMS ALIVE

MES and the Mitchell Senior Center are looking forward to a special Drums Alive event at the Senior Center coming up May 9th. 4GD will have the opportunity to drum with the Seniors. The drumming begins at 9:30 and parents of 4GD students are welcome to attend.