



# NEWS

## June 2017

"A Great Place To Grow"

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### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Summer break is finally here and I would like to simply wish you all a great time on your holidays. After your relaxing summer vacations, we will begin with our **Meet the Teacher** on the day before classes- - **September 5 from 4:30 to 6:00 pm**. Please plan to attend this event and meet your child's teacher and see their classroom with them for the first time.

I would like to welcome the following new staff members to Mitchell Elementary for fall 2017.

Allison Antonio--gr 2  
Brittany Bell--gr 3

In closing I would like to wish the following Educational Assistants well as they will not be at MES next year.

Kathleen Johnson--South Oaks  
Sandy Reimer

**Strong Connections** has now become a tradition at MES and is scheduled on the divisional calendar for **September 15th and 18th**. You will be notified of your child's day to attend on the first day of classes.

### MOVING OR INFORMATION CHANGES

Just a reminder that if you are moving over the summer, or other information has changed please contact the school office to let us know. The office will be closed July 7th - Aug. 23rd.

### HANOVER SCHOOL DIVISION

Parents, please contact the division office transportation department about any changes in your transportation requirements for next year, especially if you are moving over the summer (*this applies even if you do not require bus service*). The driver maps and student lists are printed in late July and are mailed to the drivers in early August. The school division's transportation department can be reached at **204-320-2347**.

### PARENT COUNCIL

PAC is here to be a liaison between Parents and the School. They also help out at various school events. This year they provided snack for winter fun day; made supper for the staff during parent/teacher interviews, organized the cookie snack for the students at the Christmas concert and hosted a B.B.Q. lunch for summer fun day. Our Parent Council next year will be:

Jamie Karr 204-320-1663      Lisa Moser 204-371-1884  
Melissa Thiessen 204-470-3861

### SCHOOL STAFF 2017 - 2018

**Principal:** Mr. J.Thiessen  
**Vice Principal / Resource:** Mr. J. Terrick

**Kindergarten:** Mrs. J. Thomson  
Ms. P. Wiebe  
Mrs. J. Penner  
**Grade 1:** Mrs. L. Hrehirchuk  
Ms. D. Machel  
Ms. J. Nickel  
Mrs. M. Wiebe

**Grade 2:** Mrs. H. Newman  
Ms. K. Swiderski  
Mrs. J. Penner  
Ms. A. Antonio  
Mrs. J. Thompson  
Mrs. A. Walton  
**Grade 3:** Ms. B. Bell  
Ms. B. Enns  
Mrs. K. Hiebert  
Mrs. C. Kroeker

**Grade 4:** Mr. C. Dyck  
Mr. G. Durksen  
Mrs. D. Head  
Mrs. J. Martens  
**Resource:** Ms. L. Friesen

**Language Support & Reading Recovery:** Mrs. A. Kampen  
**Literacy Support:** Ms. K. Swiderski  
**Numeracy Support:** Mrs. E. Peters

**Physical Education:** Mr. S. Reimer  
**Music, Choir & Violin:** Mr. A. Bergen

**Library Support Specialist:** Mrs. L. Buhler  
**Admin. Secretary:** Mrs. S. Nickel

**Secretary:** Mrs. A. Barkman  
**Custodian:** Mr. N. Lajeunesse

### **Educational Assistants:**

Mrs. R. Alexiuk  
Mrs. T. Dilts  
Mrs. K. Esau  
Mrs. L. Frechette  
Mrs. D. Funk  
Mrs. A. Penner  
Mrs. J. Richard  
Miss. A. Tschritter  
Miss I. Tschritter

**Meet the Teacher:**  
**Sept. 5th**  
**4:30 - 6:00 pm**

**First Day of School:**  
**Sept. 6th**

**Have A  
Great Summer!**



## Notice of Approved Petitions for Mitchell Elementary School

**Petition for Religious Exercises** - The Hanover School Division Board of Trustees has received a petition requesting that religious exercises be held in Mitchell Elementary School during the 2017-2018 school year. The petitioners have specified their desire for the recitation of the Lord's Prayer and the reading of a Bible passage or story from the Bible. As the petition bears the signatures of parents/guardians representing more than 60 students in the school, the Board of Trustees of the Hanover School Division has authorized religious exercises, as specified above, to be held before the official instructional day from 9:00 a.m. to 9:05 a.m., in a designated common area of the school.

**Petition for Religious Instruction** - The Hanover School Division Board of Trustees has received a petition requesting that religious instruction be held in Mitchell Elementary School during the 2017-2018 school year. The petitioners have specified their desire for the Discovery Time program offered by Child Evangelism Fellowship. As the petition bears the signatures of parents/guardians representing more than 25 students in the school, the Board of Trustees of the Hanover School Division has passed the required by-law permitting religious instruction, as specified above, to be offered by volunteers during designated half-hour per week classes.

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Parents/guardians who did not sign the original petitions are eligible to join at any time by submitting a signed note to the HSD Board of Trustees (forward directly to Mitchell Elementary School). The note must indicate the name and grade of student for whom permission to participate is being given. Only children whose parents/guardians signed the original petition, or have subsequently joined, may participate in the exercises and instruction as described above.

As a Manitoba public school division, HSD is obligated to comply with the provisions of The Public Schools Act and provincial guidelines governing the implementation of religious exercises and religious instruction. The Public Schools Act states that public schools must be non-sectarian. Religious exercises and religious instruction in public schools may only be implemented by school boards in a manner consistent with the Public Schools Act and provincial guidelines - after parent/guardian petition is presented to the school board. Such petitions require annual submission, and must be received by the HSD Board of Trustees no later than April 30 (previous to the school year for which the petition applies).

Additional information regarding the Public Schools Act, HSD policies, and provincial guidelines governing these petitions can be viewed on the Mitchell Elementary School website.



Ron Falk, Board Chair  
Hanover School Division



Randy Dueck, Superintendent-CEO  
Hanover School Division

Approved May, 2, 2017