

# SOARING INTO DECEMBER



**Mildred Hall School**

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## What's coming up

### **December**

- 15th MHS PAC Meeting 6:30pm
- 16th MHS Christmas Feast
- 18th Last day of classes
- 18th Pajama Day

### **December 19th - January 3rd Christmas Break**

### **January**

- 4th First Day back to school
- 15th MHS PAC Meeting 6:30pm

## Principal's Corner

With just a few weeks left until our Christmas holidays, we are starting to plan ways to keep many of our MHS Christmas traditions alive, while still following Covid protocols. It is amazing what we can do despite these restrictions. Our Remembrance Day Assembly is a great example of how we can adapt these traditions.

Thank you to all of our families who adapted to parent teacher interviews over the phone! We had great participation, and have had many parents expressing how much they liked the new format.

As we head into the Christmas Season, we want to express how grateful we are to be in school together with our MHS Families! We wish you all a healthy, happy, and safe holiday season.

## **MHS PAC**

The MHS PAC is a committee of interested parents and a board representative, who help to improve daily school life for the students and families at MHS.

**This month the PAC will meet in the tipi on Tuesday December 15th at 6:30pm.**

Please email Mrs Brace [elizabeth.brace@yk1.nt.ca](mailto:elizabeth.brace@yk1.nt.ca) if you are interested in joining the PAC. All parents are welcome to attend, and don't have to come to every meeting.

If you can not make it to the school for the meeting, there is an option to join virtually. <https://meet.google.com/ozb-tptf-dtk>



## Parking Lot!

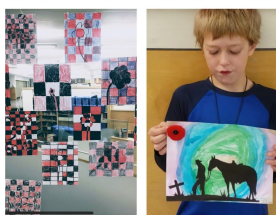
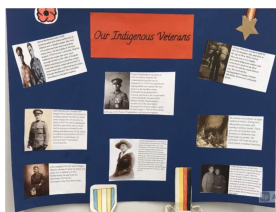
**Please remember that there is no entry to our parking lot from Franklin avenue! There is a do not enter sign. Please turn onto Matonabee and enter using the driveway off of Matonabee, which will bring you past the tennis courts and in from the back of the school.**

## Remembrance Day ~ November 11th, 2020

Remembrance Day looked a little bit different at MHS this year. But, aside from not being together in the gym, it didn't actually feel all that different. All classes attended the assembly virtually from their classroom bubbles.

We started with O Canada, but instead of singing, Ms. Davies Grade 2/3 class shared O Canada with us in sign language. All classes presented something (art work, videos, stories, poems) and finished our assembly just before 11am with all students standing in their individual classrooms, while Last Post was played in the foyer of the school. The trumpet resounded through the halls followed by a minute of silence, the lament played on the bagpipes, and Reveille.

In our world where some things are so different right now and we search for ways to feel connected, it felt incredible to feel so connected to our school community, even if we were unable to be together in the same room.



**Dene Law for December:**



**Share what you have**

This is the umbrella law; under it sits all the other laws. It was of absolute importance that people share what they had long ago, just for survival. Share all the big game you kill. Share fish if you catch more than you need for yourself and there are others who don't have any.

**Wiilideh Phrase of the Month...**

**Moht'a dagòt'e?**



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**What is it like outside?**

**Mòht'a sade daeʔa.**



**The sun is shining outside.**

**Mòht'a k'o gohli.**



**It's cloudy outside.**

**Mòht'a chòt'j.**



**It's raining outside.**

**Mòht'a zhàt'j.**



**It's snowing outside.**

**Mòht'a edza.**



**It's cold outside.**

**Mòht'a edi.**



**It's hot outside.**

**Mòht'a gokò.**



**It's warm outside.**

**Mòht'a nìhtsi.**



**It's windy outside.**



## **Christmas Celebrations At MHS**

We will be celebrating Christmas a little differently this year, as we aren't able to gather as a group for Christmas Caroling or our Family Feast.

### **MHS Classroom Feasts - Wednesday December 16th**

We will still have our Christmas Feast, but it will be within our classroom bubbles and unfortunately, we won't be able to invite our families to join us this year.

### **MHS Christmas Stories - December 14-18th**

Instead of singing Christmas carols together as a school each day, we will meet in a virtual assembly and have a Christmas story (or two) read to us.

### **Christmas Tree Decorating**

Each class will make their own decorations to decorate their class tree!

### **Christmas Door Decorating**

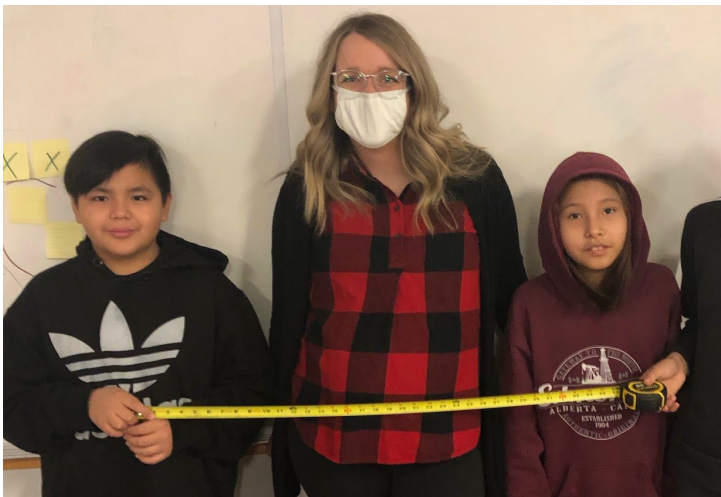
Similar to halloween, each class will decorate their classroom doors!

### **Pajama Day - Friday December 18th**

Wear your Pajamas to celebrate the last day of school before Christmas holidays!

## **Staff Update**

The new year will see a few changes at MHS! Our MHS Family will welcome two new babies!



**Ms. MacNeil will start her maternity leave in January!**

**Ms. Horen will be moving from Grade 7/8 into the role of Program Support Teacher.**

**We welcome Mr. Bouldry as our new Grade 7/8 Teacher.**

**Mme. Zacharias will be going on maternity leave in February!**

**We welcome Mme. Rachell Simmons (moving from Sissons) as our new Core French teacher.**

## Covid Corner


Thank you for being so diligent in the screening of your children each day. In response to recent changes made by the Office of the Chief Public Health Officer for the health and safety of NWT residents, the screening tools have been updated.

The three new symptoms added to the list of COVID-19 symptoms to watch out for are **abdominal pain, skin changes or rashes, and chills.**

The changes to the *Student Screening Tool* also adds the symptom of “loss of sense of taste or smell” to their major symptom list in Step 2. In addition, changes were made in the Step 3 minor symptoms to require that:

















1. A student with **ONE minor symptom must stay home for 24 hours.** If they are better within 24 hours, they may return to school. If they are not better or are worsening, they must call public health for next steps.
2. A child with **ONE Major or TWO or MORE minor symptoms must stay home** and call public health for next steps.

Please use the new screening tools to screen your children each day before they come to school. Many thanks for your continued support to keep our students and staff safe and healthy at school!

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### COVID-19 INFORMATION FOR STUDENTS Daily Symptom Screening Tool

Use this COVID-19 screening tool with your child every morning before going to school.

1. Has your child travelled outside of the NWT, or had close contact with anyone who has travelled outside of the NWT in the past 14 days?  
Has your child had close contact with anyone who is showing symptoms of COVID-19, is awaiting a COVID-19 test result, or has tested positive for COVID-19 in the past 14 days?  
**If the answer is YES to one or both questions above, please keep your child at home and contact public health for next steps.** If the answer to both questions is NO, move to Step 2.
2. Does your child have **ONE or more** of the following symptoms?  
     
Fever      New or worsening cough      Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing      Loss of sense of taste or smell  
**If your child has ONE or more of these symptoms, please keep them at home and contact public health for next steps.** If your child has none of these symptoms, move to Step 3.
3. Does your child have **ANY** of the following symptoms?  
     
Generally feeling unwell      Chills      Muscle aches      Fatigue or weakness  
     
Sore throat      Congestion or runny nose      Headache      Diarrhea  
     
Nausea or vomiting      Abdominal pain      Skin changes or rashes      Loss of appetite  
**If your child has ONE of the following symptoms, please keep your child home for 24hrs. If the symptom improves within 24hrs, they can go back to school.** If the symptom does not get better or worsens, contact your local health care provider for next steps.  
**If your child has TWO or more of the following symptoms, please keep them at home and contact public health or your local health care provider for next steps.**

You can find your local public health phone number here:  
<https://www.hss.gov.nt.ca/en/hospitals-and-health-centres>  
My local public health/health centre phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

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### **YK1 November Student Spotlight**

The Student of the month for November is grade 5 student Caiden Hu. Caiden is a long time Mildred Hall student. He is an intelligent, curious and very kind person. He is very aware of the emotions of those around him and cares for his classmates. During the day, if you walked into his class you could see Caiden helping others in a kind and respectful way. He loves to learn about the world around him and is full of curiosity for new things. He is very eager to gain new knowledge and his inquisitive nature is very contagious to his classmates. Caiden is a joy to have in class and to watch him grow as a young learner. Congratulations Caiden, Mildred Hall is honoured to be a part of your learning journey.



### **YK1 September Staff Spotlight**

Kind. Compassionate. Dedicated. Caring.

This is what comes to the forefront when one speaks of Tara Hawk. Tara has been with YK#1 since 2002. She has been able to spread her wealth of knowledge of education throughout the district at many of our schools but currently finds her home at Mildred Hall School. Over the years Tara has had many opportunities to work in different areas of education with many different grade levels and students. She encourages her students to always do their best and never give up. Tara is a positive role model for students and lives her life always giving back to others. Drive by MHS in the morning and afternoon and you will find Tara out directing traffic, ensuring the safety of the students is at the forefront.



Tara Hawk, your MHS family appreciates you! Congratulations on being this month's staff spotlight.



Mr. MacNeil's Grade 5/6 class incorporated some math skills and industrial arts skills to make fat bike stands! Thank you!



December 2020						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4 Pizza Day	5
6	7	8	9	10	11 Pizza Day	12
13	14	15 PAC 6:30	16 Classroom Christmas Feasts!	17	18 *Pajama Day! *Last day of classes *Pizza Day	19
20	21 Winter Break	22	23	24	25 Christmas	26 Boxing Day
27	28	29	30	31 New Years Eve		

January 2021						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 New Years Day	2
3	4 School begins	5	6	7	8 Pizza Day	9
10	11	12	13	14	15 Pizza Day	16
17	18	19 PAC 6:30	20	21	22 Pizza Day	23
24	25	26	27	28	29 Pizza Day	30
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**Put your name in the monthly Newsletter Draw  
for a free slice of Pizza!!!**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_