

M.V. BEATTIE BULLETIN

"Intelligence is the ability to adapt to change. - Stephen Hawking"

Upcoming Events

Nov. 3 - Photo Retakes

Nov. 4 Div. 1 walking
field trip to the
Cenotaph

Nov. 5 Div 2 walking
field trip to the
Cenotaph

Nov. 6 - Slide Show

Nov. 11 - Remembrance
Day

Nov. 16 - PAC meeting
@4:30pm

Nov. 18/19 - Goal
Setting Meetings

Nov. 19 - Goal Setting
Meetings

**Student Early
dismissal @11:20am**

Nov. 20 Ministry Pro-D

Seeing the Bright Side



This fall arrived unlike any other in our lifetime. For good reason there has been a great deal of concern(see photo 1), and therefore even more preparation was required to safely open up schools. Parents/ Guardians/Students and staff all wondered how we would be able to implement a plan that

would "approximate" a typical day in the life of an MVB Wildcat. Without question, each and everyone of us can find a way to compare our current situation unfavourably with what -until now- we took for granted. However, as is often the case, our students are leading the way in seeing the brighter side of school life during a pandemic.



Terry Fox Run



Our Terry Fox Run was an “adapted” version. This year we had seven different



running times to ensure that we had students running with their own cohorts and not intermingling between groups. I did receive a call from a concerned community member about groups of students running throughout the community, but after I explained all of our safety protocols and the seven separate running cohorts she seemed both relieved and pleased to know that so much thought had been put into carrying out this valuable tradition.

The cohorts overall have been a success. The students seem to enjoy the new schedule for outdoor activities and often plan their games for each site. We have heard that new friendships are being formed as a result of these cohort connections.

Breakfast and Lunch Programs

We have had to change how we deliver these programs for our students. And, “Deliver” is the best word to describe it. Students no longer line up at the NOL room for a lunch or arrive there early to get a breakfast. Each morning we deliver fruit and granola bars to every classroom and then repeat with sandwiches, fruit and/or vegetables and cheese sticks/granola bars or a variety of other lunch items. I would say that there was no stigma before about receiving food at MVB, but it is now being accessed even more than ever.

The Great Outdoors

This year we have encouraged our classes to take their lessons outside as often as possible. We have had most classes out in the community on a number of occasions. It is always great when both students and teachers return feeling like it was a productive learning adventure. While things aren’t “normal,” we are happy to see our kids adjusting so well. Covid or not...Wildcats ROAR



Student Assessment



During the week of Oct. 19-23, parents/guardians should have received communication from our classroom teachers as an informal "interim report." Our intermediate divisions met with parents - and in many cases the youngsters put their parents to work on math problems and other learning activities to demonstrate some of what they learn each day. If you missed out on receiving feedback, please don't hesitate to call your child's teacher.

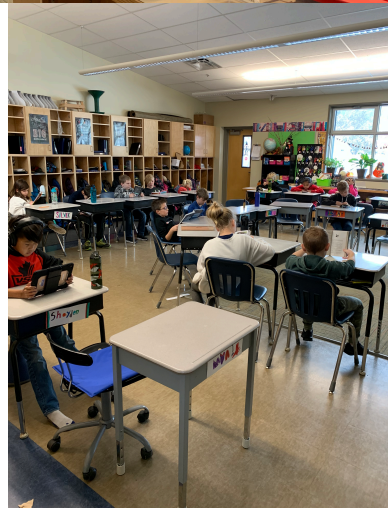
Goal Setting Meetings

On November 18th/19th we will once again host Parent-Teacher Goal Setting conferences in lieu of a formal report card. We hope that this will create great conversations around learning strengths and challenges...and most importantly provide us with a shared understanding of how to work together to achieve the learning goals in the future.

To help facilitate the many meetings, Nov. 19th is an Early Dismissal Day (11:20am).

D.rop E.verything A.nd R.ead

We took part in an annual province wide initiative (DEAR) to help remind everyone that reading is a fantastic source of entertainment. Students and staff alike were given 20 minutes to silently read - a good fit book, chapter book, graphic novel or magazine. It doesn't matter which option you choose, as long as we can encourage our students to love reading.



Thank You Good Samaritan!

On behalf of our staff and students, I wanted to share our appreciation for the person(s) who helped to clean up a dangerous mess outside our portable. It appears that during Halloween (late in the evening) a number of teenagers congregated behind our school and had a bit of a party. Smashed bottles and garbage were strewn around the portable. Someone from our community made the effort to clean up the debris and keep our kids safe. This morning when I went around the building to pick up the weekend's garbage, I discovered that someone had already done the bulk of the work. Your kindness is greatly appreciated!

Poinsettia Fundraiser Coming

Once again, our PAC will be doing their Poinsettia fundraiser to brighten your homes and bring the holiday spirit. Information/order forms will be coming home this week in your child's planner.



We Scare Hunger



Students at M.V. Beattie know that by the time they get to Grade 6 there are a number of perks that come from being "the top dogs" at school. They have "exclusive" access to "the Island," they receive hoodies from the PAC, take more field trips, have special responsibilities (like PA announcements) and have special year end celebrations. However, there is also an expectation that they become leaders within our school. They need to look out for the younger students, be role models and lend a hand when needed. Recently, a group of students formed a committee to help support our local food bank. Our goal was to get 250 non-perishable food items. Thanks to our community support, we were able to more than double our goal by collecting 537 items. A big "Thank You" to to our gr. 6 leaders and to the parent/guardians who so generously supported this worthy cause.



HALLOWEEN FUN

