



Welcome Back!

I trust everyone had a relaxing, enjoyable and safe summer. We are all looking forward to a productive and rewarding year and wish all our students the best.

We are in the process of organizing our intramural programs. Chess club for students from grades 4 – 8 will begin Wednesday, **September 7th** and will run during the lunch hour. On Monday, **September 12th**, the annual chess tournament will be held at MPS. More information regarding this will be provided to those students who participate in the Chess Club.

As well, intramural baseball will begin shortly and will run during lunch hour. This activity will be for students in Grades 4 – 8. Future activities will be forthcoming and will be announced in future newsletters.

A Single Dream – A World of Hope

On Friday, **September 16**, the whole school will be involved in the Terry Fox Run and Loonie Day. To date, a record number of schools across Canada have registered to participate in this event.

Students may choose to bring in a loonie or obtain a pledge sheet from the office in order to raise funds for cancer research. The Terry Fox Foundation will issue tax receipts for donations over \$20.

As a school, weather permitting, on Friday, **September 16th**, we will collectively walk a route, which will take us on the sidewalks and streets around the school. Parents and members of the community are welcomed to join us. Students will gather on the front lawn after morning announcements at 8:30 a.m. and begin their walk from there. We look forward to seeing you there.

Bell Schedule

8:10 Yard Duty
 8:25 Student Entrance
 8:30 Classes Commence
 9:50 – 10:05 Recess
 11:00 JK Dismissal/SK Lunch
 11:25 Lunch (Grade 1 – 8)
 11:40 SK (p.m. start)
 12:05 Yard Duty
 12:20 Students Enter
 12:25 Classes Resume
 13:47 – 14:02 .. Recess (Grades 1 – 6)
 14:10 SK Dismissal
 14:45 Grade 7 & 8 Dismissal
 15:00 Grades 1 to 6 Dismissal

September Dates to Remember

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	

September **6** – Early Release Day (Students will be released at 1:45 p.m.)

September **6** – Grade 8 Bottle Drive

September **7** – Chess Club begins

September **12** – Chess Tournament

September **14** – Photo Day (a.m.)

September **16** – (**8:30 a.m.**) [Terry Fox Run & LoonieDay]

September **23** (**1:30 p.m.**) [Ric Johnson/Terri Crawford Concert]

September **30** – PD Day [No Student Attendance]

October

October 5 (**10:00 a.m.**) – Thunder Bay Symphony Orchestra

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Dave Passi Principal
Christine Turnbull Principal Designate

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Stacey Donaldson JK
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Visitors to the School

A reminder to all parents, guardians and visitors entering the school to please report to the office, sign in and obtain a Visitor's Pass, which **must** be worn while in the school. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Tuck Shop Needs Your Help!

Volunteers are required in order for the Tuck Shop to be operational this year. As well, an individual is required to manage the Tuck Shop operations. If you are able to assist by volunteering your time please contact the school at 826-4011. Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

School Council

Nomination forms for School Council positions have been sent home to each of your families. Please give consideration to either nominating someone or yourself to be part of our School Council. Nomination forms must be received in the school by Friday, September 23rd. We look forward to your participation in our School Council.

Lunch Rooms

A reminder to those students who take advantage of our lunchroom facilities to please not bring microwavable lunches that take more than three minutes to heat.

New Board Policy

Please be advised, that effective September 2005, all volunteers in the school must have a Criminal Records Check completed. If you inform the OPP that you require a Criminal Records Check in order to volunteer at the school, then this procedure is done with no charge to you. Should you have any questions, please contact the school at 826-4011.



Everyone at MPS would like to take this opportunity to thank Helen McCarthy, our head custodian and her staff for all their hard work over the summer towards making the interior of our school spotless. Thank you ladies – it was greatly appreciated by students, staff and visitors to the school.

Thank you also goes out to Gord Gray, our Maintenance Foreman, for all his efforts in beautifying both the interior and exterior of MPS.

MPS is certainly a much more pleasant building to the eye due to his hard work over the summer. Again, all who have occasion to visit MPS appreciates it.

Junior & Intermediate Agendas

Due to a shipping error, we have not received these student agendas, which contain the Student Handbook. Once they arrive, they will be immediately delivered to students. We apologize for the inconvenience.

Grade 8 Fundraising

- * Chocolate bar sales are underway
- * Note that the students will be holding a bottle drive on Tuesday, **September 6, 2005**. All participating parents/students are to meet at the Rec Centre parking lot at 5:45 p.m.

Help support our Grade 8 students!