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Fall sure went by quickly! Fitness runs, Sash runs, bowling, Fire Hall visits, Pizza Mondays, Soup Tuesdays, Halloween Dances, Interim Reports and soon...term one report cards! I've been trying to identify why the time went so quickly this year. Perhaps it was the amazing weather? Snow fell a couple weeks ago and suddenly we are reminding our students to watch for ice, and keep the snow on the ground. Regardless of how quickly things went, we seem to be carrying on with a fantastic beginning of our school year.

Merritt Bench PAC—Our Parent Advisory Committee meets on the first Tuesday of every month at 7 pm. Our current PAC members are: **Bethany Ryan**- President, **Sue Sterling** - Vice President, **Stephanie Johnson** - Treasurer, **Kayla Sofiak** - Secretary, and **Bailee Allen**- Fundraising Coordinator

This year our meetings will be held virtually and in person. Virtual meeting links will be sent out using our School Messenger system, in person meetings will be held in our school library.

Important Items:

As in the past, Merritt Bench Elementary School partners with the **Safe Arrival Program**. Parents may receive communications from the Safe Arrival Program if their child(ren) are absent or late. Please use this system to report your child's absence.

Daily Supervision is provided by the staff at Merritt Bench Elementary. Morning supervision begins at 8:15 am, during recess, and until 2:45 pm each day. We are encouraging students to not arrive earlier than 8:10 am and to depart from school grounds by 2:45 pm. Doing so, will help ensure students are not left unsupervised.

School Access at MBE is permitted this year, connecting with the classroom teacher, and/or Mrs. Klassen to make an appointment is preferred and helps ensure we will be available to connect with you.

School Clothing orders will be arriving shortly—mostly arriving before winter break.

Student Safety at MBE will always be the highest priority and we ask that students arrive with options for inside foot wear, as well, mittens or gloves to keep their hands warm during recess and lunch. We have a small assortment mittens and toques for those who need them.

OCTOBER & NOVEMBER



General Lunch Hour Supervisors:

During lunch hours, MBE students are supervised by our Noon Hour Supervisors. Our appreciations go to: Ms. R. Grant, Ms. B. Ellis (Upper Field Area), Ms. Stapleton, Ms. D. Jacob and Ms. M. Thomson (Primary Play Area). Their efforts to ensure student safety and have a positive impact in our school community.

Important Dates for November

Picture Retakes-November 2nd

Remembrance Day Assembly on November 10th @ 10:45 am

November 13th— No classes

Report Cards out to families on November 17th

November 20th—24th Scholastic Bookfair. Library open on November 21st and 22nd.

Early Dismissal—Nov. 21 and 22 @ 1:30 pm, for parent Teacher Interviews



MBE Student Code of Conduct

Food Programs—

Our program is up and running, Pizza Mondays help to reduce the cost of our grade 7 year end field trip to Eagle Bay. We appreciate your support.

Our students are expected to treat others with kindness and consideration. When necessary, students will be reminded of our school wide expectations. We would like to involve parent feedback, use a clear and collaborative approach. If you have any concerns, please reach out to your child(rens) classroom teacher or myself and we will work to support a resolution.



—School Book Fair—

November 21 & 22 1:30 - 2:30 daily.

November 23-25 2:30 - 3:00 daily.

The annual in person book fair is back! Plenty of excellent reading resources to purchase. Depending on the number of purchases made, our school will receive credits towards buying more reading



Family Engagement Sessions!

This year, we are working hard to lay out a plan to increase family engagement in our school by hosting various events in the evenings at MBE. Our strategy is to provide a chance for our students and parents to spend time learning and growing together. Initial themes are:

Pound Aerobics, open gym nights, movie nights, music lessons, crafting sessions, Culinary sessions with NVIT, and possibly even small engine tune ups!

Keep an eye out for more information as the sessions are largely dependent on presenter availability.

Dare to Care—establishing a common sense program within our school community.

In keeping with the belief that ALL stakeholders within a school community must be engaged in creating a climate of change, the Dare to Care virtual program provides learning/education modules for administrators, teachers, support staff, parents, and students Grade K-9. This program offers a very evidence-based, well laid out, easy to prep set of lessons that are specific to the grade level they teach. Students engage well because they can relate to the kids in the videos."

Open Parachute—Implementing a program to build resilience in your school community.

"Since we finished the program we've noticed that **students are starting to problem solve on their own**...and when there's disputes in the classroom or on the playground we come back together as a group and watch the video again so we can revisit the issue...**we really can dive deeper into these challenges because the kids all have a common language now.**"

