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Action Packed Month! Term one report cards were sent home on November 17th and Parent Teacher Interviews on the 21st and 22nd—including an early dismissal for both days. Our students took part in our Remembrance Day Assembly on the 10th, School spirit wear orders delivered, Our new Hot Lunch Coordinators are transitioning into their new role for December—Please welcome **Mrs. Grebinski and Mrs. McGregor** who will be taking over for Mrs. Muik. As our weather continues to cool—please make sure to send your kiddos to school with proper outdoor footwear and indoor footwear. A special thanks to the MBE PAC committee for organizing the Neufeld order! Their efforts are helping us with the costs of replacing our school sports jerseys.

Merritt Bench PAC—Our Parent Advisory Committee meets on the first Tuesday of every month at 6:30/7 pm. Our current PAC members are: **Bethany Ryan- President, Sue Sterling - Vice President, Stephanie Johnson - Treasurer, Kayla Sophiak - Secretary, and Bailey 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:

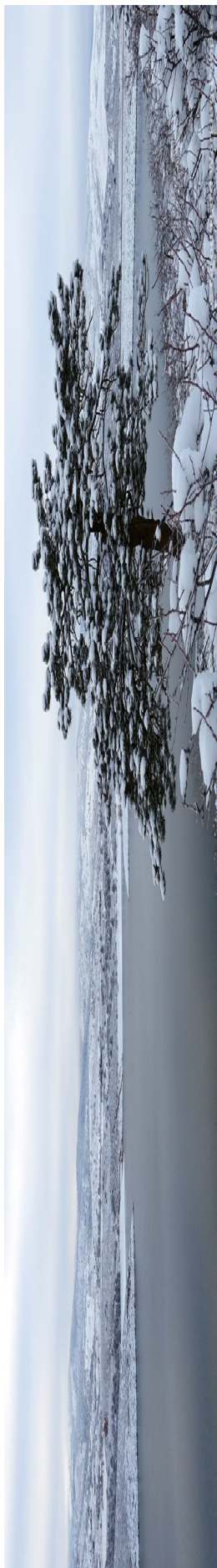
As in the past, Merritt Bench Elementary School partners with the **Safe Arrival Program**. Parents may receive communications from the Safe Arrival Program if their child(ren) are absent or late.

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.

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. Lastly, please be mindful of student and staff safety in our school parking lot. The usual No U turns and parking items need to be considered when dropping off your child(ren).

NOVEMBER & DECEMBER



General Lunch Hour Supervisors:

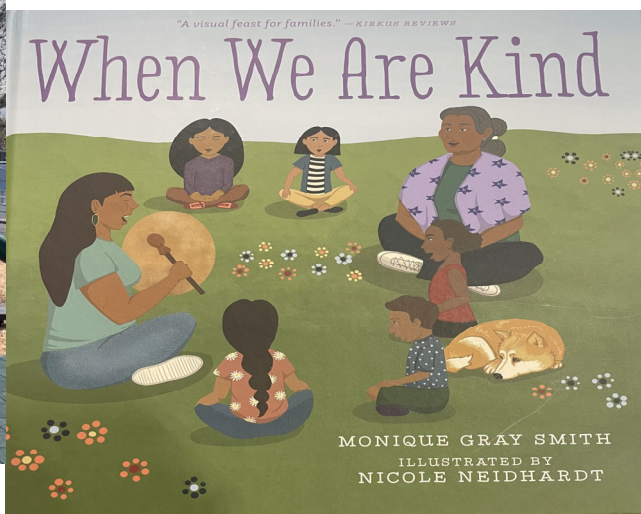
During lunch hours, MBE students are supervised by our Noon Hour Supervisors. Our appreciations go to: Ms. R. Grant, Ms. B. Ellis (Upper Field Area), Ms. Stapleton, Ms. D. Jacob (Primary Play Area). Their efforts to ensure student safety and have a positive impact in our school community.

Important Dates for November & December

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

Family Engagement Sessions: November 23rd, 28th, and 30th! December 7th and 14th tentatively. Keep an eye out for more information.

Winter Concert—December 21st @ 1:15 (ish!). **Please let us know if you plan on attending—as we need to manage the size of our audience.** As well—we need our audience to enter the school through the doors closest to our gym. More updates to follow.



—Student Leadership—

Special acknowledgment to the members of student council. Their fall project involved organizing the first school dances of the school year. The dances were a complete success thanks to their efforts and to Mr. Denton for offering to run the music and dance videos over lunch hour on both dance days.

More events—like our school spirit days are being planned.



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 prob-**



MBE Student Code of Conduct

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.