



Medstead Mirror

Medstead Central School Newsletter
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2020

Principal's Pen

The mantra for education over the last several years has been that we need to prepare students for a world that doesn't exist yet. That means instituting an ability to self-learn, adapt, and have the confidence to learn from a variety of platforms. Never did we think they would need it so fast and in such an absolute way.

Our students and families have been asked to adapt to a new reality, and one that we don't know when it will change back. The challenges for those with students in kindergarten or grade one differs greatly from those with students in high school. This is true for parents, students, and teachers. As we work to navigate these uncharted waters, I have seen both the incredible challenges that still need to be met, as well as adaptations that will supplement what we do when we are able to return to the regular classroom. It would be easy for everyone to sit back and complain, but what I am seeing is educators take advantage of this time to make the most of it, and improve what they will do in the future.

Giving students a chance to see lessons online if they miss, find other resources, collaborating with other schools, taking PD opportunities that there just wasn't time for, are just a few examples of some of the possible things that are the silver lining of a tough time. To quote the great Rocky Balboa, "Life's not about how hard of a hit you can give... it's about how many you can take, and still keep moving forward."

We do not know exactly when this new normal will end, but I can promise you that you have some incredibly dedicated people finding ways to make things work. This includes everyone from the division office, the support staff, the educators, students, and the parents. I have heard, "What can I do to help?" at every level, and it is greatly appreciated. This is the time to stop saying why us, and start saying thank you to all those doing their best to help each other achieve their best. So from all of us, thank you to everyone for all you do.

Stay safe,

Greg Knot

Important Dates

May 18
Victoria Day

Individual Highlights

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Thank you to

- Our Grad award sponsors for continuing to support our graduates successes each year!

Kindergarten

Medstead School Kindergarten Registration:
For those that have children to begin Kindergarten in September, we are sending packages via mail to the families that we know of.

If you have a child who will be 5 years before December 31/20 and will be attending Kindergarten in Medstead in the fall of 2020, please contact the school if you haven't received a letter from us by mid June. Thank you.

May Birthdays

Reegan
Gauge
Vaan
Brynn
Jenae
Jordan
Sarah
Brandtsen
Chelsie
Abbie
Miiikka

Mrs. Robertson
Mr. Knot



2019/20 Fun Time Photos



Hi everyone!

I hope you are all staying healthy and well in this global pandemic. I know that some days are harder than others, just remember that your Mustang family is here for you if you want to reach out to any one of us! We would love to connect with you in a positive way!

This passed month, my class has been using an app called “Seesaw Class” to stay in touch and promote life long learning when we are outside of the four walls of the classroom. We have been engaging in Storytime Tuesdays, snow fort challenges, and many other literacy and math tasks.

For the month of May, we will be engaging in “Music is Medicine Mondays” and I can’t wait to get started with that! Music is, and will always be, my favourite way to connect with people. Just think, at a concert, there are thousands of people belting the words to a song and for that moment, you are all on the same path. You may be experiencing it differently, but it connects everyone in the stadium, even if just for a brief moment in time!

If you would like to connect with me, my email address is mrsmann02@gmail.com.

Stay safe and remember you are loved!
Mrs.Mann

Grade 5/6 Distant Learning Adventure!!

As these challenging times surround us, we have tried to stay connected as much as possible. The grade 5/6 class has scheduled ZOOM meetings to chat; although internet is sketchy for some, I do get to see a few of my young people. I wish I could see them all every day!!

General feedback from my families is that they are doing well, spending time together with some schoolwork and enjoying the Spring weather. I am hoping that they are able to take this time and learn in different ways together.

Daily activities in all subject areas are being posted to their google classroom to keep them engaged and busy, learning and enjoying the process. As for myself, many new learning opportunities have occurred with understanding technology for this process of online teaching and finding Professional Development courses online.

Between the google classroom connection and the ZOOM meetings, I am hoping to keep my students involved until we get the call to return to our classroom. That is where I would love to be with all 22 of them!! - Mrs. Short

Grade 7 Musings

Hello everyone! We hope you are all doing well and are able to enjoy this beautiful weather! We have been doing a lot of outdoor activities such as yard work, planting garden seeds, exploring the woods, and playing on the trampoline. Spring has so many fresh, new beginnings to enjoy.

We have also been working hard planning online learning opportunities for students, as well as spending time learning new ways of sharing information, and participating in online Professional Development.

Hopefully you have been able to get onto Google Classrooms to see what we have been posting! There is a lot to choose from! The first thing to remember is that you can pick and choose your activities and you do not need to do everything! We would love to see any work that you are doing, so feel free to share your google Docs with us, or upload pictures or videos of your work.

Some of our highlights for assignments include:

- A collaborative project around Covid-19. This includes writing news information, completing art work, creating music, and much more
- One-page math assignments that are posted each day
- Reading comprehension activities posted each day - to work on your reading and writing skills!
- Science!! Mrs. Haryung and Mrs. Shiell have a bunch of fun experiments and activities for you to try
- Gym - a few activities you can try to keep yourself active

We also have a scheduled “meeting time” every Monday and Thursday at 10:30a.m for those who have questions or just want to chat with classmates and teachers. You will find the meeting link on the header of our google classroom and can join at those scheduled times.

Also, don’t hesitate to contact Miss Benson or Mrs. Haryung at any time with questions, comments or concerns. We would love to hear from you.

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SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR 2020 - 2021

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