

# Medstead Mirror

Medstead Central School Newsletter

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## Principal's Pen

It seems like my last few messages have been about staying the course, and being resilient. I think for the most part people have done an amazing job with what they have been given. There has always been a strong partnership between the school and the community and I would like to take this opportunity to thank people in the school and out of it for finding a way, because that is what strong people do.

MADRA is looking at various ways to keep the community recreational activities going. To those that are stepping up and leading when it would be so much easier to just stop, thank you. If you can donate to help out great, if you can't be sure to thank these amazing people for putting such a huge project on their back and working to carry it through.

To those working on the community playground and school playground joint project, well done. Raising money for anything requires commitment, but such a large project that requires years of work is at a whole different level. For many, their own kids will not make use of this equipment, but they see the importance and are willing to dedicate their time and resources to make it happen.

Within the school we have seen people advocate for sleds to be purchased so kids can still take advantage of these activities, even though they can't bring things from home. That means increased supervision instead of lunch breaks and time spent outside doing everything that can be done to make this a good year. We also saw this from Mrs. Franson and our grade 12 class who refused to allow Remembrance Day to go by without recognizing those who fought for everything we take for granted.

To those parents who are sending their kids here every day or are working with their kids at home, well done. It is not easy to stay positive but we have had so many parents encouraging their kids and not allowing them to live in a negative environment, because despite everything that we are missing, we still have a lot to be thankful for.

To the people running businesses in our community, stay strong. Our kids look at what you do and are stronger for it. I have heard stories of challenges they are facing as people who don't agree with what is being done challenges those who have no say in what they need to do. Remember you don't have to agree, but that doesn't mean you should respect the job your neighbours and friends need to do at this time, be kind.

To our staff, I want to take this opportunity to say thank you. Every bus driver, EA, Custodian, Librarian, Secretary, and Teacher have taken on new roles and responsibilities that nobody signed up for. It is amazing how much people in our building and community are willing to give without even being asked if they think it is what's best for the kids. And if you let them know of a need, get out of the way because we have seen how this community stands up and gets things done.

We will get through this, but I have seen many people stand up and say getting through this isn't enough. We still need to be good to each other, encourage and support our kids, and continue to give them as many positive opportunities as possible. Every generation has its challenges, Remembrance Day should be a reminder to us of how bad things can be. If this is the challenge we need to face let's make sure history looks back and shows we did everything we could for each other and our kids. - Greg



2020

### Important Dates

**December 11**  
Gr 1-6 Report Cards

**December 18**  
Early Dismissal  
@2:23

**December 19 –  
January 3/2021**  
Christmas Break

**January 4**  
School Resumes

### Individual Highlights

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Thank you to...

- All those who donated towards the Book Fair!



**December**

**Birthdays**

**Anton**  
**Adley**  
**Vance**  
**Brooke**  
**Torren**  
**Austin**

## Bus Drive Appreciation Day – November 23rd



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### \*Winter Attire\*

All students riding on buses during winter months are required to wear winter footwear and outerwear and to carry with them winter headwear and gloves or mitts. In those cases, where students are not appropriately attired for winter conditions, the bus driver may restrict access until appropriate conditions are met.

### Weather and Bussing

Buses are not to run if the combined temperature/wind chill factors result in a reading of -40 degrees Celsius or below at 6 a.m. (according to Environment Canada). Buses that do not run in the morning due to -40 conditions will not run in the afternoon. Also, there will be times where a bus driver will determine that transportation of students on their route will be unsafe. For example, in addition to severe drifting, icy roads, fog, and blowing snow, drivers may also encounter deteriorating road conditions in spring due to melting and prolonged rainy weather. Your bus driver will contact you if the bus is not running.

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## Remembrance Day 2020

The Grade 12s of Medstead Central School held an online Remembrance Day Program on November 11<sup>th</sup>. We wore our poppies and School donations were made to the Spiritwood Legion.



# Club Med

## Medstead Public Library Hours


Wednesday 10:30 pm - 4:30 pm

Thursday 2 pm - 6 pm

Librarian: Chandra Pederson 306-342-4988





December 2020						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 K	3	4 K  Gr. 1 – 6 Term 1 ends	5
6	7 K	8	9 K	10	11 K  Gr. 1 – 6 Report Cards	12
13	14 K	15	16 K	17	18 K  Early Dismissal at 2:23 p.m.	19
20	21 Christmas Break	22 Christmas Break	23 Christmas Break	24 Christmas Break	25 Christmas Day 	26
27	28 Christmas Break	29 Christmas Break	30 Christmas Break	31 Christmas Break		<b>Please note:</b>  Christmas Break: Dec 19-Jan 3