



Principal's Message:

Mount Slesse is brimming with fantastic activities and energy. Your children bring us joy, happiness, and laughter every day. They inspire us with their creative thinking, kindness, and positivity. This is true despite continuing with a pandemic. We are just so proud of them and their perseverance.

In this newsletter you will read about some of the amazing opportunities our staff and students have participated in. We were so proud of their thinking and learning about Truth & Reconciliation in Canada and the experiences of Indigenous Peoples in residential schools. Your children's empathy and wish to create a better future is very encouraging.

So many of our students and staff have been representing Mount Slesse as student athletes and coaches. We are so thrilled to see them being exceptional Timberwolves in our school and when visiting other schools.

In this newsletter you will also learn about upcoming events such as Parent/Student/Teacher Conferences, Halloween activities, and Remembrance Day. At Mount Slesse, there is always so much going on and so many ways for students to connect. We couldn't be happier to be part of this vibrant community.

As always, thank you for sending us your awesome children and thank you for your support! Please reach out to us at any time.



CALENDAR

Oct. 22—Pro-D Day (No School)
Oct. 25-29—Spirit Week (See next page)
Oct. 27—Nov. 3—Parents Book Conferences Online
Oct. 27—Interim Reports sent home
Oct. 28—Nov. 4—Scholastic Book Fair
Nov. 4—Parent/teacher Conference 2:30-6:30pm
Nov. 5—Early Dismissal @ 11:30
Nov. 9—Gr. 7 Immunizations (Non-COVID w/ Parent Consent)
Nov. 10—Reembrace Day Assembly
Nov. 11—Remembrance Day (School Closed)
Nov. 12—Pro-D Day (No School)
Nov. 26—Pro-D Day (No School)

School Fees

School fees are now over-due. Any questions or concerns, please contact our Accounts Clerk: marlene_denny@sd33.bc.ca

Masks

Please be sure that your student(s) are being sent to school with a mask everyday.

Dress for the Weather

Students take their breaks and lunches outdoors. Please ensure your child is dressed for any weather. On sunny days, hats and sunscreen are recommended. On wet days, umbrellas, boots, and jackets are encouraged. On cold days, a warm jacket, toque, and gloves are needed.

We also encourage classes to be outside and active as much as possible; students should wear active-wear and shoes for activity. Feel free to send a change of clothing and/or footwear to store in their locker.

Band Fundraiser

The Grade 8 Band students and Jazz Band students are doing a Purdy's Christmas Fundraiser to help with festival costs. If you are interested in supporting our fundraiser and enjoying some yummy holiday treats at the same time, please follow the link below:

<https://fundraising.purdys.com/join.aspx/1320943-86425>

The deadline to place an order is November 28th.



Student Attendance

Regular attendance is closely monitored and is important to a student's success in school. Please remember to phone the school office (604-824-7481) with any absences or if your child will be late. If your child needs to leave the school early, please have him/her **bring a note to the office** as soon as they arrive at school. The office will then issue your child a dismissal slip. Thank you for your cooperation.

Cross Country

We just wanted to take the time to shout out the MSMS Cross Country team who has been doing an outstanding job of representing our school in Chilliwack, Abbotsford, and Aldergrove cross country competitions – your hard work and perseverance are paying off! Thank you for your relentless efforts in practice on Tuesdays and Thursdays and for continuing to challenge yourselves in the face of adversity. Also, a massive thank you to the parents/caregivers who continue to support and cheer on our students. Congratulations



to Maelyn Epp and Sehjad Bagri who did an outstanding job at our Twin Rinks Cross Country meet, both running the 4KM races in under 19 minutes! On Wednesday, October 27th several of our runners will be competing in the 2021 East Valley Cross Country Championships at Clearbrook Park, with the first race commencing at noon. Hope to see you there!

Click [here](#) to read an article written in the Chilliwack Progress about our Cross Country teams!

Pie in the Face– 605 & 606

For the Terry Fox Run this year, Mr. Petersen and Mr. Klim made a deal with their students that if each class raised \$100 in donations the kids would be able to throw a pie in their face! Both Cores were able to raise the money and the teachers held up their end of the bargain.



Spirit Week

Spirit week is quickly approaching! Show your spirit by dressing up for the following days all week.

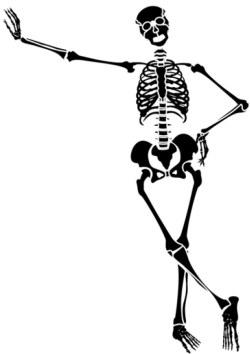
Monday, October 25: Dress like a tourist

Tuesday, October 26: Dress in orange and black

Wednesday, October 27: Dress in a different decade

Thursday, October 28: Dress in formal clothes

Friday, October 29: Wear your Halloween costume



Leadership Activities

Escape Room: Halloween Edition

For Halloween week, we will be doing an epic escape room! You will have black light clues, solve Halloween math questions, unscramble words, and find hidden passcodes in books. There will be a time limit to make it more fun. We will have six lock boxes in which you have to figure out the right numbers, letters, and colors to break the lock (don't worry, the clues will lead you to figure out the code.) The prize for unlocking the boxes is delicious candy. Teachers, sign up your cores at the specific time and day given a week before Halloween week.

Have fun Mount Slesse!

Movie Night!

Date: Oct. 29th, 2021
Time: 6-8pm

We will be hosting a movie night in the gym. Bring your own blankets and pillows if you like. You can buy popcorn, candy bags, or chips. You can bring your own water container and fill it up at school. Permission forms will be handed out and there is a \$2 fee to attend the movie. The movie will likely be Goosebumps but will be confirmed on the permission form. The first 350 students to return their permission form will be able to attend the movie night. The money raised will be donated to support the Lytton Relief Center and Mt. Slesse's breakfast program.



Halloween Challenges

Let's have a skele-fun challenge week! Next week we are doing a similar week to last year at Christmas! But Halloween edition! So every day each CORE will face a challenge and will have until 11:30 to complete the spooky activity. Make sure to think outside of the box !

Every day on the morning announcements we will announce what the activity will be for that day and you must finish and hand it in before 11:30, the winners will be announced at the end of the day!!

Whoever wins the daily challenge will receive a prize that will be delivered at the end of the day

Halloween Costume Contest

Grade 7 8:30-9:28, Grade 8 10:41-11:39 & Grade 6 1:19- 2:17

We will be hosting a fun costume contest that every student is welcome to participate in!

We ask that all students that wish to participate dress appropriately in costumes that will not offend anyone. In schools we make sure our costumes do not have sexualized or gang content, do not involve drugs or alcohol, and do not have weapons. We can wear masks on breaks and lunch but you must be able to see clearly and walk safely.

The first winner from each grade will receive a 10-dollar gift card.

The second winner from each grade will receive a 5-dollar gift card.

And finally, if you get third out of your grade you will receive 2 chocolate bars.

We hope everyone has a great a Halloween!!

Cores 605 & 606 at the Corn Maze

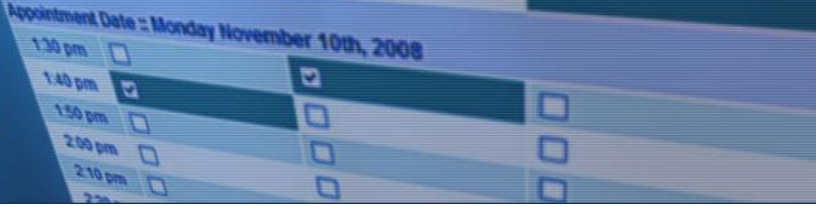


Interim Report Cards & Parent/Student/Teacher Conferences

Your child will be bringing home their Interim Report Card on Wednesday, October 27th.

On-line booking for the Parent/Student/Teacher conferences will open on Wednesday, October 27th at **3:00 pm**. This year you will have the option of meeting the teacher in person with your child or by phone interview. If you are unable to do this, you may also schedule a virtual appointment with your child's teacher and a link will be sent to you to be accessed at your scheduled time.

Please see the attached instructions on how to register and book an appointment for an interview (starting October 27th at 3:00 pm). If you are unable to meet at the scheduled interview times, or the booking slots get filled up, please email your child's teacher to make an appointment for an alternate time.



School Appointments - Parent Instructions

1. Go to the school appointments website for your Mt. Slesse Middle School @msms.schoolappointments.com
2. Register for an account by clicking the "**REGISTER**" menu tab and filling in the on-line form. Your user id will be your email address. Choose a password for yourself and then click the "**Register Now**" button.
3. Add your children into the system by clicking the "**Add a Student**" button. Click "**Insert New**" button to add more children.
4. Click the "**date**" icon beside each child's name to schedule appointments.
5. Select the staff you wish to book appointments with. Use the "**Ctrl**" or "**Command**" key to select multiple staff to view at the same time.
6. Select how your meetings will be held.
7. Then click the "**View Calendars**" button.
8. Click on available time slots to book your appointments to make your bookings.



Appointments Will Be: ☐ In Person
☒ By Phone
☐ Virtual Meeting



Library News

NEVER STOP READING



Scholastic Book Fair

The Book Fair starts **NEXT WEEK**

& runs from Oct. 28th to Nov. 4th

Check out this link for a sneak peak of what will be available:

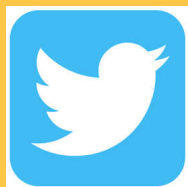
<https://virtualbookfairs.scholastic.ca/pages/5147226>



Check us out...

...on Facebook or Twitter!

Follow the MSMS Library on Facebook or Twitter (@MtSlesseLibrary) for recent book arrivals, library news and reading related humour!

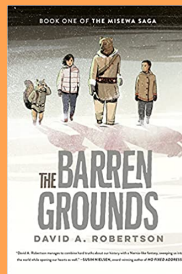


Drop Everything & READ!

October is Canadian Library Month and the fourth Monday is always set aside as a day to **Drop Everything and Read!** The MSMS Library is challenging all members of our school community to **Drop Everything and Read** for at least 20 minutes on October 25th. E-book, non-fiction, newspaper, magazine, or graphic novel... it's all good! Just **Drop Everything and READ!!**



Mrs. Woodruff Recommends...



The Barren Grounds

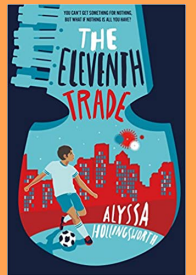
by David A. Robertson

Narnia meets traditional Indigenous stories of the sky and constellations in an epic middle-grade fantasy series

The Eleventh Trade

by Alyssa Hollingsworth

When his grandfather's most-prized possession is stolen, Sami needs \$700 to get it back... but he hasn't got a cent



GOT BOOKS?

MSMS students can get the books they want delivered to their CORE teacher!

Go to: destiny.sd33.bc.ca



- 1) Choose Mount Slesse Middle School
- 2) Log in. Your user name & password are the same as logging in to the school computers
- 3) Select the "Catalog" tab (top left)
- 4) Go to Destiny Discover (side menu)
- 5) Find a book with the Search bar (top) or by browsing
- 6) Click on a book for info or to place a "Hold"

Mrs. Woodruff will deliver the book to your classroom as soon as it is available.