



APRIL 2013

Principal Message—Mr. C. Kleisinger

It is hard to believe that April is upon us and there are only three months remaining in the school year. Attendance for the month of March was excellent at **98.09%**, bringing our year average up to 96.06%. Twenty students had perfect attendance in March and we are incredibly proud of this. A huge thank you goes out to all students and their families for focusing on attendance over the past month and a big thank you to everyone who came out for student led conferences on March 21st and 22nd. In November, we had 100% turnout for the conferences and this time we were one family away from being perfect again. This is outstanding!

On March 26th, Her Honour, the Lieutenant Governor of Saskatchewan, Mrs. Vaughn Solomon-Schofield visited the school and spent some time visiting with staff and students. On March 25th, Mr. Harvey Granatier and the Knights of Columbus visited, had lunch at the school and presented the school with a \$4000.00 cheque to go towards computers for next year's incoming grade 6 class. We wish to thank the Provincial Board of the Knights of Columbus for their generosity.

March was a month of successes at Mother Teresa Middle School. Firstly, I would like to congratulate Ms. Hognerud and the grade six and seven students for an incredible showing at the Optimist Band Festival held on March 22st. A special thank you goes out to Charles' father Jesus for helping out at the Conexus Arts Centre that day. Our Monday night math problem solving sessions at the University of Regina has wrapped up for the year, as has swimming lessons. We would like to thank Patrick and Gabor from the University and Ms. Cote for making both of these activities possible. On Good Friday, Mr. Rieder and Mr. Bellavance took a group of students to the Stations of the Cross walk throughout the city. I would like to thank Draydin, Winnie, Maureen, Amber, Brittany, Mooklee and Delilah for representing the school so well.

On March 26th, two groups of MTMS students participated in the Battle of the Books Tournament at Miller High School. Students in the Regina Catholic School Division and those at MTMS were required to read eight books and then compete against other schools in the city, answering questions about the books. Teams are comprised of students in grade 5-8 and as always the competition is fierce. We are incredibly proud of the fact that the Mother Teresa Middle School team finished 6th out of 43 teams in the City. Congratulations go out to Draydin, Dylan, Ethan, Eunice, Jasmine, Vincent, Jesse and Elijah for their commitment to the team and representing the school incredibly well. We look forward to seeing you all compete again next year. I hope everyone had a great Easter Break.



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PARENT/STUDENT MEETING

THURSDAY, APRIL 18, 2013

Agenda:

Grade 6's-Discover your Strengths

Grade 7's-Passport Registration and crossing the border

If you need transportation please let Mrs. Larwood know by text 596-9276, phone 569-6867 or email elarwood@mtmschoolregina.com



BEAUTY is a Beast Production

Students have been busy working to get the drama ready for the end of the school year. There are a number of different props and costumes that we are looking for. If you have any of these items that we could borrow for the play please contact Amy Perrey at 569-6867 or aperrey@mtmschoolregina.com

King and Queen costumes and crowns, 2 Princess Costumes and crowns, A few different dresses and peasants clothing, Old Rags and scarves, Fairy costume, 2 Guard Costumes, 2 Prince Costumes

AR Top Readers

400 Point Club

Grade 6's

Michael K.

Elijah R.

Grade 7's

Eunice D.

300 Point Club

Grade 6's

Jesse G.

250 Point Club

Grade 7's

Dylan Y.

Serenity R.

100 Point Club

Grade 6's

Jared

Grade 7's

Ethan

Jade

Jasmine

Raye

Delilah

50 Point Club

Grade 6's

Valerie

Skyla

Maureen

Malik

Grade 7's

Dray

Vincent

Tameeka

Lexi

Grade 6 Average
Correct 83.6%

Grade 7 Average
Correct 91.8%



MTMS Mission Measurement

Helping Make Student "HOPE" Happen

By Gwen Keith, MTMS Executive Director

At MTMS we believe hope matters, is a choice and can be measured, learned and shared with others. How students think about their future.... "how they hope", helps determine how well they will live their lives. At our school, we help connect today with tomorrow by actively engaging students in their own short and long term goal setting. We model hope, network hope and build upon student strength pathways of personal action. We are most grateful for our relentlessly caring staff, volunteers and generous mentors who help our students see a brighter future when life is challenging.

Our students complete hope, wellness and engagement surveys four times per year. Their results are recorded in their report card and discussed with parents and staff. The strong working relationship between home and school is critical for student hope development.

Our March 2013 results show MTMS group student data

Hope 84%

Wellness 84%

Engagement 88%

We are proud of our results and will continue to act upon them for the success of each of our students.

"Each time one stands up for an ideal, or acts to improve the lot of others, or strikes out against injustice, he sends forth a tiny ripple of hope, crossing each other from a million different centers of energy and daring, those ripples build

Mr. Ron Gonzales, Graduate Support Director

Welcome back students! I hope everyone had a great Easter break. It feels very good to be back to school and to have perfect attendance on the very first day. Congratulations! I want to highlight some very important things happening at the school in the Graduate Support area.

1. Our school attendance for the month of March was 98.09%. This is excellent and our goal is to continue to keep it going in this direction! I want to thank all of the parents/guardians and of course the students for making this possible. Overall, the school attendance for the year is 96.08% We are getting closer to 97% and that is our goal. We have three months left to achieve this. I am confident we can make this possible if we continue to work together as a team. Great job everyone!
2. The Mentoring Program at MTMS is in full swing. As of today, we have recorded over 50 mentor/mentee contacts. The mentees are having a great time with all of the scheduled outings. They include lunches, movies, social visits, walking in the park, IMAX, Science Centre, bowling, and tours in the city. I know every contact made is a positive experience in building a stronger relationship! Thank you Mentors!
3. I am currently recruiting students interested in attending Mother Teresa Middle School. Please spread the word in how exciting, fun, and supportive our school is for the students. Please pass my contact information to any families that may be interested in MTMS.
4. Our next parent/guardian meeting is Thursday, April 18th. We look forward in communicating and keeping everyone updated with the upcoming events at Mother Teresa Middle School. Thank you for your support in coming to all of our meetings!

See you all soon and let's continue to work hard together for the rest of the month!



Mrs. Amy Perrey, Teacher, Social Studies/Phys. Ed./Technology

Students have started a badminton tournament that will run all of April. Students will be playing in both doubles and singles matches. Students started working on their very own fitness videos and will write their scripts and film their workout videos this month.

Grade 6 and 7 students will begin to work on the Culture Fair. Students will be exploring their cultures and students may come home to research with their guardians. At our monthly parent night in May the students will be hosting their very own Mosaic here at MTMS.

Band Update

Band sectionals and full band lessons continue throughout April. Please refer to the band calendar and sectional schedule that your child received for more details.

Upcoming Important Band Dates:

- ◆ Band Days Festival - April 14 - 20, North Area Gr. 7/8 Band Trip - Thursday, April 25, North Area Bands Spring Concert - Wednesday, May 22, North Area Gr. 6 Band Tour - TBA

Band Days Festival

- ◆ Takes place at LeBoldus High School for one full week (see date above)
- ◆ Band students participate by performing a solo or ensemble during that week. After the Easter break, students will receive an individualized schedule for their performance during Band Days.
- ◆ There will be a Grand Concert featuring the High School Honour Band, Grade 7/8 Select Band, Outstanding Solo/Ensemble Performances, and Award Presentations. Everyone is welcome to attend - Saturday, April 20, 7:00pm in the LeBoldus High School Gym.



Wow! Where did the month of March go? Stage two continues to roll along towards the end of the year. Thank you to all those parents and guardians who attended the parent, student, teacher conferences. It gives students the opportunity to showcase what they have learned and you a chance to see their learning in action. If you have not yet returned your child's report card please send it back as soon as possible.

Stage 2 student Serenity Runge has inspired our latest "Me to We" project. Serenity organized a bingo game with proceeds going to help a family currently dealing with cancer as suggested by mentor Donny MacKay. Serenity created the bingo cards and brought her own bingo roller for choosing the numbers. Thanks also to Ethan Chollak who was our bingo caller.

After Easter it will be full speed ahead as we continue to pursue excellence in education through the Saskatchewan curriculum. We have essays to write and several units in Math and Science to finish up before the year is out. Please watch your child's agenda for notes regarding any assigned homework.

Swimming lessons have once again been an overwhelming success as students have improved their skills and confidence in the pool. The University of Regina

has become like a second home for our student's which makes future post-secondary education seem not only possible but probable.

We wrapped up the month with our students participating in the "Walking Stations of the Cross" in downtown Regina, on a very chilly Good Friday. Thanks to Mr. Bellavance as well as Dray, Mooklee, Amber and Delilah from Stage Two and Winnie, Maureen, and Brittany from The Design Studio. Our group did an excellent job of presenting the 14th Station.

ACTIVE Involvement in Our Own LEARNING in "The Design Studio"

From the Desk of Ms. Cote

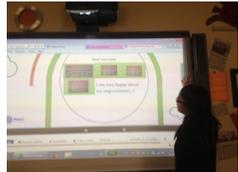
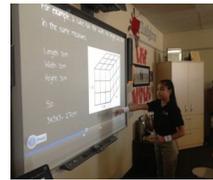
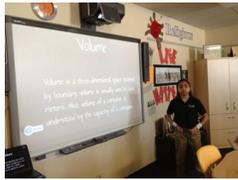
As I reflect on the work that your child has done to embrace and understand their role during the second reporting period; I am fascinated. It is so exciting to be surrounded by young students working towards their goals individually and collectively. I have watched each child emerge as a leader. It takes a mature mind and an inner confidence to be able to identify exactly what outcomes have been achieved and those that need continued practice and attention. Congratulations to the grade six students for **LEADING WITH DATA**, for having a profound **VOICE** during our student lead conferences and for creating an **ACTION PLAN** with **ACHIEVEABLE GOALS**.

A goal that we are collectively working towards is to improve our overall reading comprehension percentage in AR Reading. Currently, we are sitting at 83.6% and our goal is to be at 90% by the end of the school year. Thank you in advance for taking the time to ask your child about how he/she is progressing towards this goal and for encouraging a love of reading in your home.

One part of Valerie's action plan was to share a lesson that she developed about VOLUME. She identified the outcome in mathematics and used her technology skills to create a

VOLUME PREZI which she shared with her classmates. Thank you Valerie for your leadership!

Xina is seen here presenting her data at our student lead conferences. She was able to show how she had grown in her knowledge of the multiplication tables and what areas she would continue to work on. She is very proud of her improvements. I am very proud of her too!



Little steps can take you a long way down the road to a healthier lifestyle. Try these today and see how much better you feel.

Hula much? Try challenging your kids to see who can go longest. It's great exercise!

1. Weed a flower bed or cut the grass. You'll use about 100 calories in 30 minutes.
2. Ditch the cream and put lower fat milk in your coffee.
3. Jog up a hill and walk down. If it feels good, do it three times. If not, do it four times!
4. Break a big task into manageable parts and tackle the first one.
5. Pass on the donut, muffin or Danish during your break and have an apple instead.
6. Sign up for the **My Heart&Stroke Healthy Weight Action Plan**.
7. Connect with a friend who makes you feel good. No, not on Facebook – pick up the phone or better yet, make it face-to-face.
8. Eat five fruits or veggies. Green beans, snow peas, cherries and plums are in season and so good!
9. Dig out a skipping rope or hula hoop and challenge your kids to a contest. Or just tickle each other till your sides hurt!
10. Make an appointment for your annual check-up.
11. Tidy up one pile of paper or junk in your home. Feel your stress level drop a couple of points.
12. Plan next week's dinners and make a grocery list. Get started with our **recipes** and **printable list**.
13. Close your eyes for two minutes and count your long, slow breaths.
14. Walk home, or part way home, from work.
15. **Eat fish** for dinner; salmon or trout gives you heart-healthy omega-3 fats.
16. Make a date with your honey or a friend to do something active this weekend. A few ideas: Take a walk, go dancing, play tennis, ride bikes.
17. Head to the garden and smell the roses. Literally.
18. PVR Modern Family and take a walk instead. If the kids are sleeping, take the baby monitor outside and stroll around the yard.
19. Limit your late-night snacks. Enjoy something light but filling, then brush your teeth to signal the end of eating for the day.
20. Smile.





April 2013

PI Day is held annually on March 14th. Jesse memorized 97 digits of PI and Jazmine 87. The record is 67,000 digits which took someone 24 hours to record.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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7	8 DAY 4 BAND 3:15-4:15 Choir Science Club Badminton	9 DAY 5 BAND GR. 6 3:15-4:15 MacKenzie Art Drama	10 DAY 1 BAND GR. 7 3:15-4:15 Board Games Fitness Club Cheerleading Fresca	11 DAY 2 Johanna Bundon Presenting @ 11am 3:15-4:15 Hip Hop Tae-Kwon-Do Homework Club	12 DAY 3 Early Dismissal @ 3:30pm	13
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21	22 DAY 4 BAND 3:15-4:15 Choir Science Club Badminton	23 DAY 5 BAND GR. 6 Students Tour of Greystone @ 10am 3:15-4:15 MacKenzie Art Drama	24 DAY 1 BAND GR. 7 3:15-4:15 Board Games Fitness Club Cheerleading Fresca	25 DAY 2 Grade 7 Band Trip ALL DAY 3:15-4:15 Hip Hop Tae-Kwon-Do Homework Club	26 DAY 3 Early Dismissal @ 3:30pm	27
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Thank you to Ethan, Dray and Dylan who went to help one of our volunteers Bernice remove snow from around her house.

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