

MJ Coldwell School

Every Student Counts. Every Moment Matters.

December 2020/January 2021



Dear Comets,

The Holiday Season is quickly approaching and soon families will be home enjoying a break away from the demands of school. Our staff wishes to express the very best to you this holiday season. As a school, it is important to us that we acknowledge the diverse significance of this season. With this, we hope you have the time and opportunity to share in your family's traditions.

We were excited to celebrate Mrs. Hicks' Grade 1/2 students last week. As a class, they have read over 1,000 books this fall in the Home Reading Program. This is incredible. Well done.

A recent story was shared at school about a student asking to take home more books. This child wanted to have books to read with her mom – and books to read with her grandparents. It seems that this child has made a delightful connection between reading and her family – and a lifelong love for reading has been created through this experience.

“Every time we read to a child, we are associating books (and print) with pleasure.”
– Jim Trelease, Author of “The Read Aloud Handbook”

School Community ZOOM Meeting. Parents, guardians, and community are welcome to join us on Wednesday, December 2nd, 6:30 p.m. The meeting will involve plans for the school year, opportunities for you to share thoughts and ideas, ask questions and meet the new principal. A ZOOM link has been provided on the school website. If need be, families can also request the link to be forwarded to their email. We hope you will join us.

Sharing Some Laughs. We all appreciate a good laugh! Now, I must admit there is great fun in a “corny” joke. Some would refer to these as “dad jokes” or “kid jokes”. We invite students to submit jokes or riddles throughout the school year to their classroom teacher. From these, we will choose one joke every 2-3 weeks to place on our school sign to share with the community. The lucky “joker” (or student) will be acknowledged and receive a small prize for the chuckles.

MJ Coldwell Spirit Days

Wednesday, December 2nd – Pajama Day

Thursday, December 17th – Red/Green/Holiday Clothes Day (Pre-K)

Friday, December 18th – Red/Green/Holiday Clothes day (Kindergarten – Grade 8)

Holiday Coloring Contest. Watch for an upcoming Holiday Coloring Contest beginning Wednesday, December 9th, 2020.

Important Dates

Wednesday, December 2nd – Coldwell SCC ZOOM Meeting @ 6:30 p.m.

Friday, December 4th – Grade 8 Immunizations

Friday, December 18th – Last Day of School before Winter Holidays (Early dismissal, 2: 30 p.m.)

Monday, January 4th-- First Day of School After Winter Holidays

Monday, January 18th -- Professional Development Day (No school for students)

Friday, January 29th – Grade 1- 8 Progress Reports will be sent home.

Monday, February 1st – Kindergarten Progress Reports will be sent home.

Happy Holidays Virtual Share. In usual times, we would be in the throes of planning and preparing for a winter, or Christmas, performance at school. Well, these are not usual times. However, staff and students are planning a virtual share among the classrooms inside the school. It is our hope to share highlights of this Virtual Share on See Saw and Google Classroom applications.

Thank you for the smooth and supportive transition to mask-use for all students inside the school. The students have done well with this new procedure. We must remind everyone that we need to minimize those entering the school and occupying the school grounds. This is important as we do our best to keep everyone safe.

Elementary eSchool Registrations

Please note that registrations for Elementary eSchool closed on November 19, 2020 and will re-open January 25, 2021 and close February 2, 2021.

If you have questions about eSchool, or your child's learning, during these times. Please call the school at (306)791-8563.

It is easy to see that our SMALL SCHOOL has a BIG HEART. This is shown in our collective effort to provide care, understanding and safety to our students. Mrs. Harris has been Coldwell's Administrative Assistant since 2013. She is a true reflection of this effort and our school's heart. Our appreciation for her is extensive and boundless. She welcomes everyone with kindness, compassion, and a loving smiling. We will miss her dearly as she welcomes retirement beginning December 19th. Thank you, Mrs. Harris. Thank you.

Sincerely,

**Mr. Grant Urban
MJ Coldwell School**

Just a little note...

...to let everyone know December will be my last month as administrative assistant at M. J. Coldwell School. It is time to enjoy a slower paced life of retirement with my husband. In my years here I have made many great memories and I will truly miss seeing the students, their families and staff.

Sincerely,
Linda Harris