# MJ Coldwell School NEWSLETTER

#### DEAR COMET FAMILIES

The last five weeks have certainly flown as students have returned school, learned new routines and procedures, and have engaged in learning inside the classroom.

The Coldwell staff has been leading this important work and has been incredible in caring for our students. I am honored to work alongside these professionals and am looking forward to creating a school vision with them.

We will meet students' learning needs and plan for their future success and growth. We are also focused on our students' health and wellbeing. This has always been important to us, but it certainly has had greater emphasis to ensure a smooth and successful transition back this fall.

Thank you for being such a caring and understanding community.

Sincerely,

Mr. Grant Urban, Principal *MJ Coldwell School* 

Every Student Counts.

Every Moment Matters.

#### SASKATCHEWAN ELECTION

The Saskatchewan Election will be held on Monday, October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2020. MJ Coldwell School will be a polling station for this election.

There will be no school on this day for students.



MJ Coldwell School Parents and Community are invited to be part of the Coldwell School Community Council (CSCC). Our Annual General Meeting will take Wednesday, October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2020. The Coldwell School Community Council has an important role in our students and school success.

This meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. and will be held inside the school. Please note that masks are required to participate in person.

You may also participate virtually. Please contact our main office and we will send you a link to participate in this ZOOM meeting.

#### **SCHOOL PICTURES**



Picture Day will be held on Friday, October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Lifetouch Photography will be providing their services to take individual student and staff photos. Please note that Lifetouch will be taking the necessary COVID precautions and will not be taking group, or class photographs.

Pre-School and eLearning students are welcome to the school to have their pictures taken between 11:00 and 11:30 a.m. We must ask that families wait outside the main doors to be greeted by staff.

Students will be accompanied inside the school to have their photo taken while families wait outside.

## **Coldwell Comets**

### PARENT PORTAL

PowerSchool's Parent Portal allows parents/guardians to access their child's attendance, grades, assignments, teacher's comments, and progress reports in real time.

Please contact the school or your child's teacher on how to create your account or find your username. After your account has been created, be sure to sign in via the web portal that first time. There you can reset your password, if necessary, and verify the account is working.

Nothing is IMPOSSIBLE, the word itself says "I'M POSSIBLE".

#### **NOVEMBER CONFERENCES**

Three-way conferences will have a different approach this fall. A three-way conference offers the student, parent(s) and teacher the opportunity to come together and discuss the student's progress, learning and goals.

This fall, conferences will happen virtually, or by phone, due to current health protocols. Further details will be made available in the coming weeks.

Please note our conference dates.

Kindergarten Conferences Wednesday, November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020

Grade 1-8 Conferences Thursday, November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020

Please watch the school website for more information.



#### **ABSENCES**

When your child will be absent, it is most helpful for parents to contact Mrs. Harris at (306)791-8563. You may leave a message on the answering service. You may also email the school at <a href="mjcoldwell@rbe.sk.ca">mjcoldwell@rbe.sk.ca</a>. Please be certain to include the student's name, grade level and reason for the absence.

#### **IMPORTANT DATES**

Monday, October 12<sup>th</sup> Thanksgiving Day No School for Staff or Students

Wednesday, October 14th CSCC AGM

Friday, October 16<sup>th</sup> Picture Day

Monday, October 26<sup>th</sup> PD Day No School for Students

Wednesday, November 11<sup>th</sup> Remembrance Day No School for Students

Friday, November 13<sup>th</sup> Picture Re-takes

Wednesday, November 18<sup>th</sup> Kindergarten Conferences No School for Kindergartens

Thursday, November 19<sup>th</sup> Grade 1-8 Conferences No School for Students

Friday, November 20<sup>th</sup> PD Day No School for Students

#### SAFETY FIRST

The community has been extremely understanding of the measures taken to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

We will continue to be deligent for the health and wellbeing of our community and families.

Thank you for continuuing to support these measures.

More information will be found in the Return-to-School Parent/Caregiver Handbook. This handbook may be found on our school website. Masks must be worn by all staff and Grades 4-8 students. Students in the lower grade levels are also asked and encouraged to wear masks.







#### SCHOOL ACCESS

ONLY STAFF AND STUDENTS WILL HAVE ACCESS TO THE SCHOOL. SAFETY PROTOCOLS WILL BE IN PLACE FOR STUDENT DROP OFF AND PICK UP TIMES.

IF ACCESS IS NECESSARY, VISITORS MUST CALL FRONT OFFICE PRIOR TO ENTERING THE SCHOOL. MASK USE MANDATORY.

## How do you feel today?

Every morning before your child leaves for school, please check to see if they are experiencing any of these symptoms:















Loss of taste or smell



difficulty breathing



Fatigue



Nausea or vomiting







Dizziness

If your child is experiencing any of these symptoms, do not send your child to school. Contact Healthline 811 for assistance. Please notify school in all cases of absences.



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