



Cardinal Corner

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Moffat Creek Public School

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The academic year is well underway and the students have all had the opportunity to adjust to the classroom routines and learning expectations in our wonderful facility! We are very pleased to report that our students' behaviour and focus on learning has been superb! Students have supported each other by being caring, thoughtful and responsible citizens. During a challenging term, we wish to thank our staff for their very strong efforts on behalf of our students. We accomplished so much this term! Well done!

Moffat Creek is a vibrant school that provides many fine programs. We are very fortunate to have a dynamic School Council that has supported us at Moffat Creek. As your Administrative team we cannot tell you how many times we have needed the flexibility and support of our School Council. We continue to benefit from the volunteer support for our pizza days and many staff have also commented on the support that they have received in the classroom. Thank you!

We have a great team of teachers here that are always willing to communicate with parents in order to ensure that the students' progress at school is monitored carefully. We would encourage parents to take advantage of our use of technology. Several classes now incorporate class communication sites to keep student and parents informed of what is going on in the classrooms. Moffat Creek is also using "School-Day" which is a wonderful tool for communication and for payment for special lunches and off-campus trips.






Lastly we would like to wish all of our families the very best over the Holiday Season. Our wish is for families to enjoy the time with their children and family members!

Sincerely,



Mr. A. Mackay,
Principal

Ms. A. Humphrys
Vice-Principal

Moffat Creek Events

<p>Open House</p> 	<p>Our kindergarten, grade one, grade two and French Immersion classes will have an Open House on December 11th from 11:30am-12:30pm. Parents are invited to stop by to meet the teachers and see the classrooms.</p>
<p>Holiday Celebration</p> 	<p>The grade three to grade eight classes as well as the French Immersion classes will present on December 17th from 11:20am-12:40pm. Parents are invited to attend the Celebration in the gym!</p>
<p>Food Drive</p> 	<p>Cardinals Care!! This month's Character trait of DETERMINATION encourages us to have a very successful Christmas Food Drive. Please bring your food donations to school beginning Monday, December 7th. The food drive ends December 11th when all donations will be picked up by the Cambridge Fire Fighters. Thank you for your support.</p>
<p>Character Traits "Determination"</p> 	<p>Moffat Creek is a "Caring and Inclusive" school, focusing on eight key character traits. We spend an entire month on activities highlighting each trait. The trait for December is Determination. The trait for January will be Integrity.</p>
<p>Clothing Closet</p> 	<p>The Cardinal Clothing Closet Store is open for all students and parents during the Holiday Concert. It will also be open to all students over the next few weeks. Sizes range from infant to adult and all items are free. Please come and take what you need!</p>

Extra Curricular Activities

<p>Boys Volleyball</p> 	<p>With grit and determination the Cardinal Boys Volleyball team has made it to the playoffs! Fifteen boys who started with some volleying and bumping skills have lifted their game in less than a month. It's been amazing to witness the transformation taken by these dedicated young men. We completed the regular season with only one loss, giving us a second place finish. All teams faced have been worthy opponents so the playoffs should be an exciting challenge. No matter the outcome the coaches (Mr. Riddell, Mrs. McKenna and Mr. Woodfield) are extremely proud of our group of boys. Their hard work and determination have brought pride to Cardinal Nation</p>
<p>Girls Volleyball</p> 	<p>Yeah to our girls' volleyball team! The girls have had a very successful season and, with hard work and determination, they are heading their way into the semi-final match! Throughout the season our girls have proven to be leaders on and off the court, supporting each other during practices and in games. With hard work, they have vastly improved their skills from serving to spiking the ball. Mr. Cottenie and Ms. Scott are very proud of each of their accomplishments this year and the way they have come together as a team. The girls have demonstrated school spirit at every school they have traveled to and have made Cardinal Nation proud! Way to go girls!</p>

School Council

Meetings



School Council meets the 2nd Wednesday of every month from 6:30pm-8pm in the library. All are welcome! Our next meeting is January 13th, 2016.

Fundraising



Do you buy groceries? Gas? Eat at restaurants? Give gift cards as presents? Then we have a fundraiser for you! Go online to <https://www.fundscrip.com/support-a-group> and enter code 5XSZ22. It takes 30 seconds to register. Purchase your gift cards online and they will be mailed directly to you. Then shop as you normally would using the gift cards, knowing that you are helping to purchase classroom resources, assist a child with field trip money, and much more. This fundraiser will continue throughout the entire school year.

Holiday Gift Store!



Our 4th annual Holiday Gift Store opens on Monday, December 7th when students will have the opportunity to browse the store! On Tuesday, each child will have the opportunity to purchase one item for \$2 with free gift wrapping. On Wednesday, each child has the opportunity to purchase as many items as they want, again for \$2 each, with free gift wrapping. As you can imagine, with 700 students, this means a lot of gift wrapping! If you have any free time on Wednesday from 8:30 to 2:40, please contact moffatcreekcouncil@gmail.com. It's also a great way to meet other parents!

Announcements

school-day









As we move forward with School-Day, school related payments will all be processed online with credit or debit card. Cash and cheques will no longer be accepted. If you have not already signed up, simply visit <http://www.school-day.com/> and click "Register". After you create an account you will need to enter your student's information, including their Ontario Education Number which can be found on their report card. Once you are set up you will begin receiving emails with school and classroom updates, have access to approve permission forms instantly and complete online payments, register for extracurricular activities and sign up for parent/teacher interviews. Please help us improve our communications and reduce the amount of paper our school uses by registering today!

Parking



There is no student drop-off or pick-up in the school parking lot from 8:00am to 8:45am and again from 2:30pm to 3:10pm. This will help ensure student and staff safety. If you are using the front of the school on Myers Road for dropping off your child we ask that you exercise caution. When entering our parking lot, please remember that there is a one-way entrance and a one-way exit.

In front of the YMCA Child Care entrance there are 4 designated Child Care parking spaces. Please do not park in these spaces unless you are bringing a child to daycare.

<p>Lost and Found</p> 	<p>The lost and found will be on display in the lower hall across from the gym from now until December 18th when left over items will be added to our Cardinal Clothing Closet.</p>
<p>Supervision of Students</p> 	<p>Please be aware that supervision on the school yard begins at 8:15am, fifteen minutes prior to entry. Children are not encouraged to arrive earlier unless they are attending an extra-curricular activity. At the end of the day children will be asked to leave the school grounds and go directly home or to a caregiver.</p>
<p>Moving?</p> 	<p>Please inform the office if you know that you will be moving out of the area. This is a very important piece of information that we need for enrolment procedures.</p>
<p>Late or Absent?</p> 	<p>If your child is going to be late or absent, please phone our 24-hour attendance line at 519-570-8017 ext. 3557#. If your child is going to be absent for an extended period (ie: vacation) please pick up a form at the office. Remember that all students arriving at school after 8:30am must check in at the office.</p>
<p>Library News</p> 	<p>The Library is open Monday to Friday from 8:30am-3:00pm. Books can be loaned for 3 weeks. We have a large collection of Parent Resources for you to sign out so come take a look!</p>
<p>YMCA</p> 	<p>The YMCA Child Care is committed to delivering exceptional quality early learning programs that provide children and families a safe and nurturing environment which promote growth and development of the whole child. We currently have space in the following programs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * <i>Toddler Care: 16 months – 2.5 years</i> * <i>Preschool Care: 2.5 – 5 years</i> * <i>Before and After School Programs: 8 – 12 years</i> <p>For more information contact us at (519) 622-2536 or via email at moffatcreekcc@ckwymca.ca</p>

Dates to Remember

December 7 to December 9	Holiday Gift Store
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December 11	Open House (JK/SK, Gr. 1, Gr. 2 and French Imm.) 11:30-12:30
December 17	Holiday Celebration (Gr. 3 – Gr. 8 and French Imm.) 11:20-12:40
December 18	Assembly
December 21-January 1	Winter Break – See you back at school on January 4 th !!
January 13	School Council meeting at 6:30pm