



Cardinal Connection

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Moffat Creek Public School

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Check out our website at: <http://mof.wrdsb.ca/>
Get the latest news: <http://www.school-day.com/>

We are a school with so much to be grateful for. We have superb teachers, excited and motivated students along with caring and committed families. Our office team works tirelessly each day to meet the needs of each person who enters or contacts our building. We have dedicated custodial staff and our clean and beautiful school reflects those words of dedication. Our thoughts naturally turn to the many people in our school community who have given of themselves to assist our students in some way or another. We extend our heartfelt thanks to our many volunteers who assist us in a variety of ways – with School Council, pizza helpers, as well as volunteers in the library and classrooms. Your work allows us to provide the “extras” that make our school a safe and happy place to learn. We are also happy to highlight the work of our student leaders.







We are fortunate to have several students who wish to take part in many aspects of school life, in addition to their academic obligations - from PALs to Kindergarten Helpers and Learning Leaders, just to name a few. Let's make 2016 a great one!

Sincerely,




Mr. A. Mackay,
Principal

Ms. A. Humphrys
Vice-Principal

Moffat Creek Events

<p>Chrome week</p> 	<p>During the week of February 1st we are running events to raise money for a mobile computer lab which will consist of 25 Chromebooks that can be signed out by students. Our goal is to raise \$4000 throughout the year.</p> <p>These activities include an electronics hour, a popcorn day, and much more! See our website for further details!!</p>
<p>Carnaval</p> 	<p>Moffat Creek will be hosting our Annual French Carnaval during the week of February 8th. We will be celebrating the cultural event during the week with songs, crepes and activities. We will be having our outdoor winter games on Friday February 12th. Remember to dress appropriately.</p>
<p>Skating Races</p> 	<p>This year's skating races will take place on February 26th at the Galt Arena Gardens. We will determine our teams shortly. Please visit our website for more information.</p>
<p>Black History Month</p> 	<p>February is Black History Month! Moffat Creek will have its first Black History Assembly this month which will focus on the accomplishments Black Canadians have made to Canada throughout history! Come and Join us or drop in to check out our display case in the foyer!</p>
<p>Clothing Closet</p> 	<p>The Cardinal Clothing Closet Store remains open for all students. There is a variety of sizes and all items are free. Please come and take what you need or have your child speak with his/her teacher if there is a need!</p>
<p>Character Traits "No Bullying"</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 February is No Bullying. The trait for March will be Acceptance.</p>

Extra-Curricular Activities

<p>Basketball</p> 	<p>The intermediate boys and girls basketball season commenced at the end of January. They play Cedar Creek, Avenue Road, Silverheights, and Stewart Avenue. Playoffs begin at the end of February.</p>
<p>Ski Club</p> 	<p>We are thrilled to offer a NEW opportunity! Students in Grades 5-8 were able to sign up to be a part of the first ever Moffat Creek Ski Club. The club will run February 2nd, 16th and March 1st at Chicopee Ski Hill! Bring on the snow!!</p>
<p>Drama Club</p> 	<p>Attention, attention EVERYONE! Moffat Creek's Intermediate Drama Club meets Day 4 during second break. There are no tryouts for the drama club. Anyone who wants to join can come and be a part of our club!</p>

Homework Club



Homework club offers a quiet working space for kids to come and complete any tasks that they may be behind in or to get ahead on some work. Students are also welcome to come in and read quietly during this time. It is an extra space outside of class that allows students to work on their academics. Homework club is offered two times each week. It runs from 1:00-1:20pm on Day 5, and 10:30-10:50am on Day 1, both in the library. Homework club will run all year long.

Announcements

Kindergarten Registration



Children born in 2012 are eligible for Junior Kindergarten in September 2016, and children born in 2011 are eligible for Senior Kindergarten. **Children who have already registered and have attended JK do not need to register again for SK.** If you know of someone living in the Moffat Creek Public School area that has a child born in 2012 or 2011 please pass on this information or ask them to call us at 519-620-1661.

To begin the registration process, please visit the following website which will guide you through the steps <http://mof.wrdsb.ca/about/how-to-register-for-kindergarten/>. We will contact parents to book follow-up appointments for the week of February 8 – 12, 2016.

New PD Day



As a result of recent labour agreements, an additional Professional Activity Day (PA Day) has been added to the 2015-2016 School Year Calendar for both elementary and secondary students. The PD Day will be on Friday, February 26, 2016.







As we move forward with School-Day, school related payments will all be processed online with credit or debit card. 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 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!

Library News



The Forest of Reading program has started! All of the Authors are Canadian and in April students will vote for their favourite book. 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>Parking</p> 	<p>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>
<p>From the Y</p> 	<p>February 24th is Pink Shirt Day! On February 24th the staff and children at YMCA Child Care will be celebrating kindness and taking a stand against bullying by wearing pink - a pink shirt/sweater, pants, socks, ribbon, anything PINK!</p> <p>Our 2016 YMCA Megathon is coming. Megathon is an event that helps us open the doors to families, and children to be healthy and active through sponsored memberships and programming at the YMCA. Our YMCA Child Care Heroes will be helping to raise awareness and funds by keeping track of our steps as we participate in physical activities between February 24th and March 4th. Our goal is to have a combined amount of steps to make it from Moffat Creek to the YMCA. Be active, be a Hero... learn more about this event by going to www.ycmeagathon.ca</p> <p>For more information on YMCA Child Care contact us at (519) 622-2536 or via email us at moffatcreekcc@ckwymca.ca</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>

Dates to Remember

February 1-4	Chrome Week
February 4	Family Movie Night
February 10	School Council meeting at 6:30pm
February 12	Carnaval
February 15	Family Day (no school)
February 26	PD Day (no school)
February 26	Skating Races (Galt Arena) 7pm