

## Information about Millidgeville North School – December 2018

### **MNS has multiple clubs that run through the lunch break – no cost to students:**

- Games group
- Library,
- Homework club,
- Year book club,
- Student leadership opportunities
- Social group
- Buddy Bench
- Peer helper
- School Choir
- Strings Program
- DARE
- GSA
- WITS/LEADS

### **After School Activities - No cost to students:**

- Runners Club
- Cross Country Team
- Soccer
- Badminton
- Volleyball
- Basketball
- Track and Field
- Community Hockey
- Cheer
- Sistema Music Program operates out of “F Building” at MNS

### **Other Activities:**

- Middle level dances (2 a year)
- Grade 8 Moving On Ceremony and Dance (JUNE)
- Christmas Food Drive
- Monthly Assemblies
- Student of the Month Award
- Star Performer Ballots
- Winter Carnival/Phys. Ed Fest
- Guest Speakers
- Grade 6 and 7 end of the year field trips.
- Grade 8 Field trip (Ottawa)
- Terry Fox Walk
- Empty Stocking Fund
- Orange Shirt Day
- DOTS
- Bell’s “Let’s Talk”
- Pink Shirt Day

### **MNS is involved with PALS:**

- Thanks to Debbie Fisher MNS is involved with the Soap Box Derby, PALS in the Park, and our grade 4 students Southern NB Railroad Program, Sea Dog and Rip Tide ticket give away
- MNS has a partnership with the First Wesleyan Church here in Milledgeville.
- When necessary clothing, mittens, hats, coats etc. are provided to those in need.
- Student **fees are waved if a family cannot afford the cost.**
- School supplies can be provided as well when necessary.
- MNS does off set the cost for any family who cannot afford athletic/club or other activity fees.
- **MNS offers breakfast in a “Grab and Go” style.** Every classroom, the main office, guidance office and gymnasium all have food baskets that children have access to not only in the morning but at any time during the day.
- **MNS does feed children at lunch, if families are experiencing fiscal difficulties through a partnership with our cafeteria.**
- MNS has a very active Home and School and PSSC (are always welcoming new members)
- Every year we welcome new students from our feeder schools with a school visit in June. This same event would be extended to the HWSF middle level students. If needed Ms. Price and I would be willing to host or travel to a “Question and Answer evening/afternoon” for HWSF parents and guardians.

### **Academics:**

Millidgeville North School has 225 middle school students in French Immersion and English Prime. Middle School students have unique needs, this separates them from elementary students and high school. They exhibit characteristics and behaviours unique to early adolescence – e.g. physical characteristics (acceleration of growth, fluctuations in metabolism, concerned about appearance and how they look to peers), emotional characteristics (e.g. girls mature physically and emotionally faster than boys, sensitive/easily offended). The approach to learning needs to be different as students are moving from thinking concretely to more abstract thinking; they need to feel the learning is meaningful. At Millidgeville North the teachers work in teams to plan and offer curriculum, this allows grouping and regrouping of students and interdisciplinary instruction. The school is able to offer students a variety of clubs and activities as outlined. Other points to include:

- MNS has middle school focused specialists in Music, Phys. Ed, Art, and Tech.
- MNS has a very strong student and experienced services team. (EST-R)
- MNS has full time Guidance and SIW support.
- MNS has full time EAL support.
- MNS has access to subject Leads

### **Mission Statement:**

Millidgeville North School respects the individual needs of children and encourages and establishes an environment that promotes caring, creativity and most importantly learning.

**Vision Statement:**

It is our vision that when children attend and leave Millidgeville North School they:

- employ values of honesty, good judgment, understanding, and hard work
- learn and use a complement of basic skills in numeracy and literacy
- value learning and seek knowledge

“We value the partnership that exists between school, parent and community and the part it plays in realizing this vision”

**MNS Values:**

- Strive for high expectations and academic excellence
- Teach the whole child
- Appreciate and celebrate diversity
- Respect the needs, interests and abilities of all MNS Citizens
- Share our successes with our community