



Superintendent's Report to the Board

Regular Board Meeting of January, 2021

Thank you

Thank you to Merritt Secondary School staff. We appreciate the dedication of our entire staff at MSS, including food providers, custodians, clerical, EAs, FNSWs, teachers and administration. We encourage everyone to follow the protocols and support one another in order to stay healthy.



Kindness Project

We all know that things have been hard lately, and at the School Board Office we have been hearing all about things that kids in schools have been doing to make our community a kinder, happier, more thankful place. We want to help all of you keep on making a difference, so here is the chance to apply for a grant that will give you money to fund a project that you plan and put into action to benefit your community! Each class/group can apply for up to \$500.00 per project.

We are so excited to see what you all come up with!

Battle of the Books

Everyone will be glad to hear that the highly anticipated Battle of the Books is back. This year students from across the district will be reading nine books. Be sure to check out the books as they are introduced by your Learning Commons Teacher. As usual a big thank you to everyone who makes this important event possible and we wish all our students the best of luck.

Challenges with School Attendance

Getting to school or managing a whole day at school can be really hard for some children and youth, and it can be challenging for parents and caregivers to know how best to move forward. In this 2-part webinar series, the presenters will talk about anxiety and related challenges that can be a barrier to attending school, as well as practical strategies to help things go more smoothly. These webinars are relevant whether your child is not getting to school at all or sometimes struggling to make it through the whole day. Each webinar is 1 hour in length. There are separate webinars for elementary school-aged and high school-aged youth. [Listen to the webinars.](#)



COVID_19 Protocols

As we work through confirmed cases within our communities and the exposures at MSS we want to take time to remind people to follow the protocols that are in place to make our schools as safe as possible. Remember to do your daily health checks, wash/sanitize your hands, practice social distancing and wear masks when needed. We want all of our community members to remain as healthy as possible.

