



The Bear Facts Newsletter

MTS SCHOOL GARDENS

We have two gardens at Menominee Tribal School! The first established is Martha's Garden, begun as a memorial garden in 1995 to comfort the families of students who lost their lives. It includes perennials, native wild plants, strawberries, tulips, daffodils, and annuals. Students help plant the wild plants, tulip and daffodil bulbs, iris corms, and seeds for beans, lettuce, watermelon, and sunflowers. The children have enjoyed the beans, lettuce, and strawberries. The purpose of the native plants is to encourage birds, butterflies, and other beneficial insects, such as honey bees. Native plants have longer roots and need less

water once they are established.

The second garden is a three sisters garden begun in 2012 by Brian Holt, science teacher. As many of you know, the three sisters garden includes corn, beans, and squash, and has been a traditional Native American form of agriculture for thousands of years. The vines of the squash protect the soil around the corn, keeping it moist and shading out emerging weeds. The prickly squash plants help discourage predators. Beans enrich the soil with nitrogen, and their vines crawl up the corn stalk. All three vegetables eaten together provide a complete and important food source.

When the squash, corn, and beans are harvested, they will be included in the Middle School harvest feast on October 23rd.



Nashaye Fish and Sharday Gladue weeding and digging up iris corms as part of their seventh grade science class. Waewaenon 7th grade!

Principal Chapman's Message

Posoh Parents/Guardians!

The first quarter of the school year is coming to a close. Parent-teacher conferences take place on Thursday, November 7th from 1:30-7:30. They will not be on Fridays this year,

so please reserve a time that you can come to school and talk with your child's teacher(s) about how they are doing in school. The family nights have been very well attended this fall. Middle School is hosting a feast for their

families, using vegetables grown in the 3 sisters garden, as well as the wild rice harvested by the students. All middle school families are invited to come to school on Wed., October 23rd at 5:00 to join in the feast. See you all soon!

Daily Learning Planner

Let your child see you reading today.	X
Change chairs at mealtime. Who are you?	X
Consider giving your child an allowance.	X
Practice math facts while playing catch.	X
Ask your child how to make a new friend.	X
What is the best job in the world? Tell why.	X
Find as many five-syllable words you can.	X

Important Dates

- Oct. 25—K, 1, 2 to Delzer's Pumpkin Farm
- Oct. 28—Picture retakes



- Oct. 31—Class Halloween parties
- Nov. 5, 6, 13, 14—WKCE testing
- Nov. 7—Conferences

Class Update—Middle School Literature—Mr. Wood

It doesn't seem possible that we have completed a month of school already. The days are whizzing by at an incredible pace and the students are doing their best to keep up with the increased expectations. Here are words of commendation and exhortation for each of the four middle school classes. **6A**, you have impressed me with your insight and depth of understanding of things related to literature, but you need to focus on taking responsibility for your actions instead of pouting. **6B**, your enthusiasm is noticed and appreciated, but you need to transition to class after lunch with fewer issues and distractions. **7th**, you do a very good job with class participation and comprehending the stories



we've been reading, but too often you are off-task with side conversations when you should be listening. **8th**, I am proud of the progress I see in each of you individually and with how well you get along with each other, but we need to carry these over into all our classes. You have

the potential to be the positive leaders our younger peers need to see.

Jade Boivin, get well soon. We miss you!

The grandfather teaching that we have been working on in all of my classes is that of "respect". We need to embrace and demonstrate this basic foundational truth in every aspect of our lives. In the classroom we need to listen when our peers or elders are talking instead of being impatient to talk ourselves. We are all off to a very good start and I believe we will get stronger as the year progresses.

Fifth Grade—Ms. Flaherty and Mr. Biesterveld

The fifth grade classes are working on place value and decimals in Math. They know that this is important information that they will be able to use in the real world.

In reading, the students are enjoying learning how to survive in the wilderness with Gary Paulsen's Hatchet.

Students have just completed a Social Studies unit on plant and animal cells. Look for compare and contrast drawings of different types of cells around the fifth grade hallway..coming to you soon! We are very happy to report that the fifth graders ALL just received their tenth class PAW award, and had a great time playing with their electronics while enjoying root beer floats!



Athletic Department News - Mr. Michael Clark

Waewaeon to all the families that have paid the \$20.00 athletic fee this year. So far over \$1,100.00 has been generated by this fee for this school year to help our athletic program. Our athletic program costs about \$25,000.00 per year at MTS. The athletic fee helps to pay for referees, coaches, sport busing, uniforms, and new equipment. Your support of MTS athletics is greatly appreciated. If you have any

questions about the athletic fee please contact Mr. Clark, our athletic director.

In other sports news:



Great Bear Run

The first three finishers in the girls' 3-6 division: 1st—Shavonne Corn

2nd—Makayla Madosh

3rd—Shaelynn Fish

Tyreese Wychesit took 2nd in the boys' 3-6 race.

Hoop Dancers



Our Hoop dancers were invited to attend a Powwow in Naperville, Illinois where they presented their hoop dancing skills. They also had the privilege to meet world renowned flutist, vocalist, and drummer, Robert Mirabel, from Taos Pueblo, New Mexico.

Jade Boivin

The middle school has been missing and thinking about one of its leaders who is currently in the hospital. Jade, we are hoping to see you soon and are praying for your quick and full recovery. We were honored to be asked to help out the family during its time of need at our recent Pow Wow.



Parent Observation

Burton Arthur is the father of Gabe Arthur, a second grader in Mrs. Kinney's class. He recently visited the class as part of his course at CMN, "An Introduction to Native American Cultures." Arthur notes, "I was transfixed when I entered the class where no English was spoken for the first thirty minutes of class. The morning announcements, pledges, weather, and even the lunch menu for the day were all delivered in Menominee by the Middle School students. Further, he states: "If traditions and heritage are the center of one's being, the Menominee Tribal School is fulfilling this need as these children make their footprints in the world."

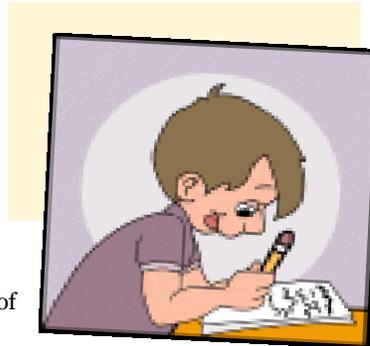
WKCE Testing for Grades 3-8

It's that time of year again when our students will be participating in the WKCE, (Wisconsin Knowledge and Concepts Exam). The dates are Tuesday, Nov. 5th, Wednesday, Nov. 6th, Wednesday, Nov. 13th, and Thursday, Nov. 14th.

As in the past, you can show your support by coming to our "Kick-Off Breakfast" on the first Tuesday, Nov. 5th. The

date for our celebration reward day for those students who were present each day of testing will be announced via e-mail. Reminder notices will be sent out at the end of October.

Parents, please be aware of



things you can do in order for your child to have positive results from the WKCE tests. A **good night's sleep**, a **healthy breakfast**, and an encouraging outlook will all help your child.

Wekan Picekaekwan!!!

Once again MTS has been awarded the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Grant through the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction. This year we will receive \$11,169.00. This grant enables our Kindergarten through 5th grade students to receive a nutritious fresh fruit or vegetable snack three times a week! This is our third year participating in the grant and our students love it! Maec Waewaenon!



What are your favorite fruits and vegetables?



BEAR HUGS!!

Mr. Clark for all his efforts on the Big Bear Run plus Walk to School!!

Lily Fernandez for observing that ALL the teachers at MTS are awesome!

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FABULOUS FAMILY FUN NIGHTS!

All the family nights this fall focused on PBIS. Ms. Chapman praised the teachers for their fascinating presentations, the videos made by the students, and the way the teachers stressed the teaching and then the re-teaching necessary to help the students learn

Teachers who buy into PBIS assist their colleagues whenever and wherever needed. It makes for an improved atmosphere everywhere in and around the school.

Blue PAW awards given thus far!!!

MTS Art Teacher to Travel to Myanmar

Ms. Janice Rabideaux, art teacher, has been invited to join a delegation of 25 Art Educators from throughout the United States to travel to Myanmar as part of President Obama's US Education Initiative. As Myanmar embarks on a Democratic transition, and embraces the West, the once secluded country welcomes the opportunity to meet with their professional counterparts. Ms. Rabideaux will travel to Myanmar from November 2nd to the 9th. The professional art educators will exchange ideas and practices in the areas of educational policy, curriculum planning, establishing standards for teachers and learners, teaching environments, assessment, teacher training, influences of local art and culture, among other topics. There will also be days of cultural exchange and a chance to experience the sights and sounds of the city of Yangon (where the delegation will be staying) as well as the city of Bagan: The

City of Four Million Pagodas.

Ms. Rabideaux is greatly anticipating the opportunity to share her knowledge of the art profession and help to initiate effective education practices in another country. It will further contribute to her professional development by exposing her to art education in another culture, taking away ideas as well as re-visiting and re-evaluating our own processes and policies in the U.S. in terms of art education AND general education institutions as a whole.

Ms. Rabideaux states that she is honored and grateful to be a part of this unique opportunity. It will allow her to continue to be a positive role model to the young girls and women of the Menominee tribe. She is looking forward to the experience and sharing stories and pictures with her students and colleagues.

