



Principal's Message – December 2023

With the year end approaching and welcoming the month of December at Mount Hope we have many updates to share! We were proud of our volleyball teams for representing our school throughout their season with both teams advancing to the play-offs! We thank our coaches for their dedication to our sports teams and for parent support in attending games to cheer our students on! Our senior band, bell band & choir are up and running thank you to Mr. Feenstra with practices underway. Mr. Cobb has started up the chess club and our Student Council has come together and scheduled our first spirit day at Mount Hope which is Twin Day tomorrow Friday December 1st.

Students also had the opportunity to reflect on their Term 1 progress when receiving the Progress Reports in November. Parent/Caregiver conferences were a success at Mount Hope giving teachers the opportunity to communicate student progress and collaboratively develop next steps moving forward. We thank our families for recognizing the importance of the home-school connection to build upon student achievement. The efforts put forth with next steps will reflect on their first report card that will be distributed in February.

A big thank you to all of our families & the Mount Hope community for supporting our Laura Secord Chocolate fundraiser that was a tremendous success! We had weekly prize draws for all students that participated and gift cards were drawn & provided to students for their dedication to sales. Ms. Thomson & Ms. Alves FDK Class, Ms. Stringer's Gr. 3 Class and Ms. Vandyk's Gr. 6 Class won the class pizza party given their whole class sale contributions. The funds raised will support Mount Hope's school annual plan to enhance learning and the classroom environment school wide. Our School Council continues to support staff & school operations with their financial donations towards equipment supporting student physical engagement during recess, daily physical activity and programming in the classroom. Classroom environments have been enhanced throughout the school thanks to our dedicated School Council who recognizes the needs that are shared by our in-school team. On behalf of our entire school team, we thank you for your ongoing support to make Mount Hope better!

Our Indigo love for reading fundraiser was also a success with Mount Hope earning just over \$1600 in books from Chapters/Indigo at a 30% discount to enhance our Library collection. We look forward to the arrival of our new books to support student engagement across the grades!

Welcoming the month of December launches our new character trait of focus school wide with students engaged in the act of learning about "Caring" and what it feels like at school, in homes, and in the community. We are also looking forward to our Holiday Concert led by Mr. Feenstra and bake sale supported by our School Council which will be held on Tues. Dec. 19th in our gymnasium from 2 – 3:15 p.m. Families of students performing will receive more information to attend and enjoy our concert!

With the holiday season approaching, the staff at Mount Hope wishes all of our families & students a very enjoyable and memorable break. We hope you find the time to rest, relax and value time with family & friends. We look forward to our students' safe return on January 8, 2024.

Sincerely,

Ms. N. Radojevic – Principal at Mount Hope