



November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2021

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# Wildcat Weekly

## School Council Annual General Meeting

On **Tuesday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>** we will be having the Annual General Meeting for our Millarville Community School Council. The meeting will take place online through Zoom from 7:00 – 8:00 PM.

Here is the [link](#) to the agenda – the meeting link is at the top.

## Fundraising Society

On **Monday, November 8<sup>th</sup>** our fundraising society will have their monthly meeting. The fundraising society is an integral part of our school's success as they provide financial support for everything from our Chromebooks to sports uniforms to field trips.

We are always in need of additional parents – if you are interested, please come to the learning commons after school on November 8<sup>th</sup>.

## Purdy's Launch

We have started our Purdy's Fundraising campaign. Please see our [launch letter](#) to find how to order through our school.

Orders are due in on November 23<sup>rd</sup> with our pickup date set as December 5<sup>th</sup>.



A special thank you to Mrs. Smallwood for the lovely hand made Teddy Bears that were given to our Book Fair contest winners!

## Free Education Workshops for Parents through AHS

AHS, in collaboration with The Mental Health Foundation is offering [free online programming](#) for parents and caregivers of children and youth.

## School Community Updates

The International Baccalaureate (IB) profile word that we are highlighting in November is *thinker*. The IB aims to develop students who are thinkers. Students who are thinkers exercise initiative in applying thinking skills critically and creatively to recognize and approach complex problems, and make reasoned, ethical decisions. IB students contribute to discussions in a meaningful way. They do not shy away from challenging questions and, once they know the answer, follow up by asking "why?"

How can parents help to develop students who are thinkers at home?

- Encourage your child to engage in pretend play as children are naturally curious and imaginative.
- Pause and wait...give your child time to think for him/herself. Be patient.
- Ask open-ended questions.
- Help children to develop hypotheses.
- Encourage critical thinking in new and different ways.
- Encourage your child to retell stories they read.
- Leave time for unstructured play.
- Encourage your child to play and explore outside.
- Encourage creative thinking.
- Let your child experience failure, and then let him/her figure out how to turn their failure into a positive learning experience. We learn the most from our mistakes.
- Provide opportunities to visit museums and libraries and art galleries (virtually or in person, when safe.)

As we enter the month of November, we know that the word *thinker* is also one that we deepen by asking our students to remember those who gave their lives for our freedom. As we enter our month of remembering, please know that we encourage each thinker in our school to be the best version of themselves as a learner, always growing and enhancing their learning.

With gratitude for all the thinkers I get to work with everyday,

Ms. Karla Davis