

News from the Nest

March 11- March 15, 2024 – Parent Edition



Spotlight on Learning:

BALANCE OF THINGS

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TEACHER REFLECTION: The recuring theme of "Balance" is prevalent throughout Science 9, and



Science 10. It is the one word that can be used to express content in all areas of the curriculum. When students discover this connection, the reaction resembles an epiphany of deeper understanding. The last two weeks of "Deeper Learning" provides the opportunity to explore these connections.

Students are assigned the task to analyse the phrase **"Too much of anything is a bad thing"** and use the concepts covered in science 9 and their own traditional knowledge to describe how this sentence impacts them and the world in which we all live.

This question is intentionally open ended to have

students consider all their study, independent learning and notes in Science

9. To assist students understanding we watched the movie "Supersize me" which documents the accounts of a person eating only McDonalds food for an entire month. The results of this experiment were devastating. With this information and students' own portfolios, which contain milestones of specific learning outcomes in Science, they are now able to create their final demonstration of understanding which can be in the form of:

- Research Paper
- Graphic Organizer
- Research Video/Documentary
- Research PowerPoint Presentation (Live or Pre-recorded)
- Research Poster & Model with presentation & demonstration (Live or Pre-recorded)

<u>Congratulations to the Gr 9 Girls</u> <u>Basketball Team</u>

Congratulations to the grade 9 Girls basketball team for finishing 9th at the Provincial Championship Tournament. They lost a tough one in the first round but finished strong, winning the next 3 games to win the consolation round. It was a great effort by the entire team. A big thank you to coaches Priya Alamwala and Madison Draayers. Congratulations girls!! Thanks for representing Mouat well!





- Communicating honestly, openly, and
- respectfully.

Self-Care Mondays

March 11th: This week's self-care tip is about:



POSITIVE THINKING and AFFIRMATIONS

Making the effort to think positively can improve both mental and physical health for many. Shaping and framing your thoughts to spark joy and contentment can do wonders for you. An example of this is positive affirmations. A positive affirmation can be defined as positive phrase or statement that we repeat to ourselves such as: "I am a nice person." I work hard." Even something like "I love sunshine." So take a moment today to say 10 positive statements about yourself!

Activity:

On a piece of scrap paper, write down at least 10 positive affirmations (10 positive statements about yourself). Read the list at least 10 times. You are amazing and don't you forget it.



Your WJ Mouat Admin Team