

## Grade 7 Newsletter - November, 2017

Another month has ended as we get ready for the onslaught of winter (insert drama symbol here). Congratulations to the grade seven students who participated in the cross-country meet during October. Connor, Allie, Paige and Joey were all outstanding, both individually and as a team, missing top honours by one point.

Progress reports are being sent home later this month and parent interviews are being scheduled for Thursday, November 16 and Friday, November 17. If you have not seen the form, please send a note to me so I can figure out a time for a visit.

Also, girls' and boys' intermediate volleyball is now underway. The boys' tournament is on November 30, while the girls' tournament will be on December 8. More information on those will be available when it is received.

As intermediate students, greater emphasis will be placed on critical thinking skills, or the ability to interpret, analyze and evaluate based on evidence. These are skills that can be used in any situation, at any time and will be developed during the course of the year. One of the questions often asked in inquiries is "Why?" This question involves creating a thoughtful, evidence-based response. Please encourage your child to "go the extra mile (kilometer?) when approaching these activities.

Below is a brief outline of the current areas of study at present, as well as reminders.

Gym clothes - Bring 'em Monday, take 'em home Friday – same message as before. Again, personal hygiene is VERY important. Please ensure that this is consistent.

Absence – Most have been good about seeing me after an absence in order to catch up. As an intermediate student, the onus is on you to be responsible for this. Also, when I am away, work assigned that day is due the following day!

**Language** - Writing Topics – Setting Description

**Math** - Number Sense – Fractions

Measurement – Area, perimeter of Regular and Irregular Figures

**History** – Conflict in North America

**Geography** – Patterns in a Physical World – Mountain ranges and river systems

**Science** – "Heat in the Environment" unit

*"Great works are performed not by strength but by perseverance."*  
*Samuel Johnson*

Feel free to contact me at your convenience if you wish to speak with me, and thank you for your continued support.

M. Henderson