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Dear School Families,

We had another great week at Mary Montgomery School.

Thank you to all the families, on behalf of the Virden and Area Food Cupboard, for all the donations of food during our Let's Give Thanks Food Drive. It is greatly appreciated!

Sometimes the best part of the day is just listening from my office chair!

With the snow falling and winter around the corner I hear from my office a student, all by themselves, walking down hallway to the bathroom, belting out at the top of their lungs, Jiggle Bells!

Great perspective for an early arrival to winter.

A few reminders...

- Masks - All visitors/parents when entering MMS or any other Fort la Bosse School are required to wear a mask.
- Pedestrian Safety - I am encouraging our school families to discuss this weekend with their children the important of pedestrian safety. There has been an increase in the number of 'close calls' (*vehicles coming close to hitting a pedestrian*) reported to our school. In Canada, pedestrian injuries are one of the leading causes of injury-related deaths for children 14 years of age and younger.
 - Crossing the streets at only crosswalk.
 - Look and listen both ways before crossing streets.
 - Never cross between parked cars or in the middle of street.
 - Never run out in the middle of the road to retrieve or chase something such as a ball.
 - The following website is a great resource <https://parachute.ca/en/injury-topic/pedestrian-safety/>
 - I would ask all drivers to be extra aware well traveling in the school zones especially as we enter the winter driving season.
- Stopping for school busses to unload and load - Just a reminder that if the school bus has its lights on and the stop sign out when dropping off and picking up students it is illegal to pass the bus. It is a fine of approximately \$650. FLBSD busses are equipped with camera to monitor this safety law.
- Water Bottles - Students are required to bring a filled water bottle to school each day. Water bottles will be returned home at the end of the school day.
- Spirit Week - Our school will celebrate spirit week next week with each day having a new theme. Watch for reminders and updates on our social media feeds.

Thank you for your help and enjoy your weekend.

Brad Hayward

Mary Montgomery School Administrator