Memorial Academy - Key Highlights/Special Projects

At Memorial Academy we try to offer students a wide variety of activities to support and enhance the curriculum:

• Annual Terry Fox Run- September – This activity allows students to understand the impact of cancer on our lives and the fight against it.

• Healthy & Active Living – Students, parents and staff are encouraged to make healthy choices: eating the right foods and getting sufficient physical exercise each day. Teachers expose students to a variety of Quality Daily Physical Activities (QDPA) on days when physical education classes are not scheduled. When the weather permitted, students went outside for free-time during lunch and recess.

• **Kiwanis Festival** – Our school participates in the Kiwanis festival in a number of areas: Choir – Grade K, Grade 1, Grade 2, Grade 3, Grade 4 & Grades 5-6, Recorder Ensemble – Elementary, Grade 3 Solo Group. Choral Speech grade 3. (The entries each year may or may not include all areas mentioned above).

• After School Programs – Participation Nation Unplugged: Grades 4, 5, 6 Girls – Volleyball, Floor Hockey Boys – Grades 5 & 6, Mountain Bike Club – Grades 4-6. Play 4 Fun – Monday Nights-Primary

• Sports Day – Sports day is offered to students in the spring of the year.

• Science Day – Science day occurs each year to expose elementary students to all experiments in the elementary science program.

• Grade 3 Literacy Day – Grade three students hold a Literacy day each year.

• Year End Trips – Each grade level organizes a class outing for the day during the last week in June. Our grade six classes participated in a career & cultural trip to Corner Brook. This takes place over three days during the last week of school.

• **Recycling Program** – Many of our classes participate in a recycling program to financially support a variety of activities for our children and to promote being more environmentally conscious.

• One Hundredth Day – On the hundredth day of school our primary students participate in a number of activities to support numeracy & literacy in school.

• **Concerts** – We have two Christmas concerts each year (one for Primary and one for elementary). Some years we offer a spring concert as well.

• **Kindergarten Celebration-** We have a Kindergarten celebration program for our Kindergarten students in June each year.

• Assemblies – Throughout the school year we have a number of assemblies to mark important events (Thanksgiving, Remembrance Day, Christmas, Easter & year end). Students are given an opportunity to participate in these assemblies and showcase their talents in a number of areas.

• **Royal Canadian Legion Awards** – Students participate and won the Legion awards in essay writing, poetry writing and poster drawing.

• Safe and Caring Schools – A school safe and caring school committee monitors and supports students in their efforts to follow the school's behaviour matrix. This matrix covers a variety of school settings. A reward system was developed to encourage student compliance to the matrix.

• Heritage Fair – Elementary students participate in a school Heritage fair. Some of these students were selected to participate in the District Heritage Fair.