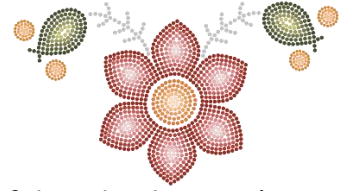




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JUNE (Michif: “Jwaen”) 2023 NEWSLETTER



PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

June provides us with time to reflect on and celebrate the growth and accomplishments of the school year. It’s also an important time to celebrate those who invest in our community. Our students are most successful when they have a unified support team. Many, many thank yous to all of the caregivers who stay in communication with the school, and who persevere in supporting their children even under some very trying circumstances. We are thankful to an active School Community Council: we have appreciated having their faces in the building more this year, and all the help they have provided in many activities.

Thank you also to organizations who provide us with support. Dairy Queen donated a number of balls that we have been able to give away to students as weekly prizes. Bennet Dunlop Ford & the Food Bank provided smile cookies as a sweet surprise one day.

Staffing Changes

Every year brings change and farewells. We will be celebrating our Grade 8 students on June 22nd. Seating is limited: Grade 8 families will be receiving specific details about this event.

We will also be saying farewell to some of our staff members, including Ms. Howard, Mr. Bzdel, Ms. Kaminski, Ms. Eurich, Ms. Birrell, Ms. Hunter, and Ms. Peterman. We have appreciated the work and love all of these individuals have poured into our school community and wish them all the best in the future. Elder Val has also let us know that she is moving into retirement: her kind face and warm, wise words will be missed.

We will be able to share confirmed staffing lists for 2023/2024 closer to the end of June. As student registrations can change a lot over the summer, we will not finalize classroom assignments until students arrive in the fall. Our staff put a great deal of thought and effort into placing students into classrooms. This includes best fit for academics, friendships, and ensuring classes are a balanced mix of personalities.

Sincerely,
Mr. Ryan Josephson
Principal

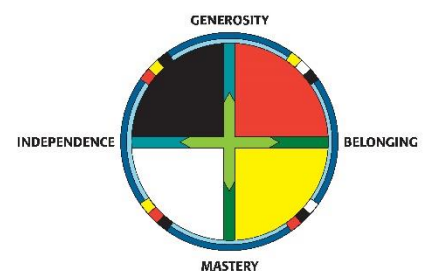
At McDermid, June is the month of Mastery & Independence

(Michif for Independence: “Pumiiyishoo”)

Mastery & Independence are two sections found in the Circle of Courage. We celebrate Mastery not just in terms of academic accomplishments, but physically, spiritually, mentally, and emotionally. Mastery is having self-control and responsibility, and striving not to be superior, but to achieve personal goals.

Independence is making one’s own decisions and being responsible for failure or success. It is setting one’s own goals and being disciplined. This fits in nicely with our “Own It, Fix It, Change It, Move On” model – where we take ownership of our decisions and work to learn from, improve on, and grow in both our mistakes and our successes.

Growth is measured in many different ways – and this is a good season to take note of growth and plan for how to move forward



EAGLE FEATHER ART

Our Gr. 8 students will be working on eagle feather art as a way to commemorate their farewell. Some traditions teach that the feather symbolizes our life journey, as well as being a symbol of honor and respect.

The tip represents our adulthood. The veins represent the days of our lives and the choices we make. The fluff at the bottom represents infancy and our beginning. The quill represents our inner strength and the path we are on. The feather is divided into two parts. good or bad, right or wrong, and so on. This reminds us of balance



KINDERGARTEN AND PRE-K REGISTRATIONS



Registration for the 2023/2024 school year is currently underway.

Kindergarten students must be 5 years old by December 31, 2023 to attend. The Pre-K program accepts 3 and 4 year olds, but an application process does take place first as there are limited spots.

Registration forms can be found online, or are available at the office.

PLAY DAY & DOUGLAS TRACK MEET – FRIDAY, JUNE 2ND



Our Grade 4 to 8 students had their school-based track and field day in May. Congratulations to our students who put in solid effort and made the day an enjoyable one, full of good sportsmanship. We were very proud of our student body.

Students who qualified for the quad-school meet at Douglas Park have been contacted.

Friday, June 2nd is also Play Day. Our Grade 7 and 8 students will help run stations, and all other students Grade 6 and under will participate. We ask families to send students prepared to get wet: swimsuits, towels, and anything else they may need to enjoy a day that will be primarily outside. Play Day will start mid-morning and run until the end of the day.



EVRAZ AND RICK HANSEN SPRAY PARK DAY – TUESDAY, JUNE 20TH



K-3 students will go to the Rick Hansen Spray Park for an all-day field trip. Grades 4-8 students will head to Evraz for a day of swimming and other fun on the grounds.

Both groups need to come with swimsuits, towels, and any other items they might need for a day in the sun and water. Please watch for permission forms to come home. The cost for bussing will be taken care of by the school.

Toys/Equipment/Special Belongings at School

At McDermid, we believe in and practice honor, respect, and responsibility. Having said that, we cannot guarantee that special belongings including electronics, sports equipment like basketballs, hats, etc. will not be damaged or go missing. Please do not send your child to school with anything that would be upsetting to lose or have damaged.



NUTRITION PROGRAM

Free Breakfast begins at 8:20 a.m. and students can remain supervised in the Nutrition Room until they head out for recess or start class at 8:50 a.m.

Daily snacks are provided for our students in Pre-K through Grade 3. We serve snacks to our older grades weekly.

Lunch: Students are welcome to bring their own lunch, or to purchase one for \$2. Payment can be made the day of, or ahead of time either through the office or School Cash Online (available through our website).

JUNE EVENTS:

Friday, June 2nd – PLAY DAY and Douglas Park Track Meet

Wednesday, June 7th – Intercultural String Exchange (performance at the school)

Thursday, June 8th – Earth Rangers Assembly

Friday, June 9th - Pride Rainbow Day: assigned classroom colors will be given out ahead of time

Thursday, June 15th – Michif Program Sashing Ceremony

Friday, June 16th – PD DAY: NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS

Tuesday, June 20th – Field Trips for all students K-8

Wednesday, June 21st – National Indigenous People's Day

Thursday, June 22nd – Formal Day (to honor Grade 8s)

Grade 8 Farewell at 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday, June 27th – Independence & Mastery Assembly at 10:30

Wednesday, June 28th – Last Day of School. Early Dismissal at 2:30

