



McDermid Community School

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APRIL NEWSLETTER



Remote Learning Tips

Remote Learning can be a challenge. **This form of teaching and learning is different than what most of us are used to. However, the materials and activities taking place through Remote Learning are part of our regular year of curriculum. It is important students continue to participate.**

We are now in a two-week remote learning situation from April 12th – 23rd. Whether your remote learning is on line through Seesaw, Google Classroom and/or by assignments in the home packages, here are a few AT HOME tips to help make remote learning successful:

- 1) **Set a schoolwork schedule and stick to it.** Pick at least one hour in the morning and one in the afternoon each day.
- 2) **Make a special space to complete schoolwork.** Have all the material you need in that space (pencils, computer, tablets, good lighting) ready to go. The kitchen table may be the place for you.
- 3) **Avoid distractions when doing schoolwork.** Turn off the TV, put away the cell phone, keep the video games off until after schoolwork is completed.
- 4) **Know all your passwords** and how to access Seesaw, Google Classroom and any other on line learning resources (Mathletics, Sora, Raz Kids, etc.). If you don't know your passwords, get in contact with your teacher.
- 5) **Know what the assignments are and keep up with getting them done.**
- 6) **When the opportunity is there, participate in any group meetings.** It's always great to see classmates and teachers during these virtual meetings.
- 7) **Take breaks and get outside.** Some physical activity is the best way to reset your brain and your body for more learning.
- 8) **Ask for Help.** Teachers and support staff continue to be available during remote learning. If you aren't sure of something, ask. If you aren't sure how to contact a staff member, please call the office at 306-791-8502 or email mcdermid@rbe.sk.ca.



Northgate
Dental Clinic

- Thanks to **COBs Bread** for continuing to provide weekly donations of fresh bread for all members of our school community!
- Another thanks to **Northgate Dental** for their donation of oral hygiene products. The toothbrushes, toothpaste and dental floss they donated will part of a personal health unit for our primary students.
- We also want to give a special thank-you to the "**McDermid Angel**" – a community member who donates all of the treat bags our students receive on special occasions, including the ones given out just prior to the break.

As always, please don't hesitate to contact us with questions! We do look forward to having all students back to in school learning on Monday, April 26th.

Sincerely,

Mr. Bob Phillips
Principal

Ms. April Howard
Vice-Principal

COVID-19 Case at McDermid



COVID-19 UPDATES

Prior to the break, McDermid families received notification about our first COVID-19 case at the school. We want to thank all of our families for being as gracious as all of you have been during trying circumstances. When a covid case is identified at the school, anyone who is considered a direct contact will be notified via phone call prior to a general notification going out through electronic media to our school community. To respect confidentiality, the name and other identifying information about students will not be shared.

APRIL EVENTS

April 2nd – 9th – Easter Break: There will be no school for students during the Easter Week break.

April 12 – 22nd - Remote Learning. Please continue to check your child’s learning platform (Seesaw or Google Classroom) for instruction and activities.

Tuesday, April 13th – Home Packages Available for Pick-Up between 10:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Staff will meet you at the front doors when you arrive. We ask families/students doing the pick-ups to continue to observe social distancing protocols and to wear masks.



FREE bag lunches will be available at the school on **April 13th, 15th, 20th, and 22nd**. Come to the front doors of the school from **11:30 – 12:30**.

April 22nd – Earth Day. Medicine Wheel Education is sponsoring an Earth Day Event live on Facebook at 10:00 a.m. with Metis author David Bouchard and his new book, “Meet Your Family.” The link will be posted on our school Facebook page and website. (<https://fb.me/e/3sveV3Fjr>)



April 23rd – PD Day: There will be no school on Friday, April 23rd.

April 26th – In-Person Learning Resumes. We are looking forward to seeing students at the school!

April 29th – International & McDermid Day of Dance

April 30th – Truth Assembly for students in the morning.

APRIL IS THE MONTH OF TRUTH

A focus of learning at McDermid is both the Circle of Courage and the 7 Grandfather Teachings. Each month we will celebrate one of those virtues at our school.

Truth is one of the Grandfather Teachings, represented by the TURTLE. To know truth is to know and understand all of the original laws as given by the Creator- and to remain faithful to them.



Truth is symbolic of law and principle. The turtle has been chosen to be the bearer of truth and the basic truth of the laws of nature have not changed. The turtle has been able to adapt to change without changing; thus he represents truth. He also represents time. The 13 big plates represent the 13 moons in a year. Year-round we need to remain true to ourselves and follow the Grandfather Teachings in everything we do: even as you grow and change you remember what is important and live that way

Please check out our website or Facebook page for links to additional resources to help you learn about the teaching of Truth.