



McDermid Community School

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DECEMBER 2021 NEWSLETTER



Principal & Vice-Principal Message

December will be a short month, with a lot going on. We will try our very best to ensure we keep consistent routine and calm in our school while still sharing some of the joys of the holiday season.

We encourage our families to continue ensuring students are on time, attending daily, and ready with all of their winter gear. If a child will be missing for a day due to illness or appointments, please let us know through Edsby, email, or a phone message. All of this helps us focus on student success and safety in the building.

This month we celebrate the virtue of generosity in the school. It continues to amaze us to see so many community members and partners demonstrating how much they value our students and this community. We are very pleased this month to share some very exciting news about a new playground build that is set for this spring!

As always, we remain committed to supporting our students and families as best as we are able. Please do not hesitate to reach out with concerns or needs. We know that while this is an exciting month, it can also bring additional stress and pressure to families. We would love to help connect you with supports.

Ms. April Howard

Vice-Principal

Mr. Bob Phillips

Principal

December is the month of Generosity

Generosity is a part of the Circle of Courage. It feels good to give to others, and to remember that we are all connected. There are times when each of us has something to give, and other times when we could use support. When we help others, we show that they matter.



At this time of year, it is important to remember kindness. Be patient with one another, give grace and forgiveness, and choose to believe the best about those around us. Generosity moves us from competition to inclusion. When we are a team, we do everything we can to ensure we all win.

New Play Structure Coming to McDermid School!

We are excited to announce that McDermid School will be putting in a new play structure! With the outstanding generosity of the Co-Op Refinery Complex (CRC) we will be able to remove one existing play structure and put in a new one. Plans are for a spring 2022 installation. Funds received from the CRC have made the entire project possible. CRC has been McDermid's partner in education for 25 years: their financial contribution to this project will have an impact on our students, school, and our community for decades to come. A HUGE thank you to everyone at the CRC for making our new play structure a possibility!



Holiday Thank You!



All year long we are so fortunate at McDermid School to feel the generosity of others. This is particularly true during the holiday season. During the first few weeks of December, we will be collecting donations for our family food hampers. We have also received donations from Farm Credit Canada, CIBC Wood Gundy, Co-Op Refinery Complex, and CUPE 3766 to support the family food hampers, to purchase gifts for students, and to make our clothing give away possible. We also regularly receive

goodie bags from our 'McDermid Good Angel' for every student. This is truly a time of the year to be thankful for the generosity of others.



Family Food Hampers: Donations of non-perishable food items will be accepted from December 1st until December 10th. There will be a classroom competition for which class brings the most items.

If a food hamper would be a support to your family this season, please contact the office to let us know.

New COVID Measures For All Regina Public Schools

Regina Public Schools is committed to the health and safety of students, their families, and employees. As of November 29th, 2021, proof of vaccination, or recent negative COVID-19 test, is required for all who enter a Regina Public School, including McDermid. **This requirement does not apply to students.** It does apply to all employees, contracted individuals, volunteers, parents, and care givers. Valid proof of vaccination includes a vaccination certificate from a MySaskHealthRecord (printed or electronic) and review of an individual's ID. Please contact the school office if you have questions.

Cold Weather Protocols

Fresh air, exercise, and free play are an important part of a child's development. Students will be sent out for recess three times a day unless the weather is colder than -25 Celsius. We ask that even on nicer days, students are sent to school with warm coats, toques, mitten, ski pants, and boots. Even on a warm day, pants can get wet which will give students a chill or make them uncomfortable.



Parents/Guardians are invited to get involved with the McDermid School Community Council (SCC). New members are always welcome!

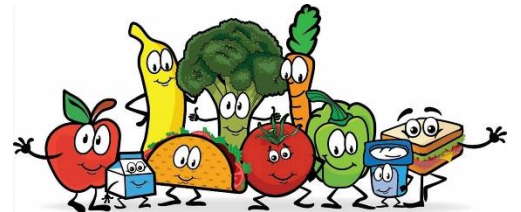
Our next meeting will take place on Wednesday, January 19th at 6:00 p.m. at the school.

Nutrition Program Menus

A **free breakfast** is provided from 8:20-8:50. Students are welcome to enter the front doors and go straight to the nutrition room.

Bag lunches are available for \$2 every day. These include one main item as well as a juice, fruit, and snack (treat).

Lunch money can be paid daily, pre-paid at the office, or pre-paid through School Cash Online. If you do not yet have an account, please go to the school website to find instructions.



The December Breakfast and Lunch Calendar is attached.

HOT LUNCH SPECIAL:

Our lunch special this month is Grilled Cheese and Tomato Soup on Dec. 9th.

ALL students are welcome to stay for lunch on this day. If your child does not normally stay for lunch (if you have not filled out a lunch room form), please fill out the attached permission form and send \$2 payment per lunch. Payment can also be made through School Cash Online. **Forms must be returned by Tuesday, Dec. 8th.**

DECEMBER EVENTS:

Wednesday, December 1st: **Food Hamper Item Collection Begins (until the 10th)**

Friday, December 3rd: **Grinch Day (Wear Green)**

Monday, December 6th: **PD Day (No School for Students)**

Thursday, December 9th: **Special Lunch: Grilled Cheese and Tomato Soup**

Thursday, December 16th: **Pajama Day (video assembly & special treat for students)**

Friday, December 17th: **Red/White/Green Day - Last Day: Early Dismissal at 2:30**

Tuesday, January 4th: **Students Return to School**

