



McDermid Community School

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DECEMBER, 2022 NEWSLETTER

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

It's hard to believe that three months of the school year have already finished, and December is here. I want to thank all of our staff and students for a wonderful three months as there are so many amazing things happening at the school. I have to acknowledge just how special our Remembrance Day Ceremony was this year. All the students were so respectful and many of our guests commented that it was one of the best Remembrance ceremonies they have ever been to. Our clothing give-away was another immensely successful event. Thank you to all the staff that made this event possible. Basketball season is now upon us, and practices have started. We also have a GSA club up that is up and running for the remainder of the year. Towards the end of the month, we had a Pizza Lunch in support of our United Way fundraising campaign, and we also recognized some outstanding students at our Honesty Assembly.

We have many events coming up in December leading towards our holiday break. Some of the events include students caroling at a Seniors Home, our community Band Concert, Alice in Wonderland and Elf Jr., our Winter Concert and SCC Bake Sale, our Toy Store, our Generosity Assembly, and a Pajama and Movie Day planned by our SLC. We hope to see you in our building for some of these upcoming events!

Sincerely,
Mr. Ryan Josephson
Principal

At McDermid, December is the month of Generosity

Generosity is a teaching found in the Circle of Courage. When we are generous, we look forward to contributing to others. We show consideration for others as we give cherished things. All of us have gifts and talents we can share to benefit others.



The month of December has many opportunities for our students and community to practice generosity.

"Share Your Light"

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION & CONCERT - TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13TH

On Tuesday, December 13th we will have a concert at **1:30 p.m. and at 6:30 p.m.** Due to fire code restrictions on audience size, we encourage anyone who can make the afternoon concert to attend at that time to allow others to attend in the evening.

Students should arrive between 6:15 and 6:20 for the concert so they are ready. School doors will not be open prior to 6:00. Classroom doors will not be open prior to 6:15.

If families would like to bring their Kindergarten child in the afternoon to perform, they are welcome to do so for the concert time frame so their child can perform and then return home with them. (This is not required at all, and Michif students will stay as per usual).

Following the afternoon concert the SCC has both a **Bake Sale and Raffle** (win one of three \$100 gift cards to Toys R' Us, Walmart, or Safeway).

Following the evening concert, families are welcome to stay for the **Bake Sale, Raffle, FREE photos with Santa**, and activities put on by our senior students. This will end at approximately 8:00 p.m.



BAKE SALE



Proceeds from the SCC Bake Sale go to help support programming in the school. Raffle prizes include one of three \$100 gift cards to Toys R' Us, Walmart, or Safeway. Raffle tickets are \$5 each or 3 for \$10 - cash only.



Photos with Santa are FREE!

CHRISTMAS HAMPER COLLECTION

From December 1st to the 18th we are collecting non-perishable food items to share with others in our community. Classes are having a friendly competition to see who can bring in the most items.



*If your family could use support, please reach out to the office: community is about both giving and receiving.

TOY STORE – DECEMBER 15th & 16th



To help our students learn about generosity, we will have them thinking about and “shopping” for others on December 15th and 16th. Families will be asked to fill out a form indicating how many family members are in a student’s home and then we will help them select gift items to bring home for Christmas celebrations. Watch for more information to come!

*Donations of gently used or new items will be accepted until December 9th.

ALICE IN WONDERLAND PERFORMANCE- RESCHEDULED

Our Grade 1 – 8 students will be attending the Do It With Class production of “Alice in Wonderland” at the University of Regina on December 8th. Students need to stay for lunch that day as the bus will be leaving the school at 12:15. *This is re-scheduled from last month: if you already paid for the bus you do not need to pay again.*



ELF JR. PERFORMANCE AT THOM COLLEGIATE

Our Grade 1 – 8 students will be attending Thom Collegiate’s production of “Elf Jr.” on Wednesday, December 14th. Students will leave the school at 1:00 and return at approximately 3:00 that day. It is important that students are on time for classes that afternoon so they do not miss out on the show!



UNITED WAY PIZZA FUNDRAISER

THANK-YOU to our community for supporting last Friday's pizza lunch. We raised \$166.90 for the United Way! Our staff had an additional fundraiser that brought in \$888.50, leaving a grand total donation from McDermid Community School of \$1055.40, which goes right back into supporting our community through the United Way initiatives.

Special thanks to Freshco/Safeway for their donation of the "fruit by the foot" which students received as part of their pizza lunch.



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).

Please see the attached calendar for the lunch plans for November.

EARLY DISMISSAL AND WINTER BREAK

Please note that on Tuesday, December 21st students will be dismissed at 2:30 p.m. Classes resume on Thursday, January 5th.

