



# McDermid Community School

*HONOR ~ RESPECT ~ RESPONSIBILITY*

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## FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER

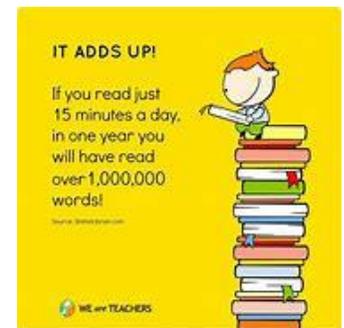


### Report Cards Have Been Sent Home – Now What?

Our recent report cards provide a summary of student achievement from September to January. The next report cards will be sent out on June 29th. So much learning will take place over the next five months.

Here are a few tips for parents/guardians to help student academic growth to the end of the school year:

- Set a regular time each evening to read with your child. Even 15 minutes a night adds up to a lot of reading growth.
- When you are watching a TV show or movie ask your child questions: “What do you think will happen next?” “Does this movie remind you of another movie we watched?” “How do you think that character feels right now?” “How do you feel right now?” These types of questions help with reading comprehension.
- Recite addition/multiplication tables when you are driving. Play card games or do puzzles on the weekend.
- Keep an eye on assignments that are being completed by going into the parent portal for your child. Teachers enter assignments/grades regularly.



For more tips, ask your child’s teacher.



**Dress for the Weather: We will continue to take outdoor breaks with our students daily, unless the weather is -25°C or colder. Please make sure students come to school prepared for going outside.**

### Looking Ahead – Mark your calendars for March

**Conferences:** Conferences will take place on Friday, March 12<sup>th</sup>. We will once again run these conferences virtually, either by Google Meets, Zoom, or phone call. Students will not attend classes in person that day.

We will be trying out an online conference scheduling program called Conference Manager which will allow families more control over conference times. More details will come out about this program in the next couple of weeks.

**Teacher’s Convention:** There will no school on Friday, March 5<sup>th</sup>.

**PD Day:** There will be no school on Monday, March 15<sup>th</sup>.



## FEBRUARY EVENTS



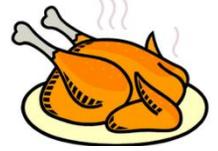
**February 2<sup>nd</sup>: Trivia Tuesday.** Students will participate in a Kahoot Event hosted by Gr. 7/8

### **February 11<sup>th</sup>: School-Wide Turkey Lunch and Formal Day (Dress Your Best!)**

We would like to invite ALL students to stay over the lunch hour for a turkey dinner.

- For grades 1-8, lunch will take place over the regular lunch break.
- Kindergarten students will be served lunch at 11:00 a.m. so they are still ready to go home at 11:45 a.m.
- Pre-K students will be served lunch when they arrive at 12:45.

We are also asking students to dress up nicely in honor of this special day.



### **February 12<sup>th</sup>: Red/White/Pink Day**



Everyone is encouraged to wear red, white, and/or pink. Students are welcome to bring valentine cards to school to share with friends, but we are asking that no food items come from home.

### **February 15<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup>: February Break: No School**

### **February 24<sup>th</sup>: Day of Pink**

This day is about making a statement that it is important to promote positive, healthy relationships. It's important to take care of one another and speak up when others are being treated poorly. Students will be working on kindness notes for one another on this day. Students are welcome to wear pink to represent their commitment to a safe learning environment and remember when Travis Price and David Shepherd wore pink to stand up for a classmate who was being picked on for wearing a pink shirt.



## FEBRUARY IS THE MONTH OF LOVE

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.



**Love** is one of the Grandfather Teachings, represented by the EAGLE. Love represents the Creator. It is everyone's right to have and experience love: this is an important reminder for Day of Pink when we remember that everyone has a right to feel safe and cared for and that all of us have a responsibility to stand up for that right.

Love is caring deeply for someone else. In order to love others we must also love ourselves. It is hard to love when we are hurt: this is an important month to remember to seek help when we need it. When people are weak, they need love the most.

Love must be given freely as a gift. When we love, we can find peace.

Please check out our website or Facebook page for links to additional resources to help you learn about Love.

As always, please don't hesitate to contact us with questions!

Sincerely,

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Principal

*Ms. April Howard*  
Vice-Principal