



# McDermid Community School

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## JANUARY 2022 NEWSLETTER

### Principal & Vice-Principal Message

Welcome back to school after our holiday break. While it was very cold during most of the break, we hope that everyone had a chance to spend some time with family and relaxing.

The cold weather likely meant that there weren't too many outdoor activities that happened! That may also be true at the school, but it will still be a busy time over the next month. January always seems to fly by but it is a good time to reset for the next part of the school year. After the break, staff and students are rejuvenated to 'get back to it.' Back to a focus on learning, back to the routine of school, back to seeing friends, and back to working as a team. Our Grandfather Teaching this month is "Humility" which reminds us that success in education requires everyone working together to continue building our positive McDermid Maverick spirit.

There will be a lot of focus this month on getting report cards completed and sent home on January 28<sup>th</sup>, and keeping learning interesting and motivating. We will continue to work with families to support students in their academic, personal, social, and emotional growth. Please contact us if you have questions.

We wish everyone all the very best for the year 2022. Here is to a happy new year, and the hope of fresh starts and growth.

*Ms. April Howard*

Vice-Principal

*Mr. Bob Phillips*

Principal

#### January is the month of Humility

**Humility is represented by the wolf.** The wolf understands that all members of the pack are important; they are a team. We are learning about the word "Wahkowtowin" this year, which reminds us that we are all connected and a part of creation. It is important to think about taking care of others, and how our actions affect others. Humility can include compassion, calmness, meekness, gentleness, and patience.

Humility



When we show humility, we look for ways to respect and learn from others. We look for ways to appreciate the gifts and abilities of those around us. We remember that we need one another.

#### Cold Weather Reminders

It has been very, very cold over the past few weeks. Our guidelines state that when there is a windchill of -25C or greater, we will have indoor recess. This includes students arriving in the morning. When we do have indoor recess, students still have a break but activities are held in their classroom. We do monitor weather conditions throughout the day so sometimes students may have an indoor recess in the morning and go outside in the afternoon.



Parents are asked to make sure students have proper winter clothing for all conditions. Even on nicer days, please send students with warm coats, toques, mittens, ski pants, and boots. On a warm day, pants can get wet which will give students a chill or make them uncomfortable. On colder days, our school can get quite chilly.

If you need some extra winter clothes, let us know and we will try to help.

#### WHOLE-SCHOOL FREE JANUARY TURKEY MEAL



Everyone is welcome to stay at school for lunch on **Thursday, January 20<sup>th</sup>**. We will be serving a free turkey dinner for all of our students and staff that day.

To celebrate, students are also encouraged to dress up fancy ("dress their best") for the meal.

## Report Cards

Report cards will be sent home on January 28<sup>th</sup>. Report cards provide parents and students with a snapshot of progress made to this point in the school year. It is important to know that report cards are only one of the ways students and families receive feedback regarding student growth. However, report cards are important. When you receive your child's report card, take some time to review it with them. Ask them questions about what they are learning and what they enjoy. Ask them how you can provide support for their learning at home. Ask them what goals they have for the weeks and months ahead.

Once report cards have been reviewed, you can always talk to teachers to get any clarification. Our next student/parent/teacher conference date is set for Monday, March 14<sup>th</sup>.

\*Stay up to date on your academic child's progress, and school communication at any time on EDSBY.

### Provincial Grading Scale

*Further detail will be given with report cards*

**BE – Beginning** (initial understanding)

**AP – Approaching** (progressing toward understanding)

**ME – Meeting** (grade level learning)

**EX – Exemplary** (in-depth understanding)

**IE – Insufficient Evidence**

**IG – Individual Goals** (this designation would be previously discussed with caregivers)



### Stay Connected on EDSBY

EDSBY is one of the main communication links between school and home. It is the electronic platform used across the Regina Public School Division for all students and staff. Parents can easily and directly send messages to the school and to teachers. It offers parents the opportunity to monitor attendance and completion of assignments. IF we are directed to return to remote learning (IF any new COVID restrictions are put into place), EDSBY could be a significant link for at home learning. If you have not yet completed the EDSBY process for your family, please contact the school office right away by calling 306-791-8502.



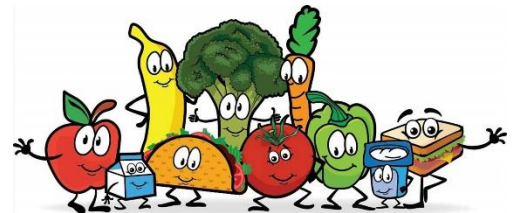
The School Community Council is another great way to stay up to date on what is taking place in the school. New members are always welcome! Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, January 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 at the school. Proof of vaccination or a recent negative covid test will be required.

## 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 January Breakfast and Lunch Calendar is attached.**

### **HOT LUNCH SPECIAL:**

Our lunch special this month is **Spaghetti and Meatballs** on January 11<sup>th</sup>.

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 Monday, January 10<sup>th</sup>.**



## JANUARY EVENTS:

Tuesday, January 4<sup>th</sup>: **Students Return to School**

Tuesday, January 11<sup>th</sup>: **Special Lunch: Spaghetti & Meatballs** (Deadline for order for is January 10<sup>th</sup>)

Wednesday, January 19<sup>th</sup>: **SCC Meeting at 6:00**

Monday, January 17<sup>th</sup>: **PD Day (No School for Students)**

Thursday, January 20<sup>th</sup>: **Fancy Day & Free Whole School Lunch**

Friday, January 28<sup>th</sup>: **Report Cards sent home**

February 21<sup>st</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup>: **Family Week Break – No School for students or staff**

