



McDermid Community School

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May (Mii) 2023 NEWSLETTER

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

May is a time for us to revisit routines and structures, self-regulate, and set ourselves up for success before the busyness of June begins. We are thankful that we can see an end to the snow, which will provide opportunity for more outdoor learning and exercise opportunities. We are also very thankful to our school community for supporting the "Beat Cancer" Fundraiser being run by Thom Collegiate. Final numbers are still being tabulated, but currently McDermid students have raised over \$250. Thank you for all of your support!

The Grandfather Teaching for May is Courage – and one of the important teachings in May is to remember the balance between rest and play and hard work. There are still two full months of learning at school: students will be the most successful when they are getting enough rest so they have the ability to focus when they are at school.

Bravery includes trying hard things – including working on attending school ready to learn new things each day. Consistent routine and structure and regular bed-times are important, and may be more challenging to maintain as the weather gets warmer and the sun is out longer. We thank families in advance for doing their best to support healthy living and school readiness.

Sincerely,
Mr. Ryan Josephson
Principal

At McDermid, May ("Mii") is the month of Courage (Michif for Brave is "Braav")



The Grandfather Teaching of Courage is represented by the Bear (Michif: "Aen Noor").

Courage is about facing our fears and standing up for ourselves. A mother bear will face her fears when her cubs are confronted with danger. Courage is also about not being reckless, seeing the danger and knowing when to say "no."

The bear is the symbol of courage, and just as the bear hibernates through the winter months, courage rests inside each and every one of us, ready to be awakened. The

bear also reminds us that it's important to have times of rest and play.

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A link to Elder Hazel Dixon's teaching about Courage can be found on our website. These teachings, and many more, are done as part of the Traditional Knowledge Keeper Series in partnership with the Saskatchewan Teacher's Federation and the Royal Saskatchewan Museum.

WATER BOTTLES NEEDED Many of our students have lost or broken the water bottles they began the year with. Please check in with your child and ensure they have a replacement if needed. We would also gratefully accept donations from anyone who has some extras to spare.

(Thank you to community members who have sent in some donations!)



EDSBY – HELPFUL FEATURES

Did you know that Edsby has settings that allow you to get notifications to email or your phone on attendance, grades, and when news items are posted? If you click on the down arrow in the right hand corner, you can get to settings and adjust what kind of notifications you receive. Edsby allows you to see your child's progress, overdue assignments, and attendance.

If you need help getting connected on Edsby, please contact the office.



SHOES

Several of our students do not have indoor shoes, or have outgrown theirs. Please check with your child(ren) to ensure they still have indoor shoes for the remainder of the year. Having shoes on for the school day prevents slips and falls.

TRACK & FIELD

Our Grade 4 to 8 students will participate in a **Track & Field Day** on **Friday, May 19th**. If weather is too poor for being outside, announcements will be made that morning on Edsby and Facebook. We will go ahead even if it is overcast or chilly – so please ensure your child is dressed appropriately (layers are best), has a water bottle, and appropriate footwear.

Students who place well in an event will have the opportunity to advance to an inter-school competition at Douglas Park on Friday, June 2nd. Students who will qualify will receive a permission slip informing parents of this opportunity.

Friday, June 2nd is also our current date for our Kindergarten to Grade 3 Play Day. Senior students who do not attend Douglas Park will help with the Play Day events.



WEAR RED DAY: NATIONAL DAY FOR MMIW



We encourage our students, staff, and community members to wear Red on Friday, May 5th. This is a day set aside to recognize and honor missing and murdered Indigenous women and girls. This tragic occurrence is something that directly impacts members of our community. Discussions around this topic will be done in an age appropriate manner with the overarching theme being that every person matters and is deserving of love, safety, and care.

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).

WHOLE-SCHOOL, FREE HOT DOG DAY!

On Friday, May 19th we will have a free hot dog lunch for our entire student body. Our pre-K and K students who only come for half a day will have a special snack rather than a lunch. Our Michif students who stay for lunch will have the hot dog lunch.



If you know your child(ren) require a larger lunch, please feel free to still send extra snacks for the day.

MAY EVENTS:

Monday, May 1st – NO SCHOOL: PD DAY

Friday, May 5th – Wear Red Day: MMIW

Wednesday, May 17th – SCC Meeting at 6:30

Friday, May 19th - Track & Field for Grades 4-8

- **Whole-School FREE Hot Dog Day**

Monday, May 22nd – NO SCHOOL: VICTORIA DAY

Friday, May 26th – SLC Spirit Day (stay tuned for details)

Monday, May 29th – Grade 6 Band Student to Thom for a concert: Grade 5s to attend as audience

Wednesday, May 31st – Courage Assembly at 10:45 a.m.



LOOKING AHEAD:

City-Wide Track & Field and Play Day: Friday, June 2nd

Grade 8 Farewell: Thursday, June 22nd

Last Day of School: Wednesday, June 28th (Early Dismissal at 2:30)