



McDermid Community School

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NOVEMBER, 2022 NEWSLETTER

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Another month has flown by and lots of great things have been happening at the school. It has been amazing to see our volleyball team back in action. Congratulations to the players and coaches on a great season! Our Safety Patrol is also up and running, so thank you to those students that are helping keep everyone safe when crossing the street. A reminder to parents/guardians that there is no parking along 5th Avenue North by the student playground. Please remind your children to use the safety patrol crosswalk when crossing the street.

Our SLC has been busy planning fun events at the school such as Wacky Hair Day, and our Halloween Dance: stay tuned for more events in November. We had Taco in a Bag for all our students on October 20th, and it was a huge success. Thank you to all the staff involved in organizing and executing such an amazing lunch! On October 27th at our Respect Assembly we recognized some amazing students who won awards for displaying respect in their classrooms and in the school. Thank you to those caregivers and community members who were able to attend.

There are lots of amazing things happening in November including our Remembrance Day Ceremony, our Clothing Give-Away, Two-Way Conferences, our Immunization Clinic, and also our Honesty Assembly. We hope to see you in our building at one of these upcoming events!

Sincerely,
Mr. Ryan Josephson
Principal

At McDermid, November is the month of Honesty.

Honesty means telling the truth. It is represented by the Sabe, a giant, because people who tell the truth are as big and strong as giants and can hold their heads up high. Being honest is having the courage to do and say the right thing. We let truth be our guide. We learn to be honest with ourselves, and are truthful and trustworthy.



The Ojibwa expression Kitchi-Sabe means to walk tall, or to have integrity.

REMEMBRANCE PROGRAM – THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 10TH

Our community is invited to join us for our **Remembrance Program on Thursday, November 10th**. It will begin at **10:30 a.m.** Each class will have representatives laying wreaths at our program, and all of our students will be involved in presenting either a poem or a song during the program.

All students will receive poppies the morning of November 10th to wear at the assembly. These will be given to the students to keep. Poppies are supplied by the Royal Canadian Legion: we will accept donations on their behalf throughout the week. Donations go toward the Legion's efforts to support veterans. Poppies will be available at the door for our guests.



There is **no school on Friday, November 11th** in honor of Remembrance Day.

TWO-WAY CONFERENCES – NOVEMBER 18TH



Our Two-Way (Caregiver/Teacher) Conferences for K-8 will take place on Friday, November 18th. Kindergartens will also have meetings Thursday, November 17th.

Our Pre-Ks will do a Celebration of Learning instead of conferences on both Thursday, November 17th and Friday, November 18th. Please watch for more information from Ms. Eurich.

Families have the choice to do meetings in person at the school, or virtually through either zoom or a phone call. This year, parents/guardians will be able to choose and book their own conference time online. Email invitations will be sent out for parents/guardians to choose a conference time with their child(ren)'s teacher. **If you need support with this process, or do not receive an email by November 2nd, please contact the office.**

Please note that there will **NOT** be regular classes for any students on Friday, November 18th.

There are **NO** Kindergarten, Michif, or Pre-K classes on Thursday, November 17th.

COLD WEATHER REMINDERS



Students will be sent outside for recess unless the weather is colder than minus 25 degrees. If a student is not well enough to play outside, they should not be in class. We ask that families ensure their children attend with appropriate clothing for being outside.

Our clothing giveaway November 16-18 is set up to provide some support for families in this area. We know it's challenging to keep up with growing children.

CLOTHING GIVEAWAY – NOVEMBER 16TH – 18TH

Our school gym will be filled with a variety of clothing and footwear for all ages. We invited our school families to come first, and then on the 18th the giveaway is open to anyone in the community.



- **November 16th and 17th during the school day:** Parents and Guardians can come during school hours to select and take items for their families. Students are welcome to come right after school to look through and take items.
- **November 17th from 4:00 – 7:00 p.m.:** our school families are welcome to come to take items for anyone in the household.
- **November 18th from 8:30-2:30** anyone in our community is welcome to come and take items – even if they do not have students in the school. The clothing giveaway will close at 2:30 p.m. on Friday.

ROUTINE CHILDHOOD IMMUNIZATION CLINIC



On **Thursday, November 17th from 3:30-6:30 p.m.** The Saskatchewan Health Authority will be available to help catch children (students and siblings) up on any immunizations they have missed: all you need is your health card and any records of out of province or country immunizations. Flu shots will be available but there will be no covid immunizations.

ALICE IN WONDERLAND

Our Grade 1 – 8 students will be attending the Do It With Class production of “Alice in Wonderland” at the University of Regina. Students need to stay for lunch that day as the bus will be leaving the school at 12:15.



PHOTO RETAKES will be the morning of Monday, November 7th.

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.

NOVEMBER CALENDAR

Monday, November 7th: Photo Retakes – morning only

Tuesday, November 8th: Indigenous Veteran's Day

Wednesday, November 9th: Grade 1-8 attend a performance of “Alice in Wonderland” at the University. Students will leave the school at 12:15 so need to stay for lunch that day. Classes will begin eating lunch by about 11:30.

Thursday, November 10th: Remembrance Program beginning at 10:30 a.m. Community members welcome.

Friday, November 11th: **No School** – Remembrance Day

Monday, November 14th: **No School** – PD Day

Wednesday, November 16th – Friday, November 18th: Clothing Giveaway

Wednesday, November 16th: SCC Meeting at 6:00

Thursday, November 17th: Hat Day. Conference Day for pre-K and K (no regular class for pre-K, Michif, or K)

Thursday, November 17th: Clothing Giveaway Evening and Immunization Clinic

Friday, November 18th: Two-Way Conferences and Clothing Giveaway (ends at 2:30). No Regular Classes

Friday, November 25th: Pizza Lunch Fundraiser for United Way

Wednesday, November 30th: Honesty Assembly at 10:30 a.m. Community members are welcome to attend

LOOKING AHEAD:

Thom Area Band Concert – December 1st
Toy Store: December 15th & 16th

Winter Concert & Celebration: Tuesday, December 13th
Christmas Break: December 21st – January 5th