



# McDermid Community School

**HONOR ~ RESPECT ~ RESPONSIBILITY**  
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## OCTOBER, 2022 NEWSLETTER



### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Welcome back students and families! I want to thank the staff, students, and community of McDermid School for giving me such an amazing welcome. Having been in this community before as a teacher at Robert Usher Collegiate for 7 years, and at Thom Collegiate for 10 years, it has felt like a homecoming to me, and it's good to be home. We had a wonderful start to the school year and I can't believe that September is almost over.

Thank you to everyone who was able to come out to our Open House. It was so nice to see families back in our building after a long two and a half years of COVID restrictions. It is also nice to see some extracurricular activities back up and running as well. Our cross-country team is in full swing, as is volleyball. We are also resurrecting our safety patrol, and they will be up and running soon. There are lots of exciting things happening over the next few months, so stay tuned!



If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the school. You can reach us at [mcdermid@rbe.sk.ca](mailto:mcdermid@rbe.sk.ca) or 306-791-8502.

Sincerely,  
Mr. Ryan Josephson  
Principal

### At McDermid, October is the month of Respect.

Respect is one of the Grandfather Teachings, and is represented by the buffalo. Respect is a special consideration of another person, place or thing. You honor creation by showing respect. Every part of creation deserves value and courteous consideration and appreciation. We do not harm others or ourselves.



"Being respectful should be considered a basic human right," says Elder Hazel Dixon. "Before you speak, let your words pass through three gates. Is it true? Is it necessary? Is it kind?"

### 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:** If a student is going to remain at the school for lunch, we require families to fill out a lunch supervision form. 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 October.



Please note that on October 20<sup>th</sup> a **FREE taco-in-a-bag lunch will be provided for all students. We invite all of our students to stay for lunch that day.**

**Kindergartens and Pre-K students who do not normally stay for lunch will receive a special snack during regular class time.**



The Good Food Box is underway at McDermid School. The Good Food Box is for anyone and everyone: it brings affordable, fresh fruits and vegetables right into your community. Once your payment is made (e-Transfer), your order is placed for pickup 2 weeks later. On pick up day you simply bring your bags and take your food home. This is also a great time to place and pay for your next order. Our next food order can be made October 13th. If you would like to order, please contact Ms. Smith ([chalyn.smith@rbe.sk.ca](mailto:chalyn.smith@rbe.sk.ca)).



## PICTURE DAY IS COMING!!!

Tuesday, October 11<sup>th</sup> is our school's picture day. We will endeavour to begin photos with our youngest students first, but cannot guarantee exact photo times for each class.

## SPIRIT WEAR ORDERS



Once again, we will be partnering with Torchy's Sport Imaging for spirit wear. All orders can be made online and include hoodies, sweatshirts, long sleeve shirts, and t-shirts. Sizes include both youth and adult. The link to online ordering is

[https://studio.reginatshirts.com/mcdermid\\_school\\_clothing/shop/home](https://studio.reginatshirts.com/mcdermid_school_clothing/shop/home) and will also be on our website and Edsby.



Please note that there are no refunds or exchanges, and no orders will be made without payment. **The last day to order is October 31<sup>st</sup>.**

If you are unable to order online, but would still like to place an order, please contact the office.

## UPCOMING EVENTS & EXTRACURRICULAR

**Cross-Country Running:** Congratulations to the 25 students who represented McDermid Community School at the Douglas Park inter-school race. Three runners who finished within the top 25 raced in cities on September 28<sup>th</sup>!

**Volleyball:** Our co-ed team of 12 has had several practices and will begin games next week. The schedule was handed out to players and is posted on our website.



**Safety Patrol:** We have 10 members on the team who have begun training. We remind drivers that the speed limit around the school is 30 km/h, and ask everyone to be kind and respectful to all of our students and staff as they help students to safely return home.

**Student Leadership Club:** Thirteen of our students have stepped up to take a leadership role in planning various events for our school, and assisting with our monthly assemblies. This month the leadership club has planned a Wacky Hair Day on October 20<sup>th</sup>, and will be running a Halloween Dress Up Day & Dance on October 31<sup>st</sup>.

**Monday, October 31<sup>st</sup>:** Students are welcome to come in costumes for the day. No blood, gore, weapons, masks, or large props. Students need to be able to move freely and participate in regular school activities during the day. Staff will not help students to change into or out of costumes and all students will still be expected to go outside for recess. A short dance will be run for students in the afternoon with canteen items available for pre-order. Please watch for more information to come home.

*\*The school is collecting donations of gently used costumes for those who come to school without.*

### OCTOBER CALENDAR

Friday, October 7<sup>th</sup>: No School - Staff PD Day

Monday, October 10<sup>th</sup>: No School – Thanksgiving

Tuesday, October 11<sup>th</sup>: School Photos

Thursday, October 13<sup>th</sup>: Grade 2/3 Field trip to the museum. Good Food Box orders due at noon.

Wednesday, October 19<sup>th</sup>: SCC Meeting at 6:00 p.m. All welcome.

Thursday, October 20<sup>th</sup>: Wacky Hair Day

Thursday, October 20<sup>th</sup>: Taco in a Bag Day! This is a FREE lunch for our entire school!

Friday, October 21<sup>st</sup>: No School: Teacher Convention

Thursday, October 27<sup>th</sup>: Respect Assembly at 10:30 a.m. Community members welcome to attend

Friday, October 28<sup>th</sup>: Michif Family Day 11:30-1:30

Monday, October 31<sup>st</sup>: Dress up and Dance Day



### LOOKING AHEAD:

- **Remembrance Day Program:** Thursday, November 10<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m.
- **3-Way-Conferences** will take place Friday, November 18<sup>th</sup>. No regular classes. Families will have a choice of coming in to the building or meeting via zoom or phone call. More information will come out in November.
- Our **Clothing Giveaway** will also run November 16<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup>. Students will be able to access clothing Wednesday and Thursday, with the community welcome to come in on Friday.
- **Winter Concert and Christmas Celebration:** Tuesday, December 13<sup>th</sup>