



McCreary
School

Newsletter

December
2023



From the Principal's Desk

It is amazing how time flies when you are having fun. The staff and students at the school have been busy with special presentations, sports, activities and working hard in their studies. The lack of snow on the ground at the end of November is making us wonder if winter will be mild or come in with a vengeance. The rash of illness going through the school with students and staff members has caused us to dig deep and work hard to catch up and keep moving forward. That is **our resiliency, our GRIT, and our perseverance**. Here are some important messages/highlights of the month to share with all of you;

- **Stay Home if Sick!** - We thank those who stay home when ill or keep children home when sick, as this is important in order to keep from spreading illness to the entire class.
- **Fish & Nut Allergies** - A quick reminder that our school has students with nut and fish allergies. So please do not send these items in lunches. We appreciate your help in ensuring the safety of all students.
- **We Made Provincials!** - At the end of the month on November 30-December 1st, our Co-op Volleyball team is heading to Provincials. We know they will represent us well and we are proud of what they have been able to achieve and have our full support. **Way to go Mavericks!**
- **Parent/Teacher Interviews** - Parent Teacher Night/Interviews were well attended overall. We know we communicate well with parents and guardians, but this is a time for so much more to occur. It was exciting to see everyone in the school again and see parents and teachers meeting, discussing their child's progress, see their child's classroom and see their child's desk. This opportunity to tour the building and see displayed artwork, and the beautiful school overall is a lot of fun. Many parents I spoke with showed me their picture on the graduate wall of fame. In person is more personable and we hope you all felt welcomed to be in McCreary School.
- **Legion Posters** - McCreary students continue to represent the school well in the McCreary Legion Remembrance Day contest. Some amazing submissions will make it very hard for the judges. Way to go!continued on pg.2



On behalf of All McCreary School Staff Members, we
"Wish you and your family a Safe and Happy Holidays!"

The Maverick Way



From the Principal's Desk....Continued.....

- **Plans for December** - As Christmas is upon us, we have many events and activities planned leading up to our holiday break. Christmas Concert, Spirit Week, Grade Wars, and a Student Dinner are just some of the activities being planned. December is looking at being a fantastic month.
- **This year, the last day of school before Christmas Break is on Friday, December 22, 2023 and the first day of classes begin on January 8th, 2024.**
- **School Canteen** -The canteen has been running steady thanks to our student council volunteers. The canteen is open during the noon hour and offers students the opportunity for some warm-up lunch food, some snack food, and a few beverages.
- **New Beverage Machine** -The new Pepsi Machine is here and the drinks are coming shortly. Unfortunately, we have had a delay in Pepsi getting us beverages to put in the machine until the first week of December.
- **Dressing for Winter** -The temperatures are beginning to drop into some pretty low numbers where skin can freeze in just seconds. All students are expected to go outside for recess so students need to be dressed warm. If the temperature is below -26 degrees Celsius (with or without wind) based on the TRSD weather network (at the time of recess), students will have an indoor recess. **Hats, mitts, and a good winter jacket is necessary for all students so they are prepared in case of an emergency.** All students are also expected to be well dressed in order to be picked up on the school bus as well as be transported to different sports and shops programs.

Mr. Jason Nadeau

Important Dates:

December 18th - Christmas Concert @ 7pm

December 18th-22nd - Spirit Week

**December 20th - Christmas lunch for students
and staff**

**December 23rd - January 7th -
Christmas Break**

January 8th - First Day Back to School



Hello from the music room,

Grade 7/8 band students have been learning a few Christmas songs and we will continue to work hard this next month so we can perform at the Christmas concert.

Grade 4,5,6 students are all learning guitar

Grade 2,3 students are learning chords on the ukulele as well as singing songs and learning rhythms.

K-1 students enjoy singing and playing music learning games.

High school Band – Wind instrument players are learning a few Christmas songs for the concert.

The rock band has multiple songs we are learning, we have a lot of fun putting these rock/country songs together.

Bye for now, Ms. Tait



Kindergarten News



DECEMBER



ELA/Math Learning

ELA:

- Letters Uu, Gg, Kk, Ee, Vv, Xx, Jj, Ww
- Saying sounds and blending them together
- Syllables
- Fixing reading mistakes

Math:

- Ordinal Numbers
- Patterns
- Numbers 6-10

Other Learning

Science:

- Tree seeds

Social Studies:

- My community
- Environment

Health:

- School hazards
- Bus safety
- Fire safety

Important Dates

December 18 - Christmas Concert
December 20 - Christmas Meal
December 22 - Last day of classes
January 8 - Classes resume

Birthdays

December 10 - Acadia
December 18 - Ava

Christmas Concert

Monday, December 18th

6:30 Bring child to K classroom
7:00 Concert begins

Grade 1

Season's Greetings!

The holiday season is upon us and that means we are busy practicing for the Christmas concert. This year the kindergarten and grade 1 classes are dancing to the song *The Reindeer Games*. We are very excited for this year's production!

For the month of December, we will be focusing on the measurement unit (length, width, and height) and problem solving in math. We are continuing to focus on our basic math facts to 10 and counting in class.

We wrote our letters to Santa and we can't wait for him to write back to us! We are continuing to read and practice our reading strategies in our reading groups. Parents please continue reading the home reading books, rings of words, and practicing the spelling words at home daily. Keep up the great work at home!

In social studies, we are wrapping up the *I Belong* unit and soon we will be starting the unit *Characteristics of Objects and Materials* in science. Students will get the opportunity to explore various objects, distinguish between objects and materials, and learn what materials objects are made of.

We would like to wish everyone a safe and merry holiday season!

Mrs. Lussier and the grade 1 class

Grade 2

The students are getting excited for Christmas. We will be busy writing letters to Santa and preparing for the Christmas concert!

-In E. L. A. we have been busy with goal setting, reading, writing, spelling and working with words. The grade 3 students are excited to begin handwriting. During writing we wrote cinquain poems for Remembrance Day and have been working on paragraphs. The students have been practicing adding details for a topic sentence. Please continue to do the home reading with your children and fill out the reading log.

-In math we finished our unit on sorting data and pictographs. In our next unit, we will be studying numbers to 100. We will continue to practice counting, mental math and problem solving.

-In social studies we are learning about rights, responsibilities and leadership. In science we have been looking at stability in structures.

-In art class we recently made a winter painting with a moose silhouette and we will be working on a variety of other Christmas projects.

Happy Holidays!

Mrs. Nadeau & The Grade 2 Class





December 2023!

Grade 4!

GENERAL INFORMATION

Happy holidays everyone!

Please remember to send agendas back everyday, so that we can add important information as needed.

Remember that each child should be reading a minimum of 15 minutes per night on weekdays, and it should be recorded daily in their agenda.

Printing is every day 3. We do one letter (2 pages) per cycle, so students have a school cycle to complete their printing.

MATH

We are nearing the end of our decimals unit, and the kids have been doing extremely well! Shortly our multiplication and division units will start, so strap in for a wild ride!

ELA

We completed our novel study, so will be taking a break and doing some reading groups until January. Spelling Tests will continue to be on the last day of every school week, with the pretest happening on Mondays, and exercises on Wednesdays.

SCIENCE

We have a few more concepts to cover in our habitats unit, and then we will be making the switch to light!

SOCIAL STUDIES

The kids have been learning all about Canada and its geography. We are ready to make the switch to some history about Canada very soon.

IMPORTANT DATES:

- December 18: Christmas Concert
- December 22: Last day of classes/Christmas Party



NEWSLETTER

MONTH

CLASSROOM NEWS

Thank you to those parents that came for Parent's Day. It was nice meeting you! In math class. We have been exploring and comparing fractions and decimals. We will be doing a cooking activity to practice of fraction skills with measurement. Students are encouraged to do some home journaling and be aware of their punctuation skills.

REMINDERS

Please return any books that were sent home for reading in September.
Remember to wear warm clothing as it is getting colder outside for recess.

EVENTS

CHRISTMAS Concert
December 18, 2023

Last Day of Classes
December 22, 2023

TO-DO

- Home reading
- Multiplication facts
- Division Facts





December NEWSLETTER

Grade 6



A Note From The Teacher

November has been a busy and exciting month in the grade 6 classroom. While we continue our studies, we have also incorporated preparing and practicing for the upcoming Christmas concert. The students are all very excited and can't wait to perform!

Our class is also having a Christmas basket raffle. If you would like to purchase tickets please contact a grade 6 student or myself.

~ Mrs. Duchart

Contact Me

Please contact me at the school with any questions or concerns.



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What We Are Learning

ELA: We were able to incorporate a variety of Remembrance Day learning and activities into our ELA this month. Students were excited to send postcards to our Canadian veterans to thank them for their service.

Math: The grade 6 math class continues to work on their fraction, percentage, and division concepts.

Science: We are finishing our science unit on Properties and Changes in Substances and students are excited to start their end of unit design projects.

Social Studies: Students are wrapping up their first social studies unit by exploring tools, art, and ceremonies of the First Peoples of Canada.

Reminders

*Please remember to return November home reading logs and continue to fill out the December logs throughout the month.

*All raffle tickets for the classroom fundraiser need to be returned by December 15th.



Upcoming Events

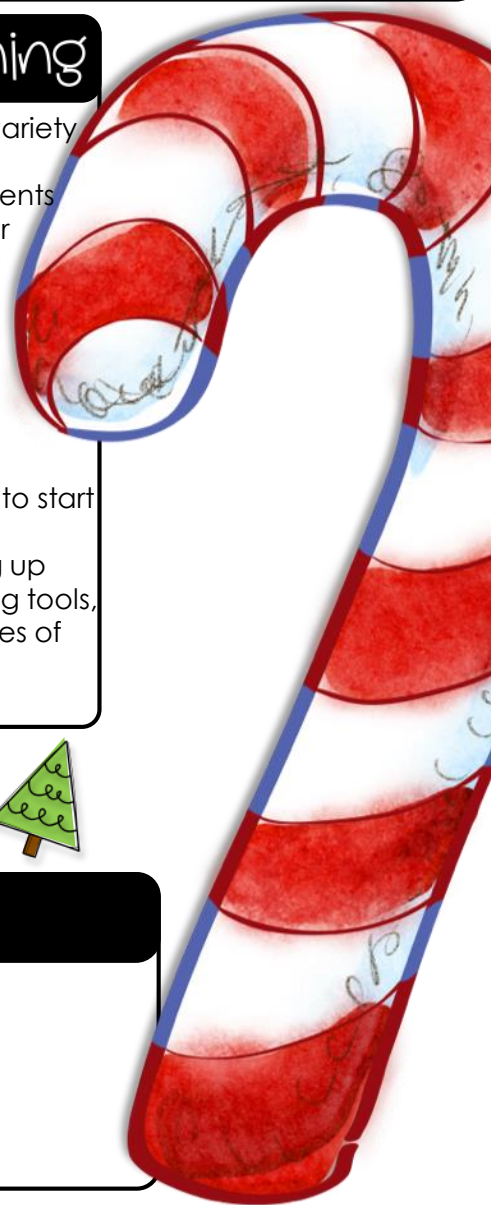
December 15th – Raffle tickets to be returned

December 18th – Christmas Concert at 7:00

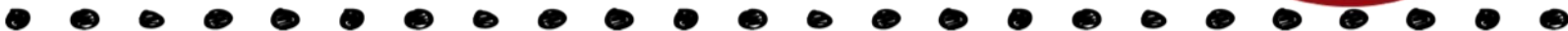
December 19th – Raffle draw

December 20th – Christmas Dinner

December 22nd – Last day of classes before Christmas break

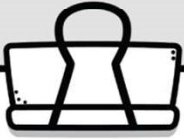


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Miss. Kohlman's NEWSLETTER



Upcoming EVENTS

- ☐ Spirit Week: Dec 18th – 22nd
- ☐ Christmas Concert: Dec 18th
- ☐ Christmas Dinner: Dec 20th

Reminders

- ✓ Last day of classes: Dec 22nd
- ✓ Classes resume: Jan 8th

DECEMBER

OUR MONTH OF...

learning...

I cannot believe December is already upon us!

- **Grade 3 Math-** Students have started their new unit on representing, comparing, ordering, and estimating numbers.
- **Grade 8 Math-** Students are working hard to complete their Linear Relations unit.
- **Grade 7/8 French-** Students have been preparing to give a French weather report as meteorologists.
- **Art-** The 9-12's just finished their low relief cardboard sculptures, and the 7&8's are busy creating winter and Christmas Art pieces.
- **Grade 7/8 Social Studies-** The class is currently learning about Ancient Egypt.
- **Data Collection & Analysis-** We are working through our third module on Formulas and Functions.

CONTACT INFO





Mr. Billett's November Report

November Report

As November winds down students are becoming excited for the Christmas holidays. We have just completed parent teacher interviews in which students' work was shared with their parents. Further, students received their report cards this month and parents can continue to check their child's progress through parent portal online.

Within the classroom, high school students have been learning various topics. The grade ten ELA students are busy understanding narrative point of view and figurative language while reading the novel *Flipped*. The grade 12 ELA group is also delving into narrative elements and learning how to create and interpret visual while reading their novel. Moreover, ELA 20F and 40S students are also continuing to work on their reading response book reports and their *Genius Hour* projects. In Canada in the Contemporary World 10F, students have recently completed chapters on Canadian civics and culture, and are now learning about world governments. Hockey 11/31G student have been utilizing on-ice instruction at the rink, working on edge control, stride mechanics, stick handling, and their shot release.

The social justice club had another successful campaign collecting non-perishable food items in October and are continuing to do through the month of November. Again, we have partnered with McCreary's Christmas Cheer food hamper collection for our annual food drive.

Lastly, as we approach Christmas students are working hard as they only have one month after the break to complete their work before they write the first semester exams.

Mr. Billett

Students Work, Art and Activities

There were many great samples of the students work this month. There are also some candid shots of our social justice club food hamper campaign, screen shot of drama videos in ELA and some of their *Genius Hour* work



For Local Food Hampers

McCreary Social Justice Club is gathering nonperishable food items on Halloween and throughout the Month of November to support an effort to collect food for our local Christmas hampers.



Important Dates

Subject to change due to unforeseen circumstances)

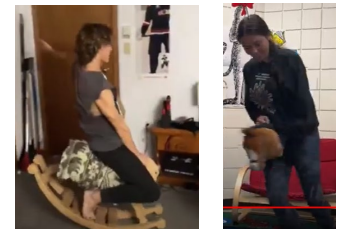
November 28 - Group discussion 1 about the novel 2.

December 14 - Group discussion 2 about the novel 2.

January 9 to 12 - Grade 12 Provincial Exam

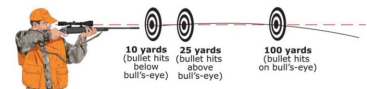
January 15 - In class reading response assignment for novel 2.

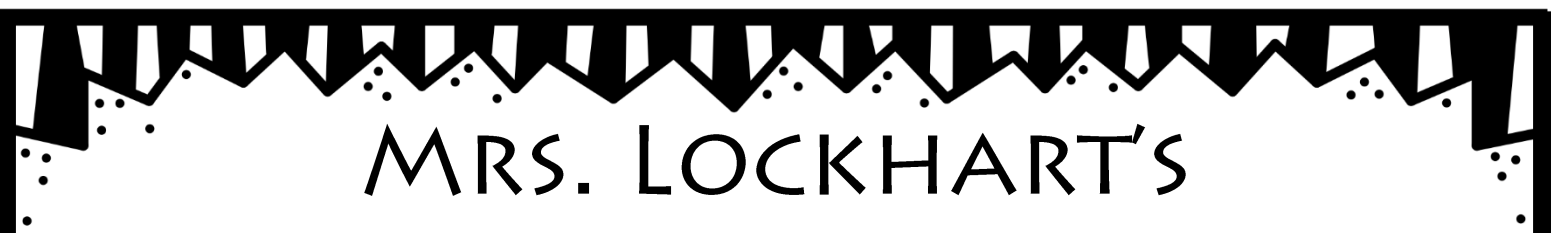
January 18 - Genius hour final paper and presentation



What is my genius hour

My genius hour is sighting in my gun





MRS. LOCKHART'S CLASSROOM UPDATE

Report cards went home last month which means we have past the half-way mark. Many of our courses have just three units left, and December is always a busy month, so stay organized and work hard right through to holidays.

Grade 9 Math

Last month, students wrote their first mRLC quiz which assesses their understanding of the foundational outcomes. The results of this quiz help to guide our review time as we proceed through the second half of the course. Currently, we are busy working with linear relations and exploring the various ways that they can be represented.

Grade 11 & 12 Essential Math


Both grades have started into the financial math portions of their course. The 11s are learning the difference between simple and compound interest, while exploring how interest factors into investments and loans. The 12s have just finished a unit on vehicle finances where we explored everything from monthly payment options for buying and leasing to autopac premiums and depreciation.

Grade 11 & 12 Applied Math


The grade 11s have just wrapped up a unit on statistics, where we learned about standard deviation and a normal distribution. Now we're on to graphing linear inequalities; a continuation of graphing linear relations from grade 9 and 10. The grade 12s have recently completed their unit on probability, which required them to use their knowledge of permutations and combinations to determine the number of successful outcomes.

Physics 30S

After exploring gravitational, electric, and magnetic fields, we have completed our unit on Fields. We will spend our remaining time looking at the behavior of waves!



Parents! If you have not done so yet, I strongly encourage you to contact the office to sign up for the **Maplewood Parent Portal**. This allows you to log in online at any time to check on your child's progress in their courses. No need to wait for report cards.



GRADE 9 SEWING PROJECTS



GRADE 8 SEWING PROJECTS



McCreary School

Physical Education and Athletics

Varsity Boys Volleyball

The varsity boys have been piling up the accomplishments in the final weeks of the 2023 season. The boys won the Souris tournament, the Celtics Clash, divisionals, zones, and rolled to an undefeated record at provincial qualifiers in Glenboro. The team will head to provincials in Fisher River as the #4 seed with high hopes of bringing home a gold medal this year.

In other big news, Liam Musgrave and Sam Gurke have earned Volleyball Manitoba Graduating All-star awards for their strong play this year. The pair will travel to Winnipeg on December 9th for the awards banquet and all-star game. Sam was the leading left-side among coach's votes while also leading the entire province in fan votes. Liam came out as the #2 middle in coach's votes. The boys are 2 of the only 4 Single 'A' level players to make the all-star squad this year.

I am also very grateful to be joining our two all-stars at the banquet as I have been selected as this years' Single 'A' Boys coach of year.



Junior Volleyball

The junior teams have been practicing and competing in their evening exhibition games throughout the month of November. The teams will wrap up their seasons on Wednesday, November 29th as the boys travel to Glenella for divisionals while the girls will be hosting divisionals in McCreary.

-Mr. MacFarlane



IMPROVING COMMUNICATION IN OUR COMMUNITY

We are pleased to announce the launch of our new communication system: **McCreary Connect**. This system will keep you informed about the latest news, events, information from our community and emergency alert messages from Canada's National Emergency Alerting System.

Alerting options include:



Voice Call Text Message Mass Email Social Media



Sign up at: <https://mccreary.allnetconnect.ca/Pubs/register.aspx>




For more information, call 204-835-2309 or
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You do **not** need internet or a cell phone to sign up for this service.
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December 2023

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Day 4	2
3	4 Day 5	5 Day 6	6 Day 1	7 Day 2	8 Day 3	9
10	11 Day 4	12 Day 5	13 Day 6	14 Day 1	15 Day 2	16
17	18 Day 3 Christmas Concert @ 7:00pm 	19 Day 4	20 Day 5 Christmas Lunch 	21 Day 6	22 Day 1 Last Day of Classes	23
24	25 Christmas Break	26 Christmas Break	27 Christmas Break	28 Christmas Break	29 Christmas Break	30
31		Classes Resume January 8th	“Respect, Co-operation & Responsibility”			