



McCreary  
School



# Newsletter

April  
2023



## *From The Principal's Desk:*

### Highlighting Lunchtime at McCreary School – A Fun and Busy Place for Students

We have lots of great things happening at McCreary School during lunch for students. We have a great sports program and intramurals that are running in the gymnasium. Eating lunch and having time to socialize with their class in their classroom is lots of fun. Many students enjoy watching a short video when eating or talking with their classmates. There are also groups students can participate in, such as Social Justice or Student Council. Students can go to the library to read or catch up on some work. The Student Lounge allows students to go and take a break and relax or socialize with their peers. Lots of students prefer to find a comfy seat and take a break on their own personal device. Students can also catch up on some work with their teacher when needed or attend the Board Game Club. There is seating in the hallway and multi-purpose room that students can use to find a quiet place to eat their lunch. If students want, they have access to computers where they can do research, complete some class work, or simply use them to play a fun game such as Minecraft. Many of the games they play are multi-player and allow them to all play together in the same game as a large group which makes this an enjoyable experience. Students are often treated to special day goodies such as hot chocolate or decide to indulge in something that is being sold in either our canteen or a tasty hot lunch. Downtown McCreary has a few amenities for students to purchase a lunch and bring back to the school, or stay and eat in the restaurant if they so choose. Many students enjoy playing outside at recess or getting some fresh air by going for a walk. Some of these activities offered vary depending on a student's grade and their parental permission. **However, it is sure clear that McCreary School is a fun and busy place with a lot to do at lunch!**



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## Highlights

### School Milk Program

White and chocolate milk is available daily for all K-6 students. Students can purchase milk tickets from their home room teacher. A sheet of 20 milk tickets is 20 dollars or 10 tickets can be purchased for ten dollars.

We accept cash or cheque. Please make cheques payable to McCreary School Fund.



Thank you for supporting our milk program!



### Important Dates:

- March 27<sup>th</sup> – March 31<sup>st</sup> -Spring Break
- April 3<sup>rd</sup> -Classes Resume
- April 7<sup>th</sup> -Good Friday (No School)
- April 12<sup>th</sup> -Day of Pink Activities
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# Kindergarten



# APRIL



## ELA & Math Learning

### ELA

- CVC word families -at, -an, -am, -ap, -ot, -op, -ob
- Deleting and substituting initial phonemes
- Introduction to verbs
- Prepositions review
- Adjectives review
- Expanding sentences

### Math

- Adding to 10 with objects and pictures
- Counting to 100
- Sorting
- Concrete graphs and picture graphs
- Spheres, cubes, cylinders and cones
- 3D objects: faces and corners

## Other Learning

### Health

- Canada Food Guide
- Healthy food
- Physical activity

### Science

- Types of paper
- Where does paper come from?
- Sorting paper

### Social Studies

- Helping each other
- Rules and laws
- Conflict resolution

## Important Dates

### Tuesdays & Thursdays:

Kindergarten Here I Come students join us

**April 7:** Good Friday (NO CLASSES)

**April 21:** PD Day (NO CLASSES)

## Birthdays

No birthdays this month.

# Classroom News:

## Grade 1

Hello!

For the month of April, we are continuing to work on mental math strategies when adding and subtracting numbers to 20, problem solving, and skip counting to 100 in math.

We are working on the social studies unit Connecting with Others. In this unit, students explore their responsibilities and rights as members of the community and learn various ways people help and depend on one another. They also explore the purpose of rules and solutions to conflict.

Writing this month will focus on Easter and spring themes. During daily writing, students are working on adding more detail to their sentences and editing their writing for capital letters and punctuation. Don't forget to practice the home reading books and weekly spelling words with your child every day.

Spring is here and the weather can be unpredictable. Please send extra clothes, socks, and mitts with your child. These items can be kept in their backpacks or cubbies for when they are needed.

Happy Easter!

Mrs. Lussier & The Grade 1 class

## Grade 2

Spring has arrived! Everyone is looking forward to the break and Easter! The class has been working really hard and is making lots of progress.

-In E. L. A. we have been learning about adjectives. The students are working on writing longer sentences and adding detail.

-In math, we are doing a unit on number sense dealing with larger 2- digit numbers. We will be learning about regrouping after the break. We will also continue to work on mental math and problem solving. Don't forget to practice their math facts at home too!

-In science, we are starting our Position and Motion unit. The students have been working on describing the position of items in the classroom in relation to where they are located.

-In social studies, we are just beginning our unit on Canada. We have learned about symbols in Canada and Manitoba. We have also read a book about diversity and discussed how Canada is made up of people from around the world.

Have an amazing March break!

Mrs. Nadeau & the Grade 2 Class





### Grade 3

Spring is finally here, and everyone has spring fever. Please continue to send your child with warm clothing as the weather has been fluctuating so much.

In language arts, we continue to have reading groups. We are focusing on writing strong descriptive paragraphs. Once we complete our interesting stories, we share them with our class. There is starting to be some really terrific stories.

We continue to do daily mental math. We have turned multiplication strategies into several games that we can play in the gym. Students are really coming along with problem solving. We will finish up with fractions after the break and start into division and work with decimals.

Students are starting to build on their awareness of forces, position and motion. Students will explore gravity, magnetism and static electricity. We will be sure to do lots of hands-on activities as we cover these concepts.

The grade 3's have begun to study world geography and the use of maps and images to represent geographic concepts such as border, hemispheres and equator. We will identify connections between world communities and examine human rights, roles of community service and the effects of personal decisions. We will combine our social studies with art concepts to make community dioramas and display boards.

Enjoy your spring break and spend time with friends and family!

### Hot Lunches

April 5 - Little Caesars personal pepperoni or cheese pizza

April 14 - Meatballs and rice

April 25 - Taco in a bag

Each order will cost \$5.00. Money should be brought in the day before.

Ms. Speiss & The Grade 3 Class





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## Grade 4!

### GENERAL INFORMATION

On March 13th, Ms. Mykayla Kohlman joined our classroom as our student teacher! She is currently in her very last teaching placement through Brandon University, and will be with us until May 5th! Starting on April 3rd, she will be taking over the classroom until the end of her placement. We are very excited to have her here, and cannot wait to see the wonderful lessons she has planned for us!

### MATH

The kids did a very good job with area, t-tables, and general multiplication this past month. After the break, students will begin analogue and digital clocks. After that, we will get into calendars, and expressing patterns as an equation.

### ELA

“James and The Giant Peach” was a blast, but alas, it is finished. In its place the class will be learning all about poetry.

We will also be continuing our spelling units, which will cover units 25-28!

Poetry will be the theme of the month, as the students will learn about various poem types, and will review and learn how to use expressive language.

### SCIENCE

We concluded our “Light” unit by having the students making shadow puppet plays, and I have to say that they went very well!

Students will next be focusing on the unit of “Sound,” which will be finishing up at the beginning of May.

### SOCIAL STUDIES

“The North” is the upcoming unit for social studies. The unit will cover the northern territories of Canada, including the geography, the culture, and the traditions that take place in such remote areas.

#### IMPORTANT DATES:

- April 3: First day back after the break / Ms. Kohlman's first day of taking over!
- April 7th: Good Friday/No School
- April 21st: PD Day / No School

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Grade 5/6

A Note From The Teacher

It is hard to believe that spring is here! I look forward to working with the students over the next couple of months, not only to finish the work left that we have in their respective grades, but also work on areas that need strengthening to prepare them for next year. As outlined in many report card comments, if there are areas that your child requires extra work on and you are needing additional resources or support, please contact me.  
~Mrs. Duchart

Reminders

~As the warmer weather is upon us, please remember to send your child with the appropriate clothing and footwear. Hopefully the playground dries up soon, but I anticipate it will be fairly wet and muddy in the coming weeks!  
~A reminder to return home reading logs for March. April reading logs will be sent home after Spring Break.

Contact Me

Please contact me at the school with any questions you may have.

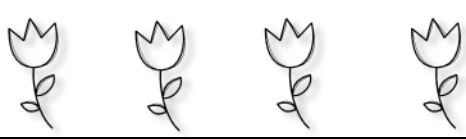
 204-835-2083  [educhart@trsd.ca](mailto:educhart@trsd.ca)

What We Are Learning

**ELA:** In ELA we are continuing with our weekly routine. The students focus on work in spelling, grammar, weekly writing, and novel study (*The Breadwinner*).  
**Math:** In Grade 6 we continue to work through the Jump Math program. In April we will be focusing on patterns and equations.  
**Science:** Our focus in April will be exploring the Diversity of Living Things unit.  
**French:** Students are working towards a year end individual presentation in French.

Upcoming Events

- ~ April 3<sup>rd</sup> - The first day of classes after Spring Break
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**Mrs. Sellman**

**Grade  
7&8**

**What  
we  
are  
doing**

**Birthdays!**

**Mar, 9<sup>th</sup>, Axel**

**Mar, 13<sup>th</sup>, Cole**

**Mar, 15<sup>th</sup>, Noah**

P.E: Badminton and Cross-country skiing.

S.S: Globalization and culture.

GR.8 math: Volume and area of 3D shapes.

GR.7 math: We are doing Algebra

GR.7&8 science: Periodic table

ELA: We handed in our book reports on The Giver, and started writing notebooks.

**Upcoming  
events**

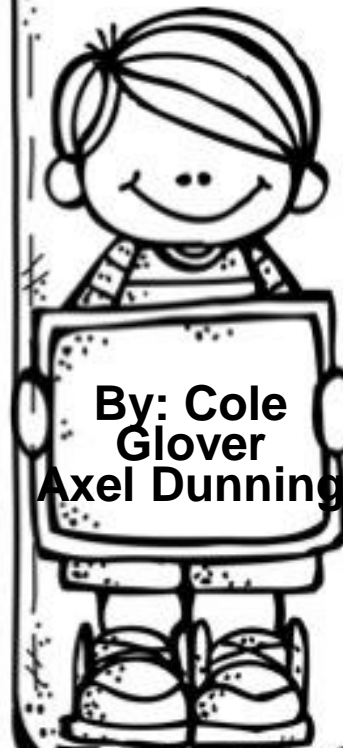
**April 4<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>  
we have badminton  
after school.**

Shop: Grade 8's are making boxes

Shop;: grade 7's are making picture frames.

Art: we are making 3D letters

Band: practicing for the spring concert.



**By: Cole  
Glover  
Axel Dunning**





# MARCH

# NEWS

Grade 7/8

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## SCIENCE 7/8

Grade 7/8 are midway through their third science unit on 'The Particle Matter of Theory.'

In the week leading to Spring break, students made some great exploding volcanos and saw the reaction when they combined baking soda with vinegar.

After Spring break, students will be examining Oobleck, a non-Newtonian liquid, as well as our exploding cola challenge.



## GRADE 8 MATH

Grade 8 math students have just completed their MRLC Paper 2.

After the March break, the students will have two more MRLC papers and a final cumulative test.

As the year winds down, we only have a few more units to go, plus reaching back to continue perfecting their core math outcomes.

## ETC.

Seeing so many parents during our parent/teacher meetings was a pleasure.

If you need to reach out to me, my contact info is as follows: [mdodds@trsd.ca](mailto:mdodds@trsd.ca)

Wishing everyone a Happy Easter



## SOCIAL STUDIES 7/8

Grade 7/8 students are midway through their third social studies unit, examining cultures and governments across the globe.

After the Spring break, we will be specifically delving into African and Asian cultures and landforms.

# McCreary School

## Physical Education and Athletics

### General News and Upcoming Events

- Our ski trip to Assessipi has been rescheduled for Thursday, April 6th.
- Junior badminton games run after school on April 4th and 11th, with divisionals happening April 26th in Ste. Rose and McCreary.
- Highschool badminton dates: April 5th after school and April 24th and 27th all day for sectionals and zones.
- Badminton provincials will run on May 4-6 for those athletes that advance past the zone tournament.



### Badminton

The season is now in full swing with both our senior and junior teams in action.

The high school team has now competed in two rounds of exhibition games in Alonsa and Ste. Rose as well as a tournament in Ethelbert on March 18th. We came away with the following podium finishes:

1st Place: Kyle and Stacey (mixed doubles), Kyle and Lucas (varsity boys doubles).

2nd Place: Stacey and Cameryn (varsity girls doubles), Cyan (varsity girls singles), and Ashley (JV girls doubles).

### Junior Basketball

We have wrapped up basketball play for the season after successful divisional tournaments for both teams.

The girls played a strong tournament, earning a spot in the final against Glenella, ultimately coming up short in that game. Karlee earned one of the tournament all-star awards.

The boys completed their season with a perfect record, defeating Laurier in the divisional final. Hayden earned a tournament all-star award and Kyle took home MVP for his strong play on both ends of the floor. Great job by both teams this season!



-Mr. MacFarlane



*McCreary School*

*Spring Music Concert 2023*

All students K-6 as well as grade 7-12 band students will  
be performing

Come and enjoy listening and grooving along with these  
talented music students.



**June 5<sup>th</sup> at 7pm**

**McCreary School Gym**



## Mrs. Lockhart's Classroom Updates

Semester two is flying by fast; I can't believe Spring Break is just around the corner. High school report cards will be sent home April 13<sup>th</sup>.

| Gr 10 Applied Math   | Gr 11 Pre-Calculus  | Chemistry 40S   |
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| Students are working hard to try to wrap up their fourth unit before Spring Break. It is one of the most challenging units of the course that looks at exponent laws and representing irrational numbers as mixed and entire radicals. | We've been taking a second look at quadratic functions lately. This is a topic that is covered in Applied Math. It has been interesting to see some new approaches to the same problems we faced last semester. Sometimes these new approaches are more time consuming and therefore, seem less efficient, knowing what we already know from Applied. | We had our first Amazing Race event! Stacey, Liam and Charlee-Jo placed first in the How well do you know your school? Scavenger hunt, but Nia, Masey and Jade came in first when it was time to solve the chemistry problems. Once we complete our Kinetics unit, we'll be ready for round two...Bullseye! |

### Career Guidance

Planning for life after high school can be overwhelming. I am available to help all grade 9 to 12 students with a variety of postsecondary or career planning options. Students can stop by the classroom any time, or send an email or Teams message. I can help with researching career options, building a resume, applying to programs or scholarships, or anything else that pops up.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact me at [jlockhart@trsd.ca](mailto:jlockhart@trsd.ca), or contact the office to sign up for Parent Portal and have unlimited access to your child's grades.



## Mr. Billett's March Report

As the weather begins to warm up the high school students have been working hard as we head into the break. This past month has been busy as many students have been wrapping up hockey, curling, and basketball.

In other news, our social justice club will be having a Bully Awareness Pink Day on April 12<sup>th</sup>. We encourage all students to wear something pink on that day as we plan on having some awareness activities. A letter will be sent out after March break.

Lastly, I am eagerly anticipating a group of energized students as they return for the "home stretch" of the year after March break. Upon our return grade nines and tens will be studying the last several units in Canada in the Contemporary World 10F. Grade tens (ELA 20F) will start reading the novel *Flowers for Algernon*. The grade eleven students (ELA 30S) will complete their short story unit and start reading *In the Heat of the Night*. The grade 12's (ELA 40S) will be continuing their "genius hour" projects and reading responses while reading *To Kill a Mockingbird*. Lastly, our Finance 20S students will be continuing their understanding of the languages of business and common business etiquette.

Have a great break everyone!

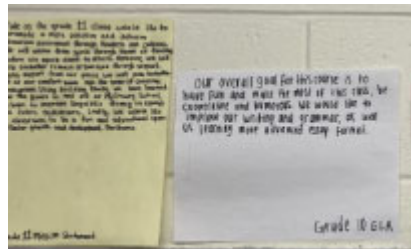
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Mr. Billett



## Students Work, Field Trip, and Sports

There were many great samples of the students work since last newsletter.



## Important Dates

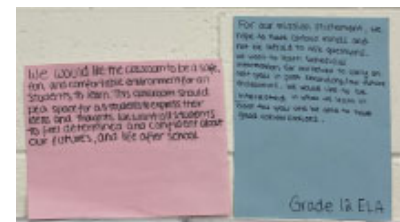
March 22 – In class reading response assignment for novel 1.

March 24 – Genius Hour Project Outline

March 27 -31 – March Spring Break

April 14 – Genius Hour Material List.

April 27 - Group discussion 1 about the novel 2.



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# McCreary Recreation Commission

## News Update

Thank you to McCreary School for letting us use the gym for our old time dance lessons. We have 16 participants learning old time waltz, two step, one step, jersey, barn dance, chatisse and more!

Recreation Soccer for ages 3 to 12 will be starting this spring. Watch for registration forms on the Archie McCreary Facebook page or the Archie's Articles Newsletter. Coaches and coach assistants are needed for all age groups. Please consider joining. Cost is \$25 for the season.

### McCreary Swimming Pool Lesson Schedule:

**TWO WEEK morning:**

July 3 - 14

**ONE WEEK 2x daily:**

July 17 - 21

**ONE WEEK 2x daily:**

July 31 - Aug 4

### Baseball Diamond Maintenance

McCreary Minor Ball is seeking tenders for the position of Diamond Maintenance Manager.

Duties include:

- Raking, dragging, and levelling infield dirt.
- Preparing diamond for games -chalking, moving bases, etc.
- Weeding and grass maintenance around fences.

No experience necessary.

Start date approximately, Monday May 1, 2023.

#### **Tenders due Monday, April 10th, 2023.**

Please submit your sealed tenders dropped off at the McCreary Recreation Office or emailed to [marchazlewood@hotmail.com](mailto:marchazlewood@hotmail.com)

If you have any additional questions please contact Marc Hazlewood at 204-228-3092 or Marlene McNarland at 204-447-5573.

École Laurier Comité de parents invites you to save the date....

## Touch A Truck

Where: École Laurier

When: Saturday, May 27<sup>th</sup> 11-2pm





Touch-A-Truck is a fun-filled, interactive event where families are invited to participate in many activities. People of all ages will have the opportunity to see, climb, and touch various trucks, emergency vehicles, farm equipment, and other vehicles.





# April 2023

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| Sun  | Mon                              | Tue      | Wed   | Thu  | Fri   | Sat   |
|--|----------------------------------|----------|---|--|---|---|
|                               |                                  |          |   |  |   | 1   |
| 2  | 3 DAY 3<br><i>Classes Resume</i> | 4 DAY 4  | 5 DAY 5<br><br>Senior Badminton<br>Glenella, SR @<br>McCreary   | 6 DAY 6  | 7<br><b>GOOD FRIDAY</b><br><b>NO SCHOOL</b> | 8   |
| 9<br><i>Happy Easter!</i><br> | 10 DAY 1                         | 11 DAY 2 | 12 DAY 3<br><i>DAY OF PINK</i><br> | 13 DAY 4<br><i>High School Report</i><br><i>Cards Go Home</i>                | 14 DAY 5                                    | 15  |
| 16   | 17 DAY 6                         | 18 DAY 1 | 19 DAY 2  | 20 DAY 3<br><br><b>EARTH DAY</b><br><b>CELEBRATIONS</b><br>(Actual—April 22) | 21<br><br><b>PD DAY</b><br><b>NO SCHOOL</b> | 22<br><br><b>EARTH DAY</b><br> |
| 23   | 24 DAY 4<br>Sectionals Badminton | 25 DAY 5 | 26 DAY 6  | 27 DAY 1<br>Zones Badminton  | 28 DAY 2                                    | 29  |
| 30   |                                  |          |   | <b>“Respect, Responsibility &amp;<br/>Co-operation”</b>                      |   |   |