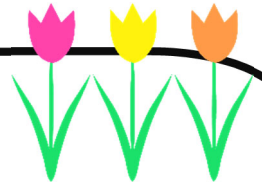




**McCreary  
School**

# Newsletter

**May  
2023**



## ***From the Principal's Desk:***

It is hard to believe that it is May already. It seems like it was still February with all of that snow we recently received. You just blink, and just like that, April is over. Beautiful weather has quickly melted the snow and has caused students to now focus on the fact that in two short months, the school year is coming to an end. There is excitement in the halls as both students and teachers see the finish line in sight. Teachers are busy getting all of their curriculum taught before the year is over. Students are looking forward to year-end field trips that will allow them to consolidate learning with hands-on activities that promote learning across multiple domains. Students will be busy learning all of the essentials in their classes. Students have worked really hard and shown some real **GRIT!** It has been a really good year and everyone has had some true success.

## **We Salute the Educational Assistants**

This month I would like to highlight our amazing Educational Assistants. These staff members come in every day and help students in all of our classes. They help support teachers and individual students. They help in many areas as needed in the school, from doing supervision of students during lunch and recess, to helping support learning in the classrooms, and even in helping run different school-wide programs such as breakfast. They interact with students helping them grow, learn and build character. They are an integral part of our team and we appreciate all of their hard work. To make a school successful, it really takes a strong team and we are successful because of some of the best staff members and our Educational Assistants are among some of the best. We appreciate all that you do for students and staff members, making



*The Maverick Way*



# Kindergarten News



# MAY



## ELA & Math Learning

### ELA

- Word families: im, ip, in, ill, ug, ut, ed, et
- Adjectives Review
- Expanding Sentences
- Writing Questions
- Writing Exclamations

### Math

- Cylinders and Cones
- Building Solids
- Patterns in Nature
- Subtraction to 5 using people, objects, and pictures

## Other Learning

### Health

- Feelings About Sports
- The Body
- Automation
- Dental Health

### Science

- Fold, Tear, and Cut Paper
- Which Paper is Best?
- Paper: The Design Process

### Social Studies

- Sharing Work

## Important Dates

May 1: Community Cleanup

May 2, 4 & 25: Kindergarten Here I  
Come students join us

May 5: Introduction to Pow Wow  
workshop

May 22: Victoria Day (NO CLASSES)

## Birthdays

May 8: Mrs. Billett



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

## Touch A Truck

Where: École Laurier

When: ~~Saturday May 11-2pm~~

**NEW DATE: SATURDAY, JUNE 10<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.



*The Maverick Way*



Grade 1

Hello

For the month of May, students will be writing and completing art projects geared around the theme of spring. In math, we are continuing to work on mental math strategies to add and subtract numbers to 20. We will be reviewing patterns in math and starting the geometry unit soon. We are still 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. We will be learning about the characteristics and needs of living things in science by the end of the month.

E Continue reading and practicing the spelling words at home with your child.

The grade 1's would like to wish all mothers a Happy Mother's Day!

Mrs. Lussier & the Grade 1 class



Grade 2

Greetings Everyone!

Spring is here which means the warmer weather and field trips are just around the corner. The kids are getting excited!

-In E. L. A. the students are working on a spring writing activity with a flower watering can craft.

-In art the students made an April shower painting and are working on some 3-D insects on a leaf.

-In math, we have been working on 2-digit subtraction and borrowing. Our next unit will be on growing patterns.

-In science, we have been learning about position and motion. We will be building cars soon. In social studies, we have been learning about Canada.

Have a Happy Mother's Day!

Mrs. Nadeau & the Grade 2 class.





## Grade 3 Spring News

In language arts, students are working on writing activities, phonics and reading comprehension. The students are becoming very good at doing research projects in other subjects, as they have demonstrated increased reading comprehension skills. In addition, the students are excited to do public speaking and present their work to the class.

In math class, we continue to do daily mental math. We have been doing lots of work on skip counting forwards and backwards, multiplication and division. The students were glad to complete the unit on fractions.

Science class has been lots of fun. April was Earth month, and we did some activities on Growth and Changes in Plants and Soils in the Environment. Students planted their own portable flower beds. They are in charge of watering them and recording growth. We are very pleased with how fast the marigolds are sprouting up!

Students have been working on research projects about different continents. We are now breaking it down and learning about different communities in the world. They are really excited about working on these units for social studies.

In art, we made wind chimes from branches that students collected from home. This was another fun activity to go along with Earth month. The students are very proud of their final projects.

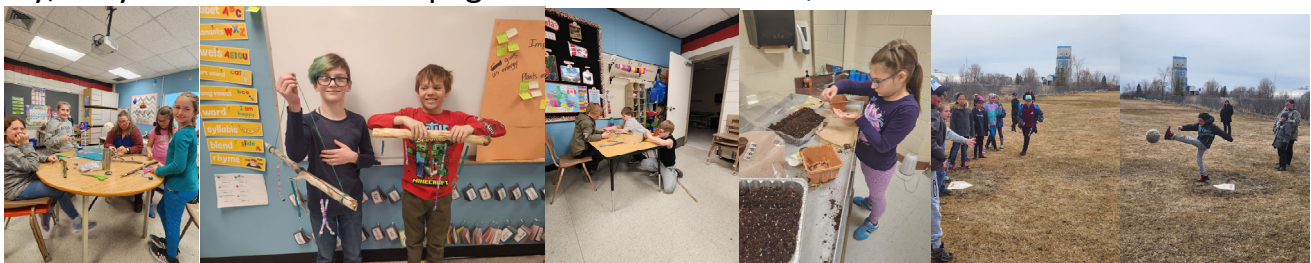
### Lunches

Wednesday, May 3: Chicken Fettuccine or chicken breast and plain noodles \$5.00

Thursday, May 11: Chicken Fingers \$3.75

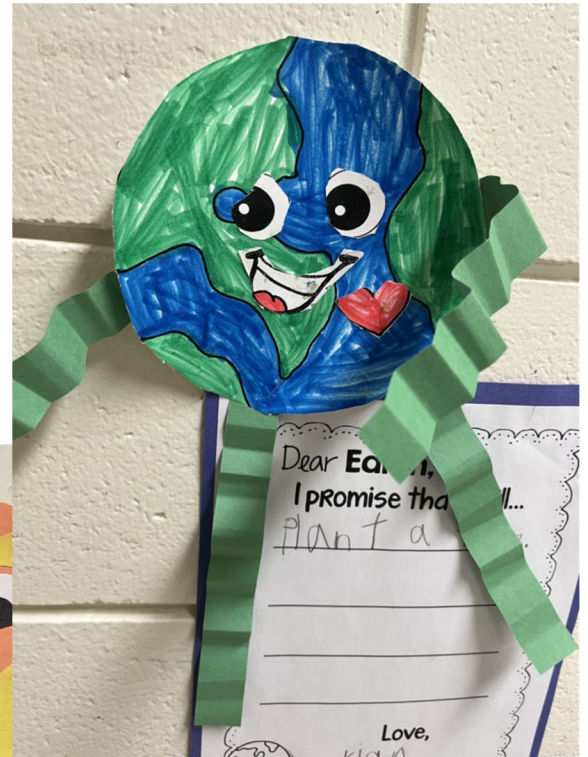
Friday, May 19: Cold Plate-meat, cheese, pickles, buns, veggies and fruit \$5.00

Tuesday, May 30: Million Dollar Spaghetti and Garlic stick \$5.00



## Earth Week Busy for Students

Students have been busy engaging with the environment during Earth Week. Learning about sustainable practices and doing hands-on activities allowing them to interact with nature. Students are demonstrating what it takes to be strong stewards to our environment and our communities. Here is some art that is posted around our school from elementary students.





May 2023

## Grade 4!

### GENERAL INFORMATION

A busy month ahead of us!

We are very sad that Miss Mykayla Kohlman's last day is soon approaching! It was amazing to have her in the classroom with us, as she brought a lot of uniqueness and personality to the lessons that she taught. The kids and I will miss her a lot, but we wish her the best in her teaching career moving forward!

A huge thank you to everyone who supported, and sold for our Sunset Gourmet fundraiser.

### MATH

The kids have been working hard on time, calendars, tables, and algebra, which they did very well at! We will now be focusing our attention on describing and constructing prisms, line symmetry, and pictographs.

### ELA

Poetry with Miss Kohlman was a blast! The kids learned a lot about the various forms of poetry, and were exposed to many different authors. We will now be turning toward our final novel study of the year, which is.... a surprise until we start it!

### SCIENCE

Now that "sound" has wrapped up, we will be discussing "Rocks and Minerals." The unit may not sound as intriguing as the previous ones this year, but I'm sure it will rock their world! ;)

### SOCIAL STUDIES

"The North" was amazing! Miss Kohlman did a fantastic job at engaging the students in this unit. We will now be focusing on the history of Manitoba, which will conclude our Social Studies for the year!



#### IMPORTANT DATES:

- May 4: May the 4th Be With You!
- May 5: Ms. Kohlman's last day.
- May 14: Mother's Day.
- May 22: No School.



## **Recycling is Booming at McCreary School**

McCreary School just received a number of new Recycling Bins as they amp up their recycling program. The bins are from Recycle Everywhere and will help support the school's collection of recyclables. As part of the schools Education for Sustainable Development (ESD) plan this year, McCreary has increased the amount of waste that we recycle and divert from the landfill. The results so far this year has shown a great improvement in what we are recycling. We are making a difference and it shows. At the same time, it is making us all more aware of what is recyclable and can be reused. Many classrooms have been reusing and repurposing stuff for art and other class projects. We are thankful for the additional bins that will support our schools recycling program.







## Students Take Pride in Cleaning Up Their Community

On May 1<sup>st</sup>, after returning from doing their part, participating in a Community Clean-up, McCreary Students were treated to a School BBQ upon their return. This was a time for students to replenish their fuel tanks and reflect on a job well-done. Hotdogs, juice boxes, and freezies were served by a great team of staff members that did an excellent job making our day a success! Students were proud of the amount of garbage they were able to pick up in the community.











# May NEWSLETTER

Grade 5/6



## A Note From The Teacher

We have had a very busy April in the Grade 5/6 class. I can't believe that there are only two months left in the school year. I am hopeful that the school grounds will be a bit drier in the near future and that we will be able to take some of our learning outside.

~Mrs. Duchart

## Contact Me

Please contact me at the school with any questions.



204-835-2083



educhart@trsd.ca

## What We Are Learning

ELA ~ We have been enjoying our novel study of *The Breadwinner*. I am excited for the students to see how the book will end!

We continue to work on grammar, spelling, and journal writing weekly.  
Math ~ The grade 6 math students have been focusing their studies on using variables and solving equations with formulas.

Science ~ The class is finishing their Diversity of Living Things unit by designing and presenting their own arthropod.

## Reminders

~Please remember to send clothing for your student that reflects the current conditions. This spring seems to be different in temperature from day to day and some students are coming in from recess quite cold and wet.

~Remember to send your child's home reading log back at the end of the month.



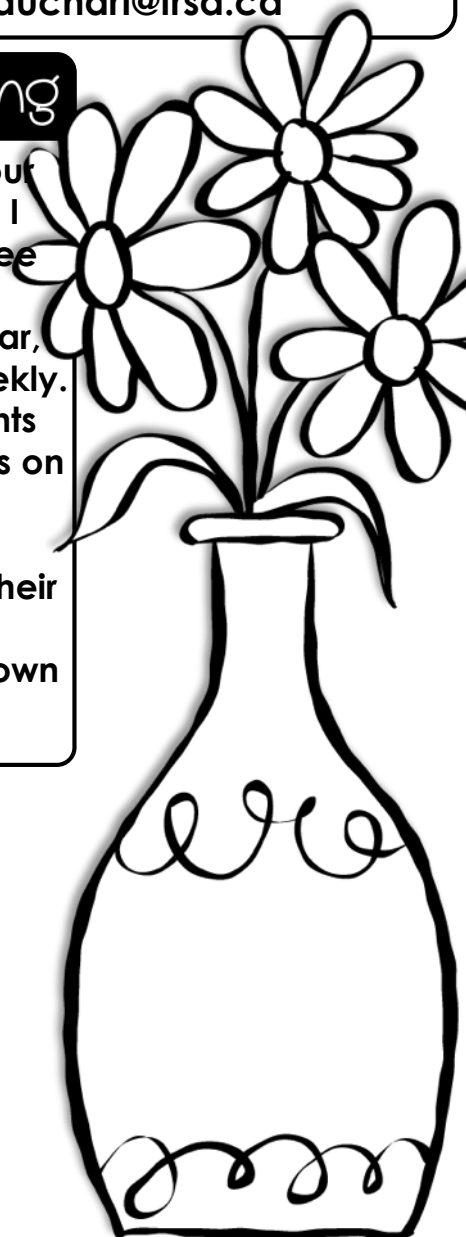
## Upcoming Events

~May 1<sup>st</sup> – Community Cleanup in afternoon (Earth Day rain date)

~May 22<sup>nd</sup> – Victoria Day, no school

~June 1<sup>st</sup> – 5/6 Turtle Derby in Ste. Rose

~June 14<sup>th</sup> – 5/6 Field Trip



Education is filled with our greatest hope in this world, our kids.





# April NEWS

Grade 7/8

Dodds

## Science 7/8

Grade 7/8 are completing their third science unit on 'The Particle Matter of Theory', and will be moving on to their final unit of studying the Earth and the geological processes of the planet.

Students recently explored non-Newtonian fluids and had fun making and playing with Oobleck. They also had fun participating in the volcano and the great pop challenge.



## Grade 8 Math

Grade 8 math students have just completed their MRLC Paper 3. In May, students will sit their final MRLC paper which will help prep them for their grade baseline test in early June.

As the year winds down, we are currently working on percentages, and only have data representations and tessellations to cover.

## Etc.

As the year winds down, just two months are left for a final push before Grade 8 graduates. Let's wish them the best of luck. If you need to reach out to me, my contact info is:  
[mdodds@trsd.ca](mailto:mdodds@trsd.ca)



## Social Studies 7/8

Grade 7/8 students are completing the third social studies unit, examining cultures, traditions and landforms of Africa and Asia.

In May, we will be starting our final Social Studies unit on the ecological effects of modern societies in Europe and North America.

# McCreary School

## Physical Education and Athletics

### Badminton Updates

We are in the heart of badminton season right now, with the junior, JV, and varsity players all in action this week.

### JV and Varsity Highlights

- The team had several podium finishes in the Ethelbert tournament, including two 1st place finishes and three 2nd's.
- Nine of our players advanced from South Sectionals to zones, with the teams of Kyle/Stacey, Cameryn/Trystann, Ffion/Julie, and Cyan earning first in their respective categories.
- The team is in Swan River on April 27th for zones, hoping to advance to provincials, which will already be decided as you're reading this, and will have been shared to Facebook.

### Junior Highlights

- Junior divisionals are happening in McCreary and Ste. Rose as I'm writing this from the gym. Results will already be posted to Facebook of all our winners.

### Track and Field

The high school track team has been practicing indoors for the past month or so, trying to get an earlier jump on the season than normal. Last year's rough spring weather really set the squad back, so we are hoping to avoid a slow start again!

Athletes have been throwing, jumping, and training in the weight room to do their best to compete with the city athletes come provincials in June.

Our junior athletes will likely get started now that badminton is wrapping up. The kids will compete in at least two track meets this season, including our Turtle Derby and the annual Neepawa Tigers track meet in June.

Let's hope the weather cooperates and allows the athletes to get outside and get training!



-Mr. MacFarlane



**Mrs. Sellman**

**Grade  
7&8**

**What  
we  
are  
doing**

**Birthdays!**

Jayden April 28<sup>th</sup>  
Allana April 14<sup>th</sup>  
Connor S April 12<sup>th</sup>  
Hayden April 27<sup>th</sup>

P.E: We just finished badminton and pickleball, and just started track and field and baseball.

S.S: We are learning about Africa and Asia.

GR.8 math: Grade 7 review.

GR.7 math: We just finished Algebra and have started probability.

GR.7 science: We are learning about elements and the periodic table.

ELA: We just finished week 18 of spelling and are working on the short story unit The Landlady.

**Upcoming  
events**

**Track and Field  
@ SteRose  
May 29<sup>th</sup>**

Shop: Grade 7's made picture frames and finished a spinner. The grade 8's made boxes.

Art: Earth day project, and started an ant's eye view project.

Band: practicing for the spring concert.

**By: Karlee  
and Faith**





### **Personal Care Home Job Shadowing**

Students have been really enjoying their job shadowing experiences at the PCH. We are so appreciative of the great staff from the PCH in McCreary that have been helping provide a great experience for our students who are learning so much about healthcare career fields.







# Mr. Billett's Report

## April Report

### Mr. Billett's Report

The high school students have been working busy with their assignments, studying, and school activities as we reach the last two months of the school year.

The grade ten students are currently reading the novel *Life of Pi* in ELA 20F. The grade eleven students are reading *To Kill a Mockingbird* in ELA 30S. While the grade 12 students are reading two novels, *Night* and *In the Heat of the Night* in ELA 40S.

Grade nine and ten students have been learning about Canadian identity and stereotypes in Canada in the Contemporary World 10F. The group recently completed exceptional Canadian identity skits to show what they had learned about the topics. Lastly, Finance 20S students are continuing to work on interview skills, resumes, and business etiquette.

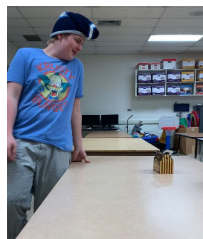
In other news, our social justice club hosted a Bully Awareness Pink Day on April 12<sup>th</sup>. Students enjoyed many school building activities developed by Mrs. Lockhart.

As the end of school year approaches, high school students have been working to fundraise and organize their annual field trip to Winnipeg in June. Stay tuned for many updates throughout the upcoming weeks.

### Mr. Billett

## Students Work, Field Trip, and Sports

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



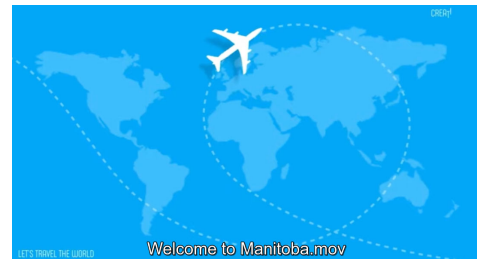
## Important Dates

April 27 - Group discussion 1 about the novel 2.

May 11 - Group discussion 2 about the novel 2.

June 5 - In class reading response assignment for novel 2.

June 9 - Genius Hour Final Paper and Presentation





# *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**



A quick note from the Music room,

Students from K-8 as well as high school band students have been practicing every class to prepare for the spring concert. I am excited for these students to be able to perform again. Every student in elementary is involved in the concert as well as band students from grade 7-12.

What to wear at the spring concert: Dress however you feel comfortable, this is a fun concert!

Concert Date: June 5<sup>th</sup> @ 7 pm

Students need to arrive no later than 6:40 pm.

If you have any questions feel free to call or email me.

[atait@trsd.ca](mailto:atait@trsd.ca)

Bye for now,

Ms. Tait

## Important Dates:

May 2/3 – High School Bake Sale  
May 5/6 – Badminton Provincials  
May 22 - Victoria Day (No School)  
May 23 – Jump Rope for Heart  
May 29 – Grade 7/8 Turtle Derby  
May 30 – Zone Track and Field  
May 30 – School Dance 6-9pm  
June 5 – Spring Concert



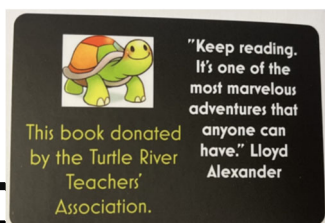
## McCreary School Staff Members Years of Service Recognized

Division Superintendent Bev Szymesko recognized McCreary School staff members working in Turtle River School Division on April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023 at Glenella School. Trustee Jarvis Whyte presented congratulations to McCreary staff members. From left to right pictured below, Mr. Byron Billett was recognized for 15 years, Mr. Scott Taylor for 10 years, Mrs. Alicia Tait for 5 years, (Trustee Whyte), and Mr. Jason Nadeau for 15 years. Not pictured but also recognized were; Mr. Alvin Zalizniak for 15 years, Mrs. Jennifer Sellman for 15 years, and Mrs. Marie Williment for 25 years.



## Books for Students from the Turtle River Teachers Association

The Turtle River Teachers Union purchased books for Grades K to 6 students in order to help promote and support literacy.



*The Maverick Way*



## Mrs. Lockhart's Classroom Updates

On April 12<sup>th</sup>, we celebrated Day of Pink by participating in team building activities and getting to know each other. It was a very busy and fun hour that could not have happened without the help of the grade 11 and 12 students who ran the stations. Thank you so much! It is always greatly appreciated.

Gr 10 Applied Math	Gr 11 Pre-Calculus	Chemistry 40S
We have wrapped up our units on radicals and polynomials and it's time to transition to graphing. Chapters 6 to 9 will build on students graphing and slope knowledge from grade 9 and combine basic algebra into the mix too.	We have finished our unit on radical expressions and equations, and now we turn our attention to rational expressions and equations, before getting into a few graphing units to finish off the year.	We've been busy talking about equilibrium and reversible reactions. As we near the end of our unit, it's time to get ready for our 3 <sup>rd</sup> Amazing Race event, and see if Stacey, Liam and Charlee-Jo can hold on to their lead.

### Career Guidance

There is no Brandon Career Symposium this year (due to the formation of a new board of directors for the organization), so Brandon University and ACC have teamed up to offer a joint open house on May 10<sup>th</sup>. The grade 11 and 12s already toured both campuses in the fall, but students who still have questions are encouraged to attend the public open house in the evening. Also a great opportunity for younger grades to go too!

# Save the date OPEN HOUSE

## Wednesday, May 10, 2023

10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

High Schools

4 to 7 p.m

Public

Register now!

[BrandonU.ca/open-house](https://BrandonU.ca/open-house)

[Assiniboine.net/openhouse](https://Assiniboine.net/openhouse)



**BRANDON**  
UNIVERSITY



**ASSINIBOINE**  
COMMUNITY COLLEGE

*The Maverick Way*





# MEET YOUR STUDENT TEACHER

MS. GLOVER  
GARDE 7 & 8



## INTRODUCTION

HELLO, MY NAME IS  
DESIREE GLOVER AND I  
WILL BE YOUR STUDENT  
TEACHER FOR THE NEXT SIX  
WEEKS. I AM SO EXCITED TO  
BE JOINING YOUR CLASS  
AND CAN'T WAIT TO GET TO  
KNOW EACH AND EVERY  
ONE OF YOU!

## FAVOURITES:

COLOR: Peach

STORE: Winners

CANDY: Chocolate

DRINK: Lemonade

FOOD: Sushi

HOBBY: Camping

# McCreary Recreation Commission

## News Update

### McCreary Recreation Commission Fundraising



**Sunday, May 14, 2023**

At the McCreary Community Centre

**Doors Open at 6 p.m.**

Starting at 6:30 pm:

\$10 ten page Quick Games - **\$50** Prize each game

**\$100** Regular Games - \$15 for 6 to view, \$20 for 9 to view\*

\*Must buy \$20 9 to View Cards to be eligible for Other Games

**\$150** Special Games

Jackpot Blackout - **\$2,000** in 52 # or \$1,000 to go

Lunch Available.

All Proceeds will be donated to the  
McCreary Recreational Facilities

Licence # LGA 3910-BI-38515

Thank you for Supporting Our Recreational Facilities!



at the McCreary Golf  
& Country Club

**Sunday, April**

**30th at 12:00 pm**

Announcement made at 12:30.

**Wear your Marlins or  
Jays gear.**

50/50, door prizes, food and drinks  
will be available for purchase.



### McCreary Recreation Commission Mother's Day Basket Raffle



Licence #1050

Thank you for your support!

Tickets: \$5 each or 3 for \$10

Draw Date: May 14, 2023 at Bingo

Tickets available at the Rec Office & Board Members

Etransfers accepted: [mccrearyrecreation@gmail.com](mailto:mccrearyrecreation@gmail.com)

### MAKE-A-MAT

*Ready for a night out?*

**THURSDAY, May 11, 7pm  
MCCREARY LEGION**

**Choose one of the  
designs - \$49/Mat**

**OR**

**\*Request a Custom\***  
+\$10 for design fee

Must choose design, register and  
prepay by May 4th

**LIMITED SEATING**

**First 10 to register will be  
entered into a draw!**

ettransfer:

[mccrearyrecreation@gmail.com](mailto:mccrearyrecreation@gmail.com)

or pay at the Rec Office



## Mrs. Speiss' Hot Lunches

May 3 – Chicken Fettuccine or Chicken Breast and Plain Noodles \$5.00

May 11 – Chicken Fingers \$3.75

May 19 – Cold Plate–meat, cheese, pickles, bun, veggies, and fruit \$5.00

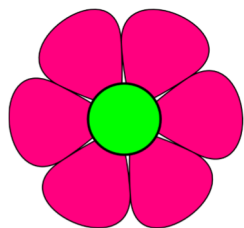
May 30 – Million Dollar Spaghetti and Garlic Stick \$5.00

## Student Council's Spring Spirit Week

Tuesday, May 23	Neon / Tye Dye Day	
Wednesday, May 24	Hat & Shades Day	
Thursday, May 25	Sports / Jersey Day	
Friday, May 26	Messy Hair / Pajama Day	
Tuesday, May 30	Hawaiian / Beach Party Day	










# May 2023

McCreary School  
Phone: 204-835-2083  
Fax: 204-835-2660

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 DAY 3 <i>Term #4 Begins</i> <i>Community Clean Up</i> 	2 DAY 4 <i>Highschool Bake Sale</i>	3 DAY 5 Chicken Fettuccine Or Chicken and Noodles \$5.00	4 DAY 6	5 DAY 1 <i>Badminton</i>	6 <i>Provincials</i>
7	8 DAY 2	9 DAY 3	10 DAY 4	11 DAY 5 Chicken Finger Lunch \$3.75	12 DAY 6	13
14 	15 DAY 1	16 DAY 2	17 DAY 3	18 DAY 4	19 DAY 5 Cold Plate Lunch \$5.00	20
21	22 <b>VICTORIA DAY NO SCHOOL</b>	23 DAY 6	24 DAY 1	25 DAY 2	26 DAY 3	27
28	29 DAY 4 7/8 Turtle Derby	30 DAY 5 Zone Track and Field School Dance 6-9pm Spaghetti Lunch \$5.00	31 DAY 6	<b>“Respect, Responsibility &amp; Co-operation”</b>		