



McCreary  
School

# Newsletter

December  
2024



## From the Principal's Desk

Dear Families, as we embrace the final month of the year, we look back and celebrate all of our accomplishments and growth of our students. It is a time of joy, reflection, and community that has our school bustling with excitement. Our Christmas Concert is just 3 weeks away on December 17<sup>th</sup> at 7pm and **you are invited.** This year the staff have decided to change it up and shift back to the past where each grade/class will do a performance. There will be something for everyone, including; raffles, a food hamper collection, and many great performances. This month, we encourage everyone to stay focused on learning while enjoying the festivities. McCreary will have a Spirit Week and Grade Competition in order to have fun and build school spirit! I would like to thank the community, families, students & staff members for all of their continued support in making McCreary School a thriving and welcoming place. Wishing you a wonderful holiday season and Happy New Year!

Warm Regards,

Jason Nadeau  
Principal

### Reminders....

- ❖ Please be sure to wear a jacket, hat, mitts, and proper footwear.
- ❖ Please No Nuts or Fish Products



*The Maverick Way*



## Important Dates:

**December 17<sup>th</sup>**

**Christmas Concert @ 7pm**

**December 16<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>**

**Spirit Week**

**December 18<sup>th</sup>**

**Christmas lunch for students and staff.**

**December 23<sup>rd</sup> – January 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**Christmas Break**

**January 6<sup>th</sup>**

**First Day Back to School**



## Mr. Podaima

### Grade 10F Science and Physical Education 9-12, 5/6

The Senior Boys' Volleyball Team is off to provincials. They placed second in their qualifying tournament in Miami. They are off to Glenboro to play in the A Volleyball championship. With the weather being poor it has been difficult to get our practices in. The team will be departing at 7:00 am on Thursday, November 28<sup>th</sup>. We have purchased new warm up jerseys for the team. They look great!

In physical education we have started playing badminton. The students are learning the rules and the lines of play for singles and doubles. They have been practicing the various types of serves. Students in grades 9/10 are also using the weight room and developing their own personal fitness plan.

In grade 10 Science we are finishing up our unit in Chemistry. Students are researching the major pollutants in the air and their effects on air quality. They have identified what causes acid rain and how it affects the ozone layer. Students have researched VOCs and what the government of Canada is doing to reduce VOCs. Our next unit will be on Motion.



# Kindergarten News



# DECEMBER



## ELA/Math Learning

### ELA:

- Letters Ii, Ff, Dd, Hh
- Saying sounds and blending them together
- Syllables
- Fixing reading mistakes

### Math:

- Describing and comparing 2D shapes

## Other Learning

### Science:

- Seasonal changes
- Tree seeds

### Social Studies:

- My past
- My family

### Health:

- Decision making
- Introduction to safety

## Important Dates

December 17 - Christmas Concert  
December 18 - Christmas Dinner  
December 20 - Last day of classes  
January 6 - Classes resume

## Birthdays

No birthdays this month!

## Christmas Concert

Tuesday, December 17<sup>th</sup>

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

## Grade 1

### Season's Greetings!

As we head into December, we will be focusing on the measurement unit (length, width, and height) and problem solving in math. We are also continuing to work on strengthening our basic math facts and counting skills in class.

In ELA, we've written our letters to Santa, and we are excited to hear back from him! During our daily reading groups, students practice and apply different reading strategies.

In Social Studies, we are exploring the unit *My Environment*. Students will locate Manitoba and Canada on maps and globes, learn about Canada's official languages, and study the national anthem.

In Science, we will be starting the unit on the *Characteristics of Objects and Materials*. Students will have the opportunity to explore different objects, identify between types of materials, and learn what materials objects are made of.

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

Warm wishes,

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 reading, writing, spelling and working with words. During writing we wrote peace poems for Remembrance Day and have been working on elaborating sentences. 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 Iqaluit, Nunavut. In science we have started our unit on Properties of Matter.

In art class we recently made a Christmas barn painting and we will be working on a variety of other Christmas projects.

Happy Holidays!

Mrs. Nadeau & The Grade 2 Class





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## Grade 3 & 4!

### GENERAL INFORMATION

Hello! We have had a wonderful November, and are looking forward to the fun we will be having in December!

We have been practicing hard for our Christmas Concert, and cannot wait to show you what we are presenting.

Thank you for coming out to parent/teacher, as it was nice to sit down and discuss your child, and their time within the classroom.

Please remember to fill out the daily reading log, so that I can keep track of the daily 15 minutes.

### MATH

Fractions and decimals have gone very well for the grade 4s, and we will soon be approaching our next unit. In the new year, the Grade 4s will begin their MrLC tests. This won't change their regular math schedule.

### ELA

Spelling tests will continue this month, with our next BIG TEST being one of them.

We are done *Owls in the Family*, and will not be starting another novel study until the new year.

We are continuing to work on grammar, and sentence structure with our communicating skills books, and doing our word of the day.

### SCIENCE

We are going to be starting our Light unit very soon, which is good because it is such a fun one to go through.

### SOCIAL STUDIES

We are nearing the beginning of learning about the beginnings of Canada, which will eventually lead into where we are currently as a country.

Have a wonderful holiday!



#### IMPORTANT DATES:

- December 17th : Christmas Concert!
- December 18th: Christmas Lunch!
- December 20th: Last Day of Classes/Xmas Party!

# Grade 5

Thank you to all the parents that came for Parent-Teacher interviews. It is always nice to talk to parents in person.

In ELA, we will be working on “I” words, “o” words and “u” words. Students can work on related lessons on IXL at home. In addition, we will continue to work on editing and writing skills.

Math classes will continue with mental math using multiplication and division. In addition, we will be doing work on fractions.

In science, we are learning about the different body systems. We will continue to learn about explorers that came to Canada for social studies.

**MAY THE HOLIDAYS BRING PEACE, LOVE, AND JOY TO YOUR FAMILY THIS SEASON. HAVE A SAFE AND HEALTHY HOLIDAY!**



## IT'S THE MOST WONDERFUL TIME

Please ensure your child has boots, mitts, ski pants and a toque for recess.

Please let the office know of bus changes or if your child will be away from school.

Don't forget to sign up for the December Lunch Program.

Students can work on IXL assignments in math and ELA at home each day.

Students are welcome to bring a non-perishable food item for local Christmas hampers.

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NEWSLETTER

Grade 6

A Note From The Teacher

November has been a busy month in the grade 6 classroom. We are wrapping up a lot of our first units and getting excited about Christmas. Our class is having a Christmas basket raffle for our class fundraiser. If you would like to purchase tickets, please contact a grade 6 student or myself. Tickets will be ready the first week of December. ~ Mrs. Duchart

Reminders

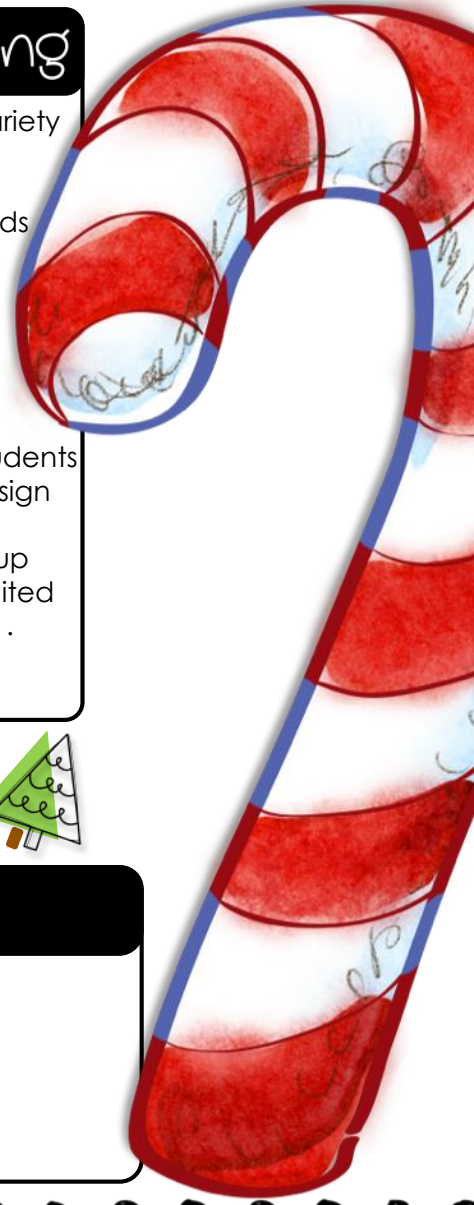
\*All raffle tickets for the classroom fundraiser need to be returned by December 16<sup>th</sup>.

Contact Me

Please contact me at the school with any questions or concerns. 204-835-2083 educhart@trsd.ca

What We Are Learning

ELA: We were able to incorporate a variety of Remembrance Day learning and activities into our ELA this past 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 Diversity of Living Things and students are excited to start their end of unit design projects. Social Studies: Students are wrapping up their first social studies unit and are excited to start the next unit about World War 1.



Upcoming Events

- December 16<sup>th</sup> – Raffle tickets to be returned
- December 17<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Concert at 7:00
- December 18<sup>th</sup> – Raffle draw
- December 18<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Dinner
- December 20<sup>th</sup> – Last day of classes before Christmas break

strive for progress not perfection.

**Mrs. Sellman**

**Grade 7**

**December**

**What  
we  
are  
doing**

**Birthdays!**  
Emma Buchanan  
celebrates her  
birthday on  
**December 2.**

P.E: We have practiced volleyball and, completed our first fitness test.

Grade 7 math: We are learning how to add and subtract fractions. We also learned how to convert improper fractions into mixed fractions.

GR.7/8 science: We just finished our fourth science unit; the carbon cycle and we are just starting the water cycle.

ELA: Grade 7's have spelling every day 5. Every day 3 we have Grammar. The grade seven and eights are reading the book The Giver.

French: We just ended our school supplies unit and are now beginning the weather unit.

**Upcoming  
events**

**Volleyball games:  
divisionals, December  
3**  
Christmas concert  
December 17

Electrical: The grade 7's travel to Ste Rose every day 1 for electrical.



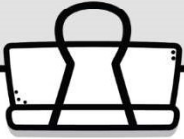
Art: We are making a winter penguin and started making cards to give to the care home.

Band: We are practicing Oh Canada and Christmas concert songs.





# Miss. Kohlman's NEWSLETTER



## Upcoming EVENTS

- Jr Volleyball Divisionals: Dec 3<sup>rd</sup>
- Spirit Week: Dec 16<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup>
- Christmas Concert: Dec 17<sup>th</sup>
- Christmas Dinner: Dec 18<sup>th</sup>

## Reminders

- ✓ Last day of classes: Dec 20<sup>th</sup>
- ✓ Classes resume: Jan 6<sup>th</sup>

## DECEMBER

### OUR MONTH OF...

### learning...

I cannot believe December is already upon us!

- **Grade 3 Math-** Students have recently finished their unit on Numbers to 1000 and are now exploring Addition & Subtraction of 2-digit numbers.
- **Grade 8 Math-** Students are currently learning about Solving Linear Relations
- **Grade 7/8 French-** All students did an excellent job presenting their All About Me PowerPoints and are now working through their unit on Seasons & Weather.
- **Grade 7/8 Social Studies-** The class wrapped up Cluster 1 on World Geography and are now looking at Quality of Life around the world.
- **Grade 7/8 Art-** The students are working on seasonal / Christmas projects.
- **Grade 9-12 Art-** We are working through our Perspective Drawing unit as well as creating seasonal artwork.

## CONTACT INFO

**Mrs. Lockhart's**

# Science + Math

## Grade 9 Math

We are almost done our second unit already. We've been busy learning all about polynomials...representing them with tiles, counting terms, naming them, determining their degree and simplifying them by combining like terms. We conclude our unit this month, by learning how to add, subtract, multiply and divide polynomials.

## Biology 30S

Students have concluded their examination of the respiratory and circulatory systems. Next up, we take a look at the kidneys as the main excretory organ for the body. Students are also busy completing their first choice projects, which we will hopefully be able to share before the holidays.

## Grade 11 & 12 Applied Math

Both grades are into their graphing chapters this month. Grade 11s are learning how to graph systems of inequalities in order to optimize an outcome. Grade 12s are on their first of three graphing chapters that will conclude their course. We start with a look at polynomials of degree 0 through 3, and compare their characteristics.



to Miss Lyndsey Dunning for joining us for October/November. We enjoyed having you in our classroom as a student teacher.

## Chemistry 30S

Students have mastered the concept of the mole and can perform stoichiometric calculations to determine the amount of reactant required or the amount of product that can be produced by a reaction. This month, we expand our concept of the mole as it applies to solutions, and learn all about molarity.

## FINAL EXAM SCHEDULE

**Gr 12 Applied Provincial Exam**  
Tuesday, January 21<sup>st</sup>

**Gr 11 Applied Exam**  
Tuesday, January 28<sup>th</sup>

**Chemistry 30S Exam**  
Wednesday, January 29<sup>th</sup>

**Biology 30S Exam**  
Thursday, January 30<sup>th</sup>



# 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, during which students' work was shared with their parents. Additionally, students received their report cards this month, and parents can continue to monitor their child's progress through the parent portal online.

In the classroom, high school students have been exploring a variety of topics. The Grade 9 ELA students are focusing on narrative point of view and figurative language while reading *The Hunger Games*. The Grade 11 ELA group is also delving into narrative elements and learning how to create and interpret visuals while reading *In the Heat of the Night*. Meanwhile, ELA 10F and 30S students are continuing to work on their reading response book reports and Genius Hour projects. In Geography 20F, students have recently completed chapters on geographic tools and maps, and are now studying various connections between soil, vegetation, climate, and topography within Canada. Hockey 11G students have been utilizing on-ice instruction at the rink, working on edge control, stride mechanics, stick handling, and shot release.

The Social Justice Club had another successful campaign collecting non-perishable food items in October and will continue through November and December. We have again partnered with McCreary's Christmas Cheer food hamper collection for our annual food drive.

Lastly, as we approach Christmas, students are working hard, knowing they have just one month after the break to complete their work before 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 our work in Geography 20S and some of their *Genius Hour* work



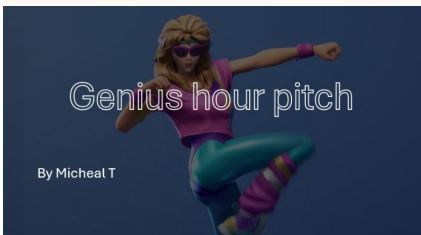
Where did this take place?

This took place in the Grace Hospital, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada.



Genius Hour Pitch

By Samantha Born



## Important Dates

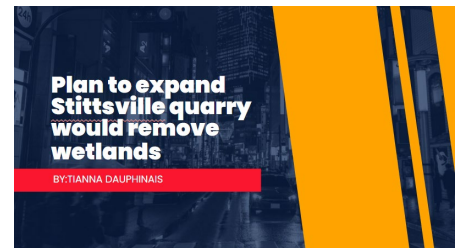
Subject to change due to unforeseen circumstances)

November 29 - Group discussion 1 about the novel 2.

December 12 - Group discussion 2 about the novel 2.

January 13 - In class reading response assignment for novel 2.

January 14 - Genius hour final paper and presentation





***Support Christmas Cheer!***

**Bring Goods for Local  
Food Hampers**



**Please support McCreary  
School's Social Justice Club by  
donating non-perishable food  
items throughout November and  
December to help collect food  
for our local Christmas hampers.**



# December 2024

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| Sun | Mon             | Tue   | Wed  | Thu  | Fri   | Sat |
|-----|-----------------|---|--|--|---|-----|
| 1   | 2 <i>Day 3</i>  | 3 <i>Day 4</i><br><br><i>Jr.<br/>Volleyball<br/>Divisionals</i>   | 4 <i>Day 5</i>   | 5 <i>Day 6</i>   | 6 <i>Day 1</i>  | 7   |
| 8   | 9 <i>Day 2</i>  | 10 <i>Day 3</i>   | 11 <i>Day 4</i>  | 12 <i>Day 5</i>  | 13 <i>Day 6</i>   | 14  |
| 15  | 16 <i>Day 1</i> | 17 <i>Day 2</i><br><i>Christmas Concert<br/>@ 7:00pm</i><br> | 18 <i>Day 3</i><br><i>Christmas<br/>Dinner</i><br> | 19 <i>Day 4</i>  | 20 <i>Day 5</i><br><br><i>Last day of classes<br/>before Christmas<br/>Classes resume<br/>January 6th</i> | 21  |
| 22  | 23              | 24  | 25   | 26   | 27  | 28  |
| 29  | 30              | 31  |    | <b><i>“Respect, Responsibility &amp;<br/>Co-operation”</i></b> |   |     |