



McCreary School

Newsletter

**October
2022**



From The Principal's Desk:

It has been an amazing first month of school. Staff members and students have been doing a fantastic job attending school and making learning gains in the classroom. Students have been busy participating in clubs and sports at the school both during the day and after school. We have been doing well to boot, making it to both Zones and Provincials. We have some amazing coaches that have been ensuring students are developing physically in sport and having fun. There have been a number of assemblies and presentations in the school making September seem so much busier as we juggle between classes and meeting our social needs. The Welcome Back BBQ/Meet the Staff Event was a huge success!

October is looking like another busy month before the snow flies. The temperature is continuing to drop so it is important that your child comes prepared for the weather. All students are expected to go outside for recess and need to be dressed warm.

Another thing to note is McCreary School is "Nut Safe". We have students who have different severe allergies to nuts and it is important to ensure we do not bring nuts into our schools. We want to ensure the safety of all students.

Mr. Nadeau



Nut-Free Zone



Please do not bring any products containing nuts (peanuts or tree nuts) into area.

Thank you for helping to keep our children safe.

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Kindergarten News



OCTOBER



ELA/Math Learning

ELA

- Letters Ss, Aa, Rr, Tt, Ll, Nn, Bb, Oo, Pp, Cc
- Identifying the first letter in a word
- Identifying rhyming words
- Identifying characters in a story
- Making predictions before and during reading
- Adding details to drawings
- Adding words to drawings

Math

- Comparing Numbers 1 to 5

Other Learning

Science

- Food from trees
- Parts of a tree
- Sorting leaves

Social Studies

- Repeating patterns and events
- My groups
- My past

Health

- Responsibility
- Getting along
- Emotions

Important Dates

Days 4s – Grade 3 Chicken finger sale
October 7 – Hotdog Sale
October 10 – Thanksgiving (No classes)
October 11 – Picture Day
October 18-20 – Grade 4 bake sale
October 21 – PD Day (No classes)
October 31 - Halloween

Birthdays

No birthdays in kindergarten this month!



Grade 1

Hello!

We have been learning so many new things this month! We are working on our reading strategies and sight words during our literature groups and practicing writing complete sentences in our journals. We will be starting our spelling program soon so watch for word lists coming home in the home folder each Thursday. In math we are reviewing numbers to 10, patterning, counting by 1's, 5's, and 10's to 100, and counting backwards from 20. We will be wrapping up our Daily and Seasonal Changes unit in science soon. We talked lots about changes that occur in the four seasons, days of the week, months of the year, and how shadows are created by blocking light. In the next week or so we will begin our social studies unit I Belong. We've enjoyed creating different fall art projects over the past month, but we are really looking forward to making spooky art projects for Halloween. We can't wait for our Halloween party!

Happy Thanksgiving and Happy Halloween everyone!

Mrs. Lussier & The Grade 1 Class

Grade 2

Hello everyone and welcome back to school! I hope that all families had a nice and relaxing summer. It has been a really good first month back at school.

-Home reading – the students are bringing home 4 books every week to show off their reading skills to their families. Please remember to fill in their Home Reading Logs and return on Thursdays.

-In E. L. A. we have started our spelling and word work programs. In writing we have been reviewing capitalization and punctuation, and complete and incomplete sentences. We have been working on personal narratives about a special summer moment and Thanksgiving.

-In math we are using a program called Jump Math. We have been working on number sense and some mental math strategies. We are just starting out next unit on repeating patterns.

-In social studies we are learning about the local community and in science we are learning about growth and changes in animals.

-In art class we did an autumn leaf watercolour painting, and leaf rubbings with crayons.

Mrs. Nadeau & The Grade 2 Class



Grade 3

Hello and welcome to the Grade 3 classroom. My name is Krista Speiss. This is my twelfth year working for Turtle River School Division. I am very happy to be the Grade 3 teacher at McCreary this year.

We have completed some fun activities. In science, we are working on a unit on structure. So far one fun activity we did was build bird houses out of recycled materials. We will continue to do more activities like this.

In math, we have been working on skip counting by 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, and 25. This month we will be doing mental math using double and triple digits. We will also be expanding our knowledge with place value. In social studies, we will be looking at leadership and conflict within communities. The students will be involved in lots of class discussions!

Students have started to take home books for the Home Reading Program. Please try to read for 15 minutes a night.

I would like to thank Darko and Mason for donating some books to our class library. Students have already had a chance to enjoy some of the books that were shared.

Reminder that the Pizza order forms are due Oct. 12th. I am excited to get my order.

If you have any questions or concerns about something happening in class, please contact me on the Remind app. I will respond as soon as possible.

Ms. Speiss & The Grade 3 Class

Hello from the Music room,

This past month has been busy in the music room. Our grade 7 students have all started learning about their instrument of choice and starting to learn the notes and play them properly. It takes a lot of patience when learning a new instrument. Grade 8 students are reviewing their music and being patient while the new students learn.

Grade 6 students are also giving wind instruments a try this year. Hopefully we can put together a few songs in the next month.

Grade 5 music students are learning to play the guitar this year, it seems slow but as soon as they get to know the notes on the guitar neck things will move a little faster.

Grade 3 and 4 students are learning to play the ukulele and sing along to a few songs.

Grade 1 and 2 students enjoy learning the ukulele as well and have learned to play two chords.

Kindergarten students are starting to learn rhythms. They enjoy playing musical games, dancing and singing.

Bye for now,

Ms. Tait

Happy
Thanksgiving 

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Grade 4!

WELCOME

I would like to start by welcoming everyone back! The grade 4s are having a great start to the year, and are ready to continue their momentum into the following months.

For the newsletter this year, I will be having the students sit with me, and help me come up with what we will be including in the newsletter. This will help give them some extra responsibility within the classroom, and give them something to look forward to!

MATH

So far this year, students have worked on numbers up to 10,000. This has included recognizing, writing, and comparing and then ordering numbers. We have also just started working on regrouping, which leads into adding and subtracting multi-digit numbers. In October, this will lead us into working with fractions, and possibly making it to decimals by the end of the month.

ELA

We got right into ELA this year by beginning our Daily 5 program, which teaches independence using 5 main stations: Read to self; read to someone; work on writing; word work; and listen to reading. The students have done this before, so it was a smooth transition into the routine.

We have started our handwriting and typing programs as well, and will be doing this combination every single Day 1 of the cycle.

We also began our first novel study of the year, based around the book “Owls in the Family,” by Farley Mowat. It is a shorter novel, so it is a perfect way to start our year.

SCIENCE

Our first science unit of the year is “Habitats and Communities.” It is based around the connection between plants and animals within different biomes. We discuss the food chain, adaptations, and how animals interact and survive, as well as how humans impact habitats.

So far we have been able to dissect owl pellets, and will be engaging in many different activities throughout the unit.



IMPORTANT DATES:

- October 10: Thanksgiving/ No School
- October 21: No School
- October 18, 19, and 20: Grade 4 Bake Sale
- October 31: Halloween Party

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GRADE 5/6

A Note From The Teacher

Hello from the Grade 5/6 classroom! We are excited for the new school year and the opportunity to learn together! Although we have 28 students in our class this year, we have settled into the busy routine of the school year. I am excited to share with you the accomplishments and successes of our class as the year progresses.
Mrs. Duchart

Reminders

~ If parents have not yet signed up for the class Remind App, please do so soon so that you do not miss important information and updates!
~Monthly reading logs have been sent home. Please continue to fill them out and return at the end of the month when a new one will be sent home.

Contact Me

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



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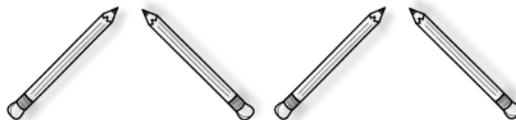
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What We Are Learning

ELA: We have started our ELA routine and will be continuing with the same format each week. Our work will include daily lessons in spelling, journal, reading response and novel study. Our first novel is *The One and Only Ivan*.

Math: The Grade 5 students will be learning with Mr. Dodds while the Grade 6 students will be with Mrs. Duchart. Grade 6 students have been reviewing basic number sense concepts.

Science: Our first science unit will focus on the solar system.



Upcoming Events

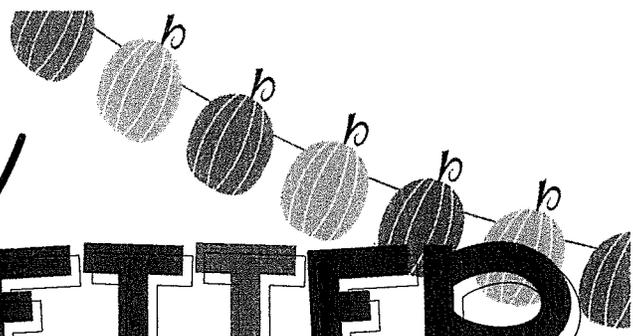
*We will be having weekly spelling tests every Friday. Students will receive their spelling words each Monday and are encouraged to study during the week.

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Together may we give our children the roots to grow and the wings to fly.

October

NEWSLETTER



A Note From Mrs. Sellman

WELCOME BACK!! I hope you had a wonderful summer. The last month I have enjoyed getting to know our new class! For the 2022-2023 school year. Moving forward, the grade 7/8 students will be responsible for writing the monthly newsletter! We will continue to do our grade 7/8 camping field trip. I will be asking for each student to bring a \$15-\$20 Gift card. More information will be sent out mid October. 😊

What We Are Learning

5/6 & 7/8 PE: We have been doing cross country running, soccer, and have completed our fitness testing. Please remember to bring deodorant and gym clothes to school everyday.

7/8 ELA: Spelling is on day 1's for grade 8's and on day 2's for grade 7's. We work on Grammar on day 4's. Each month we will be completing a monthly project. Students completed Pizza Box Autobiographies for the month of September. They were very well done! If you get a chance to swing by the school, come take a look. They are on display in our hallway. I will also post videos/pictures of some projects on our "mccreary78" Instagram page.

French: We are learning about "The Family" and are currently finishing up a Photo Album that will have French descriptions of each member.

Art: We have completed our "Elements of Art" assignment and followed it up with a study on the artist "Norval Morrisseau". We are currently working on re-creating his style of artwork.

Reminders

Oct 10th and 21st No school

Jr. Soccer Divisionals Oct 6th

Oct 11th Picture Day

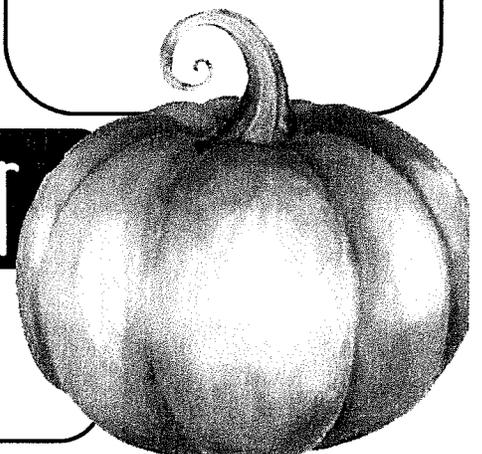
Oct 12th Antismoking presentation

Oct 17th Healthy School presentation

Jr. Volleyball Practices will start at the end of the month during lunch

Upcoming Events To Remember

Halloween class party Oct 28th



Mr. Dodds

Grade 7/8's scored an 81% overall average on their first big test for Social Studies.

Grade 5's scored 95% average on their 12 times tables test.

Grade 7 & 8's will be participating in a scavenger hunt on Friday Oct 7th (hoping the weather holds up) ...I'll take pictures.

Hello everyone,

I am excited to be teaching in McCreary part-time. I am teaching grade 7, 8 and 9 Human Ecology to students from McCreary, Glenella, Laurier and Alonsa at McCreary School. I also teach Grade 10 Food and Nutrition to McCreary students and Grade 11/12 Human Ecology to students from McCreary and Alonsa. The grade 7, 8, 9 classes are 10-week blocks, so students have been busy. Grade 8's have cooked muffins and pizza pretzels and are looking forward to starting their hand sewing projects. The grade 10's have been talking about Macronutrients and their importance and have cooked cookies, and muffins. The grade 11/12's have cooked muffins and cookies and have started beading. They will be making moccasins for their main project.

A huge thank-you to the Grade 10, 11 and 12 students for making all the muffins and cookies for our first divisional in-service. They did a great job!

I look forward to getting to know the students and parents of McCreary School.

Anna Dmytriw



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Alpine Echo Report

Now that summer has ended the high school students have been busy getting into our new daily school routines. With all the new classes, sports, and activities in place students have adapted and have been working hard to meet school achievement and classroom outcomes.

In ELA 10F the grade nine students have been developing important ELA writing skills, completing a personal medicine wheel and writing an essay reflecting upon an important event in their lives. Drama 15S/25S students have been learning about the elements of theatre and performing many skills during drama games. In the History of Canada 30F course students learned our local history by visiting McCreary museum and have been learning about indigenous life in Canada prior to European contact, and are now learning about Canada's early European explorers. Lastly, the grade nine science students have been reviewing foundational science skills before moving on to a unit learning about the cell cycle, mitosis, and meiosis.

Myself and Mrs. Lockhart have held our first Social Justice meeting in September and are collecting ideas from the group in how we can make a difference globally and locally. I have been fortunate to coach grade 5-12 cross country running with Mrs. Sellman where we hosted divisionals on September 22. Our high school athletes qualified for both Zones and provincials with Kyle Gilmore winning the 5000 m run in Zones on September 27. It was a very eventful start to the school year with more excitement to come.

Looking forward to a great October!

Mr. Billett

Students Work, Field Trip, and Sports

There were numerous excellent samples of the students work this month. There are also some candid shots of cross country running, Varsity soccer, and our trip to McCreary Museum.



Important Dates

(Subject to change due to unforeseen circumstances)

October 5 – Sr. Girls Zone Soccer @ Swan River

October 10 – Thanksgiving - No School

October 12 – Cross country running provincials.

October 17 – Group discussion 1 about the novel 1.

October 21 – PD day – No School

October 26 – 'Genius Hour' Pair Pitch





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Physical Education and Athletics

Varsity Girls' Soccer

The first sport to kick us off this year is soccer. Due to a lack of local teams, the girls have only been able to play one game, defeating Ste. Rose 2-1 on September 15th. With a provincial berth on the line, the team is off to Swan River on October 5th to play for a Zone 8 championship.

Cross Country Running

Our small team of runners recently competed in the zone 8 championship at the Northgate Trails. See below for complete results.

Kyle Gilmore: 1st in Varsity Boys

Derek Reimer: 4th in JV Boys

Ashley Nadeau: 4th in JV Girls

Alyssa Nadeau: 5th in JV Girls

Jazmyn Butterfield: 10th in JV Girls

The runners will compete at provincials in Killarney on October 12th.

Varsity Volleyball

The varsity teams have been getting lots of practice reps in to get prepared for the upcoming season.

The boys kicked off their season playing in the BU Varsity tournament on September 23rd and 24th. The boys played some strong volleyball on route to a win over AAA Neelin and a split with AAA Winkler.

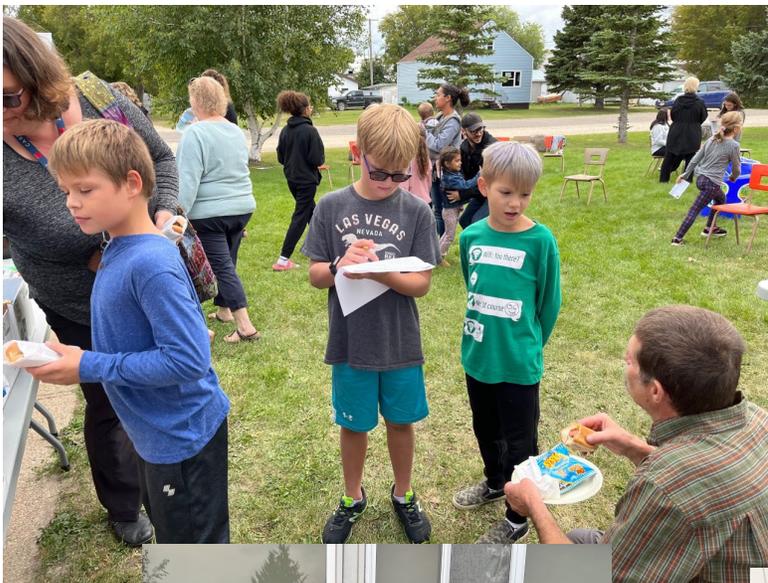
Both teams will have played their first exhibition game against Glenella by the time you're reading this.



-Mr. MacFarlane

Mrs. Lockhart's Classroom Updates

Gr 9 Math	Gr 11/12 Applied Math	Biology	Chemistry
<p>The 9s have been busy completing two out of ten chapters already; covering topics on comparing and ordering rational numbers, calculations and problem solving involving rational numbers, and understanding and applying powers. Jesse was the winner of our September Math 24 Lottery!</p>	<p>The 11s are entering into their third chapter already, having completed a few shorter units on inductive and deductive reasoning and angles in triangles and polygons. The 12s are currently wrapping up their two units on financial math that explore the factors that influence investments and loans.</p>	<p>After a month of introductory concepts that have laid a solid foundation, we are just about ready to start exploring the human body one system at a time. Shout out to Jade for turning my boring set of multiple choice review questions into a great Jenga Review Game.</p>	<p>After spending a week or two reviewing grade 9 and 10 chemistry we jumped into Chem 30 with a look at properties of matter. Students had the opportunity to complete two lab activities as well as a Willy Wonka themed digital escape room to review for the unit test.</p>
<p>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 a progress report or report card.</p>			



Student Council - Elections are occurring at the school in Grades 5 to 12 for student reps from each class. These students will be attending a Student Leadership Conference and will bring back skills they learn to share in our School.



Mom's Pantry

McCreary School will be fundraising this year by selling Mom's Pantry. Please watch for the catalogues and order forms that will be coming home with the students. Forms will be due back October 19th and orders will hopefully be available for pickup mid-November (in time for holiday baking!). The option of online or paper ordering will be available again this year. We thank you in advance for your continued support.

Important Dates

October 10	Thanksgiving (no school)
October 11	School Picture Day
October 17-20	Scholastic Book Fair
October 18	Book Fair Evening Bake Sale - Grade 4
October 19	Mom's Pantry Due
October 21	Professional Development (no school)
October 31	Halloween



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3 DAY 5	4 DAY 6	5 DAY 1	6 DAY 2	7 DAY 3	8
9	10 Thanksgiving NO SCHOOL 	11 DAY 4 SR Volleyball GLN @ McCreary <i>School Picture Day</i>	12 DAY 5 Provincial Cross- Country Championship	13 DAY 6 SR Volleyball McCreary @ Ste Rose <i>Construction Safety Presentation</i>	14 DAY 1	15
16	17 DAY 2 SR Volleyball Sr @ McCreary <i>History 30F Field Trip</i> <i>Book Fair</i>	18 DAY 3 <i>Grade 4 Bake Sale</i> <i>Book Fair Evening</i>	19 DAY 4 <i>Mom's Pantry Due</i> <i>Skills Presentation</i> <i>Book Fair</i>	20 DAY 5 <i>Book Fair</i>	21 PD DAY NO School	22
23	24 DAY 6 <i>Divisional JV Volley- ball @ Ste Rose</i>	25 DAY 1 <i>Sr Volleyball</i> <i>McCreary @ Alonsa</i>	26 DAY 2 <i>Divisional SR</i> <i>Volleyball</i> <i>Girls @ McCreary</i>	27 DAY 3	28 DAY 4	29
30	31 DAY 5 <i>Halloween</i> 		“Respect, Responsibility & Co-operation”			