



**McCreary  
School**

# Newsletter

**October  
2023**



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

It has been great seeing everyone after the summer break. September was the start of a new school year with many great opportunities for students. Opportunities for students to become their best person that they want to be as they continue to learn and grow. McCreary School has a great learning environment and excellent staff members that are doing their best to help your child develop academically, physically, socially, and emotionally.

Students have been busy learning in their new classrooms, meeting their new teachers and support staff, making new friends and bonding with old friends. Our school offers a number of great sports and extracurricular activities that students can participate in such as; golf, volleyball, soccer, cross country running, and student council just to name a few. Students have more options of activities they can do at lunch and that helps guide their free time while socializing.

Our Welcome Back BBQ/Meet the Staff Night on September 11<sup>th</sup> was a huge success! Families attended and got to come and go, mingling with school staff members, participating in some activities, as well as enjoy the BBQ. It was fantastic to hear that we cooked and handed out over 18 dozen hotdogs. We are already looking forward to next year.

October is a month of "Front Loading" in our division. That means we are doing a lot of the PD/Training of staff members early in October with 3 of our 5 PD Days landing in October. When you combine that with Thanksgiving, it means that we have short weeks in October and the time will fly by even faster. The focus of our training this year has been on Treaty Education.

### **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.

Allergy Free Table  
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Just a reminder that as the cold weather coming, it is important for your child to come to school dressed appropriately, as they will be going outside for recess. Mitts and hats are also suggested, as it can be chilly outside, especially in the mornings. Another reminder is that this year we have students with severe allergies to peanuts, nuts from trees, fish, and shellfish/products. Please help us keep all students safe by not sending these items.



*The Maverick Way*



## Highlights



### **Bridging the Gap**

On Tuesday, September 19<sup>th</sup>, McCreary School was happy to host presentations for students in Grades 5 to 12 during the day and parents and community members in the evening. This presentation by Val Caldwell was well received on the safe use of technology and social media. The feedback was really good by students as they learned how to change their settings on their personal devices for their social media platforms. Some students were shocked to see what these apps are doing in the background and how when we install them, we give them permission to collect a lot of our information.



### **McCreary Students Shine in Sports**

Our School has a strong athletic program and excellent coaches in our school staff. McCreary School has students who have been demonstrating this in school sports by shining bright! Way to go everyone!

### **Important Dates:**

**October 3 – PD Day (No Classes)**

**October 4 – PD Day (No Classes)**

**October 6 – Picture Day**

**October 9 – Thanksgiving**

**October 20 – PD Day (No Classes)**

**October 31 - Halloween**



# Kindergarten News



# OCTOBER



## ELA/Math Learning

### ELA

- Letters Rr, Tt, Ll, Nn, Bb, Oo
- Identifying the first letter in a word
- Identifying rhyming words
- Identifying characters in a story
- Making predictions before and during reading

### 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

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October 4 - PD Day (No classes)  
October 6 - Picture Day  
October 9 - Thanksgiving (No classes)  
October 20 - PD Day (No classes)  
October 31 - Halloween

## Birthdays

October 7 - Eugene  
October 20 - Greyson

## Grade 1

Welcome back!

The grade 1's are adjusting to the new routines this year. Everyone has been working very hard during the month of September. We have been busy counting, working with numbers to 10, and patterning in math. During calendar time, students are learning the days of the week and months of the year. We have been practicing our letters and sounds, sight words, and printing letters in our printing books. We enjoy reading and listening to books throughout the day. In science we are learning about daily and seasonal changes; the four seasons, day and night, about the sun, and how shadows are made.

The home reading program has begun, so please remember to read and practice the rings of words at home daily with your child.

Happy fall everyone!

Mrs Lussier & The Grade 1 Class

## Grade 2/3

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 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 practicing writing statements, questions and exclamatory sentences.

-In math we are using a program called Jump Math. The grade 2's have worked 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 connecting with Canadians and in science we are learning about structures and materials.

-In art class we did a school bus watercolour painting.

Mrs. Nadeau & The Grade 2/3 Class





October 2023!

## Grade 4!

### GENERAL INFORMATION

Welcome back everyone! I hope everyone's first month back was a blast. In grade 4 this year, we are ready to have an amazing year. Below is just a small snapshot of the month of October, with some reminders of routines!

Please remember to have your child complete 15 minutes of home reading each night. Record the book and time read in their reading log duotang, and return it each morning to be checked.

We do printing every day 3, so we will learn a new letter, and then it will be due the following day 3.

Please make sure your child's reading log and calendar are at school the first school day of every month so we can complete our calendar and directed drawing activity.

Picture day will be on October 6th this year! Please come with your best smile.

### MATH

We have been bridging the gap between grade 3 and 4 to start the year, reviewing important concepts such as place value, rounding, and skip counting. We will shortly be starting fractions.

### ELA

We have begun our Daily 5 routine, and have started our first novel study of "Owls in the Family," by Farley Mowat. We should be completing it by the end of October.

### SCIENCE

We have started our "Habitats and Communities" unit, and will be doing it for the month of October. Be on the lookout for projects!

### SOCIAL STUDIES

We will be starting our Geography and History of Canada in October, where we will be engage in different research gathering opportunities.

#### IMPORTANT DATES:

- October 3: No School
- October 4: No School
- October 6: Picture Day
- October 9: Thanksgiving (No School)
- October 20: No School
- October 31: Classroom Halloween Party!

# Classroom Newsletter

Grade 5

Ms. Speiss



Welcome back to school!

It has been wonderful getting to know my new Grade 5 students. We have been busy working on routines and rules in our classroom.

This month, we have been working on brainstorming and story webbing as well as discussing our topics. Next, we are going to start paragraph writing with editing. Home reading bags have also been sent home. Reading bundles are to be returned at the end of the month or once completed. We will start our regular spelling program in October.

In math, we have been revisiting place value in all forms. Number words are good words to be practicing at this time. We have also been working on addition and subtracting. Some students have needed reminders with re-grouping strategies.

For social studies we have been doing activities based on Student Vote Manitoba. The students are enjoying group activities that give them perspective about the different parties. We look forward to our Mock Election on October 2, 2023.

In science we are learning about Maintaining a Healthy body. Please send healthy snacks to school with your child to eat during the day.

Announcements or changes in our daily schedule will be sent home through the Remind app. You can also reach me by calling the school.

Krista Speiss



# October NEWSLETTER

Grade 6

## A Note From The Teacher

Hello from the Grade 6 classroom! We are excited for the new school year and the opportunity to learn together. I look forward to sharing with you the accomplishments and successes of our class as the year progresses. Please feel free to contact me at any time with any questions you may have.  
Mrs. Duchart

## Reminders

- ~ Weekly spelling words will be sent home each Monday, as well as the previous week test. Spelling tests will be every Friday.
- ~ Watch for monthly reading logs to be sent home the beginning of each month. Please return the past month to the school.

## Contact Me

Please contact me at the school with any questions.

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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, grammar, and novel study. Our first novel is *The Tiger Rising*.
- Math:** Grade 6 students have been reviewing basic number sense concepts.
- Social Studies:** We have begun our first unit on *The First Peoples of Canada*. Students are learning about all aspects of ancient Canadian history.
- Science:** Our first science unit will focus on *Properties of and Changes In Substances*.

## Upcoming Events

- October 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> – PD ~ No School
- October 6<sup>th</sup> – Picture Day
- October 9<sup>th</sup> – Thanksgiving ~ No School
- October 20<sup>th</sup> – PD ~ No School
- October 31<sup>st</sup> – Halloween
- \*Watch for Mom’s Pantry that will be sent home early October.



Alone we can do so little, together we can do so much. – Helen Keller

**Mrs. Sellman**

**Grade 7**

**What  
we  
are  
doing**

**Birthdays!**  
**Connor Borne Sept**  
**13th**  
**Brooklyn**  
**Desjardins Sept**  
**5th**

P.E: We have practiced for cross-country running, completed our first fitness test, did archery, and have been doing soccer as well.

GR.7 math: We just finished our grade 6 review, and now are learning number science (factors, multiples, LCM, and GCM.)

GR.7/8 science: Our first unit is Cells and Structures. We competed a lab safety test and have been learning all the parts of plant and animal cells.

ELA: Grade 8's have spelling every day 1, and grade 7's every day 5. Every day 4 we have Grammar. Our About Me project is due Sept 29<sup>th</sup> and our first book report is due Oct. 6<sup>th</sup>.

**Upcoming  
events**

**Soccer games**  
**@Glenella Oct. 11th**  
  
**Soccer divisionals @**  
**Alonsa Oct 12th**

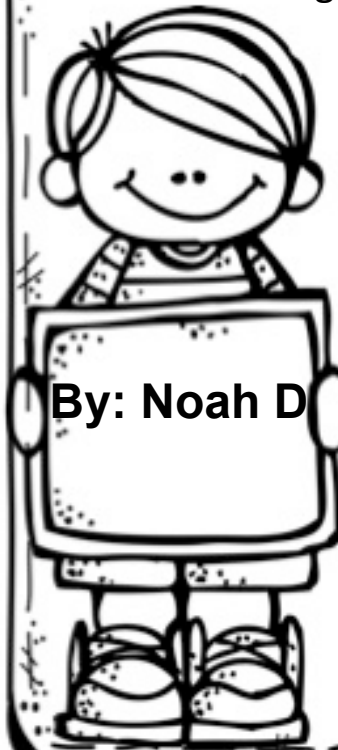
Automotive: The grade 7's travel to Glenella every day 1 for automotive.

Home Ec: The grade 8's have started cooking.

Art: We are doing Graphiti.

Band: We are practicing Oh Canada for the remembrance day ceremony.

**By: Noah D**





# Miss. Kohlman's NEWSLETTER



## OCTOBER

### Upcoming EVENTS

- ☐ No School: PD Days – Oct 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>
- ☐ Picture Day – Oct 6<sup>th</sup>
- ☐ No School: Thanksgiving – Oct 9<sup>th</sup>
- ☐ No School: PD Day – Oct 20<sup>th</sup>

### Reminders

- ✓ Jr Soccer Divisionals on Oct 12<sup>th</sup>
- ✓ Senior Volleyball Divisionals on Oct 25<sup>th</sup>
- ✓ Halloween is on Oct 31<sup>st</sup>

### OUR MONTH OF *learning...*



We are officially one month into the school year and off to a great start!

- **Grade 3 Math-** We have begun our first unit on Number Sequence and Skip Counting.
- **Grade 8 Math-** We are well underway in our first unit on Integers.
- **Grade 7/8 French-** Students have been exploring basic French greetings.
- **Art-** Both the 7&8's as well as 9-12's have been creating their Art portfolio, designing their name on it with graffiti.
- **Grade 7/8 Social Studies-** Students have been diving into their first unit on Understanding Societies Past and Present.
- **Data Collection & Analysis-** We have completed our first section of the course which had us looking at databases, news bias, and analyzing data from credible sources.

## CONTACT INFO



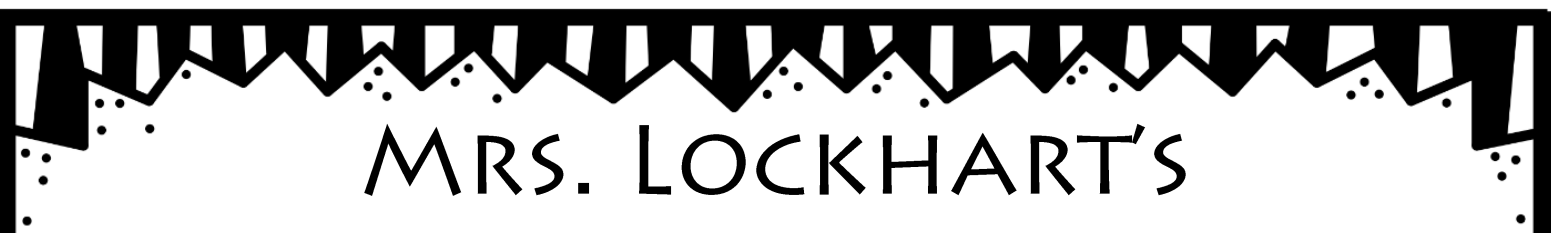
Miss. Kohlman



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# MRS. LOCKHART'S CLASSROOM UPDATE

Welcome back everyone! September was a busy month, but we have settled back into our classroom routine and are already making great progress.

## Grade 9 Math

We have wrapped up our first chapter on Rational Numbers which reviewed fraction and decimal operations, order of operations, integers and comparing and ordering numbers. We are almost through our unit on Powers too. We are looking into the exponent laws and adding the "E" in BEDMAS now, as we become more familiar with exponents.

## Grade 11 & 12 Essential Math

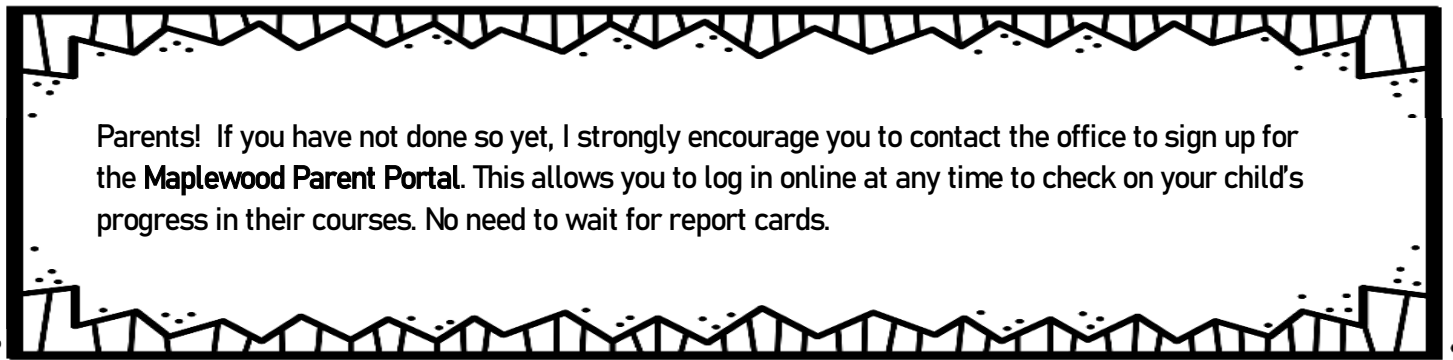
Both grades have completed their first unit; the grade 11s started the year off with a trigonometry review while the grade 12s tackled statistics. We are now on to slope and rate of change in grade 11 and precision and accuracy in grade 12.

## Grade 11 & 12 Applied Math

The grade 11s began the course with an introduction to inductive and deductive reasoning, but have now transitioned into geometry where they are analyzing angles created by transversals across parallel lines and geometric figures. The 12s have nearly wrapped up their two units relating to financial math. We are analyzing the factors that impact investments and loans using the TVM\_Solver on our graphing calculators.

## Physics 30S

We have kicked off the course with our Mechanics unit where we have been analyzing motion both graphically and algebraically. Next week we will look at using vectors to describe motion in two-dimensions. We've also had our first Engineering Encounters challenge (paper bridge building) where the girls team came out victorious.



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.

Hello from the music room,

We have had a great start so far this year. New band students have been working hard learning to play their wind instruments in grade 7. High school students have been working on various different songs. We have two different groups, a group of wind instruments as well as a group learning rock tunes together on guitar, vocals, bass and drums.

Grade 5 students are learning the first few notes on the guitar and grade 6 students continue to strengthen their skills on the guitar from last year.

Grade 4 students have shown an interest in playing guitar this year as well, we have had one class so far and it is looking great.

K-3 students enjoy learning songs, rhythms and learning to play the ukulele (grade 2 and 3).

Thank you to all the parents that support their students learning music.

Bye for now,  
Ms. Tait

## HUMAN ECOLOGY NEWS

I am excited to be back in McCreary part-time. Students have been eager to start cooking and are looking forward to their sewing projects.

This semester I have Grade 8 students. They have cooked muffins and are practicing their hand-stitching skills. They soon will be starting on their furry friend's hand sewing projects.

The grade 9 students have cooked cookies, muffins, and banana bread. They have been busy practicing using the sewing machine and are waiting to start their pajama pants.

The grade 11 and 12 students have cooked muffins, cookies, banana bread and dips. They are also working on their food safety course. While sewing, they are using the sewing machine and are looking forward to starting their pants and sweatshirts.

Anna Dmytriw





# Mr. Billett's September Report

## Mr. Billett's September 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 been working hard to meet their school goals and classroom outcomes.

In ELA 20F the grade ten students have been developing important ELA writing skills, completing a personal coat of arms and writing an essay reflecting upon an important event in their lives. Hockey 11G/31G students have been learning about the sport psychology and performance and improving their performance with an off-ice training program. In Canada in the Contemporary World 10F course students are learning about Canada's human and physical geography while paying attention to our provincial election. Lastly, the grade twelve students have been working on various writing forms and reading and responding to short stories.

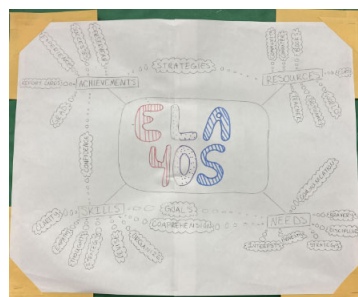
Myself and Mrs. Lockhart will be holding our first social justice meeting soon and will collect ideas from the group in how we can make a difference locally and throughout Manitoba. I have been fortunate to coach grade 5-12 cross country running with Mrs. Sellman where we hosted divisionals on September 21. Eleven McCreary athletes placed in the top three out of all the runners at the event. Congratulations to all athlete who ran. Our high school athletes qualified for both zones in Dauphin and provincials at Asessippi. Our senior girls' soccer team has been practicing for upcoming zone tournament in Swan Valley on October 5<sup>th</sup>. 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 3 – Professional Development Day – No School

October 4 – Professional Development Day – No School

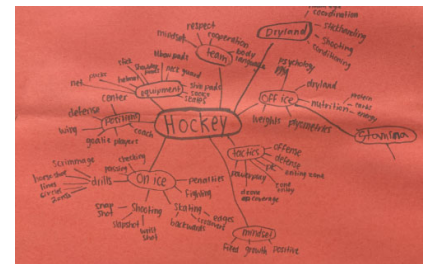
October 5 – Sr. Girls Zone Soccer @ Swan River

October 9 – Thanksgiving - No School

October 11 – Cross-country running provincials @ Asessippi.

October 17 – Group discussion 1 about the novel 1.

October 26 – 'Genius Hour' Pair Pitch





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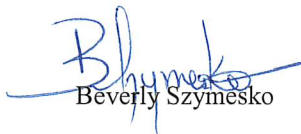
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## RE: VISION AND HEARING SCREENING

Dear Parents, Guardians, and Caregivers:

Please be informed that during the months of October and November we will be screening your child's vision and hearing. Our vision and hearing screener has been scheduled to come to your child's school to complete the first screening. This year, we are doing odd grades (K,1,3,5,7,9,11) and new students who had registered with our schools. If your child is flagged, they will be referred to our Speech Pathologist who will do a second screening. You will also receive a letter notifying you that a follow-up will be occurring. If they are flagged a second time, you will receive a letter recommending your child be further checked with your optometrist or audiologist.

Yours in Education,

  
Beverly Szymesko

*"Learning today for tomorrow"*



# October 2023

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 	2	3 <i>PD DAY</i>	4 <i>PD DAY</i>	5	6 <i>Picture Day</i>	7
8	9 <i>Thanksgiving</i> 	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20 <i>PD DAY</i>	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31 <i>Happy Halloween!</i> 		<i>“Respect, Responsibility &amp; Co-operations”</i>		