



McCreary
School

Newsletter

October
2024



From The Principal's Desk:

Welcome Back to everyone to the 2024/2025 School Year! It has been a fantastic start with the, "Meet the Staff" BBQ night leaving many happy faces and providing a great opportunity for parents and students to interact with staff members and have an enjoyable evening together. The school really is the place to be and the central hub of any community.

Students have all transitioned smoothly into their classes with their new teachers. It has been a challenge getting used to the new rules on no personal devices/cell phones, but we have all adapted and are doing well. This year has had the implementation of a "New Lunch Program" at the school and it has been fantastic. The school is happy to support families in as many ways as possible.

We have new staff that have joined our team and some who have moved around a bit. This year Mrs. Brenda Wilson has taken on the role of Librarian at McCreary School and Mr. Doug Podaima is our new Physical Education/High School Teacher. We welcome them to our school; as well as welcome back some other familiar support staff members; Kara Jones, Krystina Wilson, and Cindy Kun.

Lastly, a friendly reminder that as the cold weather is approaching, it is important for students to come to school dressed appropriately to the weather, as they will be going outside for recess. Fall jacket, mitts, and hat is suggested as it can be very cold at times. A second reminder is that we have allergies at the school in regards to all nuts and fish products. This includes peanut butter, shell fish, and nuts from a tree. Thanks in advance for your help in keeping all students in our school safe by not sending these items.

Sincerely, Jason Nadeau
McCreary School Principal



The Maverick Way





Highlights

Spirit Week:

October 28 – Mirror Image Monday
(Twin Day)

October 29 – Black and Orange
Day

October 30 – Whacky Wednesday
Wild Hair and Crazy
Socks Day

October 31 – Costume Day

November 1 – Pajama Day



McCreary Métis Local Sponsoring the McCreary School Breakfast Program

The McCreary Métis Local is a proud sponsor again this school year for our Breakfast Program. Last year they donated almost \$2000 towards our Breakfast Program. We are thrilled to have them continue supporting our Breakfast Program. Thank you McCreary Métis Local!



Important Dates:

October 1 – Picture Day

October 3 – PD Day (No Classes)

October 4 – PD Day (No Classes)

October 14 – Thanksgiving

October 25 – 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 14 – Thanksgiving (No classes)
October 25 – PD Day (No classes)
October 31 – Halloween

Birthdays

No birthdays this month

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

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. We are working on number sense and some mental math strategies. We will be starting out next unit on repeating patterns soon.

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

-In art class we did a fall leaf watercolour painting.

Mrs. Nadeau & The Grade 2 Class





October 2024!

Grade 3 & 4!

GENERAL INFORMATION

Hello everyone! I would like to welcome everyone back, and especially welcome everyone to the Grade 3 and 4 classroom! I am really excited to be teaching a combined class again this year. I have a bit of information to get us started!

First, please remember to do the daily 15 minutes of reading, and record it in the daily reading log.

Second, printing is every day 3 of the cycle, so please make sure your child brings their printing book back on these days.

Third, students can gain entries into our weekly candy draws by practicing their math facts outside of school and having their parents fill out their “Math Mon-star” slips.

Lastly, if you have not signed up for the classroom Remind app group, please do, as you may be missing some important information about due dates, and important events.

MATH

I am teaching only the grade 4 group math this year, and Ms. Kohlman is teaching the grade 3 group.

The grade 4 classroom has started the year with place value, comparing and ordering numbers, and representing numbers in different ways.

ELA

We have begun our first classroom novel study, “Owls in the Family,” by Farley Mowat. It is a fantastic book, and coincides very well with our Habitats and Communities unit in science.

Spelling pretests will be every first day of the week, with a spelling test on the last day of the week. Spelling may not take place on a week that is short, or very busy in other areas.

SCIENCE

One of my favourite units every is Habitats and Communities. We are going to be learning about habitats, how plants and animals interact within them, adaptations, and many other cool concepts!

SOCIAL STUDIES

We have been discussing the different provinces and their capital cities that exist within Canada, and will soon be doing research projects to dive deeper into the history and facts of these provinces.



IMPORTANT DATES:

- October 3rd & 4th: No School/PD Day
- October 14th: Thanksgiving/No School
- October 25th: Provincial PD Day/No School
- October 31st: Halloween/Halloween Classroom Party

Classroom Newsletter

Grade 5

Ms. Speiss



Welcome back to school!

It has been wonderful to return to working with students in Grade 5 this year! We have been busy working on routines and rules in our classroom.

This month, we have been working on Text Features in Grammar. We have started a research project in social studies and we will be able to apply our knowledge on text features in our project displays. Also, we have daily reading groups in which the class has been broken down into smaller reading groups. 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. The students are also working in the Math IXL program. Assignments in this program overlap with the daily work we do in class. Students can work on assignments easily in class, at home or in the car if they have a device. They really enjoy this program!

In science, we are learning about Maintaining a Healthy body. Please send healthy snacks to school with your child to eat during the day. Some students have informed me that they really enjoy this unit so far!

Announcements or changes in our daily schedule will be sent home through the Remind app. You can also reach me by calling the school. Please let the office know if your child will be missing from 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 the school with any questions you may have.
Mrs. Duchart

Reminders

~ Weekly spelling words will be sent home each Monday, as well as the previous week's test. Spelling tests will be every Friday.
~If you haven't yet signed up for Remind App, please do so as soon as possible as this will be the main way that I send reminders home.

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 *Wishtree*.
Math: Grade 6 students have been reviewing basic number sense concepts.
Social Studies: We have begun our first unit on *Building a Nation*. Students are learning about the history of Canada becoming a country.
Science: Our first science unit will focus on *Diversity of Living Things*.

Upcoming Events

- October 1st – Picture Day
- October 3rd & 4th – PD ~ No School
- October 14th – Thanksgiving ~ No School
- October 25th – PD ~ No School
- October 31st – Halloween



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

Mrs. Sellman

**Grade
7/8**

**What
we
are
doing**

Birthdays! October
18th Rayla Z
October 1st
Dealaney R

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

Grade 7 math: We just finished our grade 6 review, and now are learning about Fractions, Decimals, and Percents.

Grade 8 Math: We are working and learning integers.

GR.7/8 science: Our first unit is Ecosystems . We finished our first quiz and are now looking at food webs and chains.

ELA: Grade 8's have spelling every day 1, and grade 7's every day 5. Every day 3 we have Grammar. Our pizza box autobiography project is due Sept 27th and our first book report is due Oct.

31th.

**Upcoming
events**

Soccer games
@Glenella Oct. 9th

Soccer divisionals @
Alonsa Oct 17th

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

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



Art: Making portfolios and working on our I Am art.

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



Miss. Kohlman's NEWSLETTER



OCTOBER

Upcoming EVENTS

- ☐ Picture Day – Oct 1st
- ☐ No School: PD Days – Oct 3rd & 4th
- ☐ No School: Thanksgiving – Oct 14th
- ☐ No School: PD Day – Oct 25th

Reminders

- ✓ Jr Soccer Divisionals - Oct 17th
- ✓ Senior Volleyball Divisionals - Oct 23rd
- ✓ Halloween - Oct 31st

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 Patterning.
- **Grade 8 Math-** We are finishing up our first unit on Integers and looking to start Fractions.
- **Grade 7/8 French-** Students have been exploring pronunciation, reading, and writing of School Supplies.
- **7/8 Art-** The class has been busy creating “I Am...” affirmation art as well as designing the front of their portfolios using Pop Art.
- **Grade 7/8 Social Studies-** Students have dove into their first unit on World Geography.
- **9-12 Art-** In addition to designing both the front and back of their portfolios, students have recently just completed a Fall Birch Tree watercolour scene painting, and explored line quality in sketching.

CONTACT INFO



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Mr. Billett's September Report

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As summer comes to a close, high school students have been busy adjusting to our new daily routines. With a full schedule of classes, sports, and activities, students are working diligently to achieve their academic goals and meet classroom expectations.

In ELA 30S, the grade eleven students have been honing their writing skills by completing a personal collage and crafting an essay about their lives. The ELA 10F students have been exploring North American folklore, creating a coat of arms, and reflecting on their artwork in a written paragraph. Meanwhile, the Hockey 11G students have been studying sports psychology and performance, enhancing their skills through an off-ice training program. In Geography 20F, students are delving into Canada's human and physical geography and its connections to global geography. They had the opportunity to explore local geography firsthand during a field trip to the local museum, where they spent the afternoon learning about our community's history.

We are also gearing up for our first social justice meeting, where we'll gather ideas from the group on how we can make a difference both locally and across Manitoba. I have had the pleasure of coaching cross country running for grades 5-12 alongside Mrs. Sellman, and we hosted the divisionals on September 20. Sixteen athletes from McCreary placed in the top three among all runners at the event—congratulations to everyone who participated! Our high school athletes have qualified for both the zones in Dauphin and the provincials at Clearwater. Additionally, our senior girls' soccer team has been practicing in preparation for the upcoming zone tournament in Dauphin on October 1st.

It has been an exciting start to the school year, with even more to look forward to in 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 and our trip to McCreary Museum.



Important Dates

Subject to change

October 1 – Sr. Girls Zone Soccer @ Dauphin

October 3 – Professional Development Day – No School

October 4 – Professional Development Day – No School

October 7 – Thanksgiving - No School

October 9 – Cross-country running provincials @ Clearwater, MB

October 17 – ELA 10F/ELA 30S Group discussion 1 about the novel 1.

October 24 – ELA 10F/ELA 30S 'Genius Hour' Pair Pitch



Mrs. Lockhart's

Science + Math

Grade 9 Math

The grade 9s have been reviewing a lot of prior math skills this month in order to set themselves up for success later in the course. We've been brushing up on decimal, fraction, and integer operations as well as order of operations. Most recently we've been discussing the concept of perfect and non-perfect squares, and their roots.

Biology 30S

In biology we've been busy covering foundational themes and concepts which we will build on throughout the semester. Cells, basic biochemistry and homeostasis are setting the stage as we prepare to study the human body and some of its major organ systems.

Grade 11 Applied Math

Grade 11 students have already wrapped up their first two units on inductive and deductive reasoning, and angle properties.

Next up, sine and cosine law, as we dive into acute triangle trigonometry.

Parallel lines

**have so much in
common...**

**it's a shame that
they'll never
meet.**

Grade 12 Applied Math

Grade 12 students have been busy learning about the factors that influence financial investments and analyzing investment portfolios. Lately, we're looking at how interest can also work against you when borrowing money. Students are crunching the numbers to decide whether it may be best to rent, lease or buy.

Chemistry 30S

We started the year with a review of atomic structure, chemical names and formulas and balancing chemical equations. Now we're preparing to do our first lab activity with the Bunsen burners as we're exploring the science behind phase changes and the unique physical and chemical properties of matter.

HUMAN ECOLOGY NEWS

I hope everyone has had a great month back! We have been busy in the Home Ec. Room with students sewing and cooking.

The Grade 8 students have Human Ecology from Sept. 5-Nov. 13. They have discussed safety in the kitchen and have made banana muffins and snickerdoodles. They are busy learning about the parts of the sewing machine and have started sewing on paper. Their final project will be a pillowcase.

The Grade 9 students have made muffins, breakfast casserole and apple fritter bread. They have also been talking about the importance of micronutrients and macronutrients. In sewing they have been practicing on the machines and have sewn stuffed frogs. They are looking forward to starting their pajama pants soon.

The Grade 11/12 class has students from McCreary, Alonsa and Glenella. They have made oatmeal cookies, waffles and pumpkin loaf. They have been busy beading a poppy or orange shirt pin and are excited to start on their moccasins.

Anna Dmytriw



Mr. Podaima

Grade ten students have been working on Ecosystems in Science. They have studied components of sustainable ecosystems and delved into the Rapa Nui. They took an interest in the statues known as moai. They were amazed at how these statues from Easter Island were transported to points on the island. Students are currently investigating how invasive species such as zebra mussels have infiltrated the lakes and body of water in Manitoba.

In physical education we have played dodgeball, soccer, and completed volleyball drills. The grade 12 students have developed their own fitness plans. They spend an hour each day working out in the weight room. All of the classes are currently working on completing their fitness tests. The grade 5 and 6 have played mission impossible, dodgeball, and indoor soccer. We are working on developing positive sporting skills like good sportsmanship.

In Life Work and Transitioning students have developed their own self-assessment plans. They are making plans for life after school. Students have completed various assignments on resilience, Covey's seven habits of highly effective people, and the seven grandfather teachings, attitudes of successful people, and how to compose an effective resume and covering letter. Students have discussed attributes that makes people successful.

In team sports the boy's senior volleyball team travelled to Brandon to compete in a weekend long volleyball tournament. It was the first tournament in the year and the boys were very competitive. They did manage to defeat Elton. We practice every Tuesday and Thursday. We are looking forward to improving as the year goes along. The senior boys are travelling to Dauphin on October first to play in the zone championship.





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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<i>National Day for Truth and Reconciliation No School</i>	<i>1 Picture Day Sr Girls and Boys Zone Soccer @ Dauphin</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3 PD Day No School</i>	<i>4 PD Day No School</i>	<i>5</i>
<i>6</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>9 Provincial Cross Country @ Clearwater MB</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>12</i>
<i>13</i>	<i>14 Thanksgiving </i>	<i>15</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>17 Junior Divisional Soccer @ Alonsa</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>19</i>
<i>20</i>	<i>21</i>	<i>22</i>	<i>23 Divisional Volleyball Girls @ Glenella Boys @ McCreary</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>25 PD Day No School</i>	<i>26</i>
<i>27</i>	<i>28 Spirit Week Mirror Image Monday (Twin Day)</i>	<i>29 Spirit Week Black and Orange Day</i>	<i>30 Spirit Week Whacky Wednesday Wild Hair and Crazy Sock Day</i>	<i>31 Spirit Week Costume Day Happy Halloween!</i>	<i>Spirit Week Pyjama Day</i>	<i>“Respect, Responsibility & Co-operation”</i>