



C.B. McMurdo School December 2011



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Mrs. C. Fiveland, Principal • Mrs. S. Wilson, Vice-Principal

Dear CB McMurdo Learning Community,

Welcome to December.

May the holiday season fill your home with happiness and health, as you navigate crazy, busy schedules.

We hope you will add December 16th at 6:30 pm—8 pm to your schedules and join us at school for our Family Dance. This Dance is organized by CB McMurdo Parent Council and is for CB McMurdo students and their families. We expect parents to please attend the dance with their children; so come out and enjoy some fun!

For safety reasons there will be no running in the gym; dancing only, and no food or drink in the gym as well. We will have a very limited concession of water and rice krispie squares for sale in the common area.

Don't forget to buy some raffle tickets to try and win lots of wonderful items. Draws will be held throughout the evening. The proceeds from raffle sales will go directly towards field trips for CB students.

Our leadership class is also organizing photos with Santa in the common area for a \$5 fee with all of these proceeds going towards the Food Bank. Thanks to Donovan Alimchandani for donating his time and photo equipment to have the photos ready to take home that night!

I hope you emphasize time with family and friends this holiday season. Merry Christmas!

Yours in education,

Mrs. Cordalee Fiveland

Principal



Twas the Night BEE—fore Christmas
Winning Gingerbread and Glitter Entry by
CB Book Club





Oral Health Program

School Oral Health Services

- The Oral Health Program will be coming to your school to offer free fluoride varnish for all children from Kindergarten to grade 2. Consent forms will be sent home in the new year.
- We will also provide free dental sealants for all grade 1 and 2 students who need them. A second consent form will be coming home with your grade 1 or 2 child for this service.

The Oral Health team will be at your school on Monday, January 30, 2012. If you have any questions please call the oral health staff at the Wetaskiwin CHC at 780-361-4341.

A focus on Study Skills Part Four

Listening is an important skill for students. It will help students to understand concepts and lesson content if they can keep small talk to a minimum during class time. This is especially important when the teacher is giving directions or when other groups are presenting information.

One of the best listening strategies is to look at the person who is talking. As discussions are occurring you will need to move around to look at who is talking. This will help to keep you alert. If you are being an active listener, this is also a great time to ask questions if you are not sure.

Parent W.I.S.E.

What can you do to help your child grow up to be a successful, happy adult? It is easier than you think.

Come to the Parent WISE meeting on Monday, Dec 5th from 7 pm to 8 pm and learn about the 40 Developmental Assets.

Canteen Price List

- White or Chocolate Milk - 75 cents
- Orange or Apple Juice - 75 cents
- Bottled Water - 75 cents
- Yogurt Tube or Cheese String - 75 cents
- Mandarin Orange Cup - 75 cents
- Granola Bar - 75 cents
- Pepperoni Pizza - \$2.00
- Chef Boy-R-Dee Ravioli - \$2.00
- Popcorn – every other Tuesday - \$1.00

Boys & Girls Club After-School Programs

New 6, 8 or 10-Week Classes
start January 2012!

Spots Available in the
following programs:

Young Chefs—Ages 10 to 14
years (cooking and eating
healthy)

FUNdamentals—Ages 6 to 9
years (physical movement and
games—held at CB McMurdo
School)

Power Up— Ages 6 to 12 years
(homework help)

Call the Boys and Girls Club at
780-352-4643 for more
information.

What's the Buzz?

ECS December is going to be an exciting month. We will be completing the uppercase alphabet. They have worked so hard to get this far. Congratulations! We will continue to practice writing our first and last names and reviewing all the letter sounds. In math, we are starting to build AABB patterns and will be printing the numbers three and four.

During December, students will have the opportunity to bring objects that represent the uniqueness of their family. Have a wonderful winter break!
- Mrs. McDonald

1 Walk through the doors of our busy grade one classroom and you'll see students learning through hands-on activities, interactive centres, literacy groups, technology, independent studies, music, movement and group discussions. Our day is full of various activities, through many different learning styles. We focus on curriculum while engaging each other in exciting, totally fun and sometimes crazy activities. Our science theme has centered around "Our Five Senses" and has included some great hands-on experiments. Social Studies leads us to discussion about our community and the various places and people in it. In math we have started addition and subtraction to 12. Additional help from home would be beneficial, as these concepts are often hard to catch on to at first. In language arts, we have been learning to write proper sentences and have been practicing these skills in our daily journals. Keep up the great work with our weekly spelling program, and don't forget about our KEY WORDS!
- Mrs. McCubbing

2 Our class is very excited about our Roots of Empathy program. Our sessions are every Wednesday morning and we all look forward to working with Mrs. Dewald and our Mom and baby.

We have started reading some fairy tales and are learning about character, setting and the lessons that are sometimes in the stories. We will soon be starting construction of our castles. Please start saving and sending materials such as toilet paper rolls, paper towel rolls, small boxes, buttons, and other items that could be used in building our castles.

In Math, we are reviewing odd and even numbers, ordinal numbers, and counting by 2, 5, and 10. We are also learning about pennies, nickels, dimes, quarters, and loonies. If you could please help your children learn to recognize the shape and value of these coins, it will be a big help.

We have started some experiments in our exploration of liquids and are looking forward to more. We will be trying to make and observe snowflakes!

November has flown by and it is time to think about Christmas. Our class enjoys singing and is very excited for the Christmas carol season.

- Ms. MacLeod



What's the Buzz?

5/6 In grade 5/6 we are busily preparing for the holiday season. In LA we have recently started a biography project on a Greek god or goddess - **the students are very interested in who's related to whom** (god and goddess wise, of course!). We are nearly finished our Flight unit in Science and are just about set to display our model airplanes. The students had a great time constructing their models out of recycled materials before covering them with paper mache and painting them. They have turned out fantastic! The grade 6s are primed to start a new chapter in math this week and in Social Studies, they are learning about the Greeks and how they have influenced the democracy we have in Canada today. We look forward to a few holiday themed projects before we head out on Christmas break.
- Miss Werner

3 It's beginning to look a lot like...a very busy time at school! We will be working on letter writing this month. Students will get to choose someone special to write a Christmas letter to and we will see that they get mailed off! In Math we are working on addition and subtraction, focusing on using mental math strategies to solve equations and problems. In Science we have been testing different kinds of materials and designs for support structures in preparation for building after Christmas! We have taken a look into the quality of life in India, Peru, Tunisia and the Ukraine in Social and are ready to continue learning more detailed information about our countries of study. The students have been getting in touch with their inner dancers in PE! Up next...student invented line dances! We will look forward to seeing some demonstrated at the family dance perhaps!
- Mrs. Dearing

4/5 The Grade 5 class took part in Remembrance Day by learning about one of **Alberta's military who was killed on a peace-keeping mission** in Afghanistan. We wrote a letter to his family expressing our thanks and our sympathy. **In Social, the Grade 4s and Grade 5s are learning about Alberta's and Canada's natural regions.** The various regions are distinct in their geography and climate and both of those influence regional industry and make communities distinct. In Science, the Grade 4s are learning about the six simple machines and how *they are everywhere* and how *they make our life so much easier!* The Grade 5s are learning about Electricity and Magnetism. They have learned which materials are good conductors, insulators, resistors and the safety precautions to take when handling electrical appliances. They have learned about closed circuits, open circuits and the importance of switches. In Health, we have been privileged to have a guest speaker teaching us about being Tobacco-Free Kids. **It's been a very ikky and interesting series of classes.** Choir has started and many of the 4s and 5s are involved. This helps us anticipate the wonderful Christmas season which is fast approaching.
- Mrs. Cline

What's the Buzz?

7 What are the Grade Seven students doing this month? In Math we started the Unit on Percent and wrote a test on **Decimals. In Social we've been learning about the First Nation Peoples and the Fur Trade.** In Language Arts we started our Poetry Unit. We wrote a Haiku about the Winter season after spending time outside. We painted and **posted them on the wall in Mr. Bailer's class.** In Science we are growing plants! We are learning about how plants grow and how soil erosion can impact the growth of plants. In Phys. Ed. we are learning how to do different dances. Basketball tryouts for the Boys and Girls Stinger Teams have started and many junior high students are participating. We are all looking forward to the Christmas Break.

By: Scout Henri, grade seven student

Book Club

December 7th will be our last book club meeting for this year. I would like to thank all book club members and their parents for all the help with Gingerbread and Glitter - we received a first place plaque for Christmas Creation - Youth.

I look forward to returning to book club in January on Thursdays. If you have any exciting suggestions for us please share your ideas with us.

I would also like to thank all the volunteers who helped out with the book fair and who help in the library - Thank you!

Wishing everyone a very Merry Christmas and a fabulous New Year!!
- Mrs. Breitzkreuz

Stingers Basketball

The Stingers Basketball season has started. The girls are practicing on Mondays at CB from 3:30 to 5:00 and the boys are practicing at Clear Vista on Fridays from 3:30 to 5:30. Games will be on Tuesdays starting in January. We are excited and looking forward to the basketball season.







8/9 In 8/9 LA students have begun a novel study of Lois Lowry's *The Giver*. This strange and suspenseful award winning novel has lead to outstanding class discussions and some "outside-the-box" assignments. Perhaps the greatest challenge of all though is to not read ahead! In 7/8 LA, students have been transformed into bonafide poets. They have mastered the art of haiku by spending time outdoors reflecting on nature, as well as studying tall tales from the Maritimes. In Social Studies, grade eight is creating a comic book cover on the rebellious adventures of Martin Luther.

- Mr. Bailer





December 2011

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			1 	2 Boys Basketball Practice at Clear Vista 3:30–5:30 pm No School - PD Day
5 Girls Basketball Practice 3:30-5 pm Parent WISE 7 pm	6 Popcorn Sale	7 	8 Hot Lunch Forms Go Home	9 Boys Basketball Practice at Clear Vista 3:30–5:30 pm First Friday for ECS
12 Girls Basketball Practice 3:30-5 pm	13 Hot Lunch Forms Due	14 	15 	16 Boys Basketball Practice at Clear Vista 3:30–5:30 pm Family Dance 6:30 pm - 8 pm
19 Girls Basketball Practice 3:30-5 pm	20 Popcorn Sale	21 Assembly 11 am Hot Lunch Last Day of Classes in 2011	22 Christmas Break - No School	23
26 	27	28	29	30 Classes resume on January 5th
Christmas Break - No School				

January 2012



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2	3	4	5 First Day of Classes in 2012	6 Boys Basketball Practice at Clear Vista 3:30-5:30 pm
9 Girls Basketball Practice 3:30-5 pm	10 Parent Council 6:30 pm	11	12	13 Boys Basketball Practice at Clear Vista 3:30-5:30 pm
16 Girls Basketball Practice 3:30-5 pm	17 Popcorn Sale	18	19	20 Boys Basketball Practice at Clear Vista 3:30-5:30 pm
23 Girls Basketball Practice 3:30-5 pm	24	25 Parent Tech Night 6:30 pm	26	27 Boys Basketball Practice at Clear Vista 3:30-5:30 pm
30 Girls Basketball Practice 3:30-5 pm	31 Popcorn Sale Assembly 2:30 pm Interim Report Cards			