

M.E.S. PRESS

MacGregor Elementary School

Pine Creek School Division and MacGregor Elementary School have installed a new safety system on all school doors. All doors at MacGregor Elementary School will be locked during instructional time (9:00 - 3:20). The main doors of the school will be unlocked during all recess breaks for students to access the school in the case of an emergency, to use bathrooms or any other reasons.

Thanks for your support with regards to this new safety procedure. If you require access to the school during locked times, please press the intercom system button and the main office will allow you access to the school.

A Christmas celebration for all MES students and staff.



The month of December was a busy month filled with concerts, parties, winter art projects and reading Christmas stories. However, MES staff and students stopped long enough to enjoy each others' company during our annual Christmas lunch. It was an excellent meal, including roasted ham, peas and carrots, turkey and ice cream for dessert. It is a real pleasure to be able to get our entire MES school community together and spend quality time together. A special thanks to all who helped make the event a huge success.

When I grow up.....

When I grow up I will be a construction worker. To be a construction worker you have to build buildings. You also need to wear a uniform. I want to be a construction worker because you can use big drills. Another reason is I could drive a skid steer. I can wait to be a construction worker.



By: Brenden Hiebert



Did You Know?

Did you know rain contains vitamin B12?

Did you know men have 10% more red blood cells than women?

News from Human Ecology

Students are working at completing Jean Bag projects this month, and will move on to the Laundry at Home Assignment as we wrap up January. Keep an ear open for that one, as all students will be required to do their own laundry at home as a project write up! February will see the start of the cooking component of the course, a day that all students are keenly anticipating. Please ensure that your students have washed dishes at least once before they come to the cooking classes, then it will come as less of a shock. Thank you to all the parents at home for all the donations of supplies for them to use, I think as a group they manufactured somewhere upwards of 100 hats and mittens, and at least 200 wheat/flax bags.

THANK YOU

Special thanks to all staff and students for such a tremendous Christmas Concert. It was a great performance and enjoyed by all.



February 6th

Brandon Wheat
Kings Game
Grades 5-8

February 13th

Divisional Curling
Bonspiel @ Plumas

February 16th

Oak Hammock Marsh
Presentations to
Grades 1-2

February 19th

NO SCHOOL

February 5th

Deadline to Submit
WSO Artwork
See - Mrs. Farquharson

February 23rd

MES Boys' Invitational
Basketball Tournament



ALL ABOUT BEAVERS.

A beaver can stay underwater for up to 15 minutes. Some beaver lodges last for 30 years. A baby beaver is called a kit. A beaver is a rodent. Beavers are herbivores. Most beaver dams are from 5-30 meters long. A beaver's tail is flat and scaly. A beaver's home is called a lodge. They live near trees and water.

The MES PAC is excited to announce that we have made a down payment and will be installing our first new Play Structure in May 2018! A HUGE THANK YOU to our local businesses and community members for your support. We also want to thank the Richardson Foundation for their recent donation of \$15,000 to our Playground Project!

Thank You for your support!



EVERY CHILD IS AN ARTIST



Music News - Submitted by Carolyn Farquharson

This winter, our music classes have been exploring music through movement as part of the Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra's "Adventures in Music" concert series. Students from grades 3 - 7 will be attending a concert at the Centennial Concert Hall on March 14th. The cost per ticket is \$10 and includes bus transportation as well as an exciting concert program that includes music from Star Wars, a sword dance and a performance by 17 students from MES. We are excited to have been chosen to perform for the second year in a row! A parent letter with all the details will be sent home later this week.

Mrs. Farquharson will be available to help students prepare for the Gladstone Speech and Arts Festival this spring. The Speech Arts binder will be arriving soon and shall be available to view at MES. We also have several books and scripts available for anyone who would like to enter Readers' Theatre or Musical Theatre classes! We are hoping to include our arts festival entries in the art/ talent show this spring. The dates for this year's Speech Arts Festival are April 17 - 19. March 2nd is the deadline to register for the Speech Arts Festival.

The "Mental Health and Wellness Resource Listing" provide students and their families with vital information about support services and programs in their community. These services connect families to resources, education and support as needed toward strengthening positive mental health.

www.kidshelpphone.ca 1-800-668-6868

www.crisistextline.org

www.stresshacks.ca

Manitoba Parent Line 1-877-945-4777 www.manitobaparentzone.ca

Community Mental Health Access Services 1-888-310-4593 CRISIS 1-866-588-1697

Manitoba Farm and Rural Support Services 1-866-367-3276

Klinik Crisis Line 1-888-322-3019

Manitoba Suicide Line 1-877-435-7170

Health Links 1-888-315-9257

Children's Advocate 1-800-263-7146

Child and Family Services Central Region 1-204-857-8751

Family Resource Centre - Portage 1-204-857-9011

Community Resource Centre - MacGregor 1-204-685-2977

VERY IMPORTANT

We are in the process of updating our contact lists. If you have a new email address or cell number please let us know so we can make appropriate changes. Emails are sent on a regular basis. If you are not receiving them, please contact the office.



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