



# M.E.S. PRESS



MacGregor Elementary School

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**REPLACE AN EMPTY MIND WITH AN OPEN MIND**

MES students will have the opportunity to enjoy a Christmas Lunch on December 12th. The lunch will be prepared by volunteers in the community and school for all students and staff. Special thanks to the PAC for helping with this special event.



An alternate form of this newsletter is available upon request at MacGregor Elementary School.  
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**BAG UP CHALLENGE**  
MES recently took part in the Bag Up Challenge and we did an amazing part in helping out the environment. We recycled a whopping 8300 plastic bags.

## LEST WE FORGET

Special thank you to Ms. Wotton and volunteer students for the planning of the Remembrance Day Service on Nov 10th. The service was very well received by visitors, staff and special guests. Mrs. Liz Wall and Mrs. Christine Murray were asked to place a wreath on behalf of all soldiers. Both parents have sons who are currently enlisted in the Canadian Armed Forces.

## Student-led Conferences

MES student-led conferences are set for November 30th and December 1st. We are excited that the conferences are school wide and we encourage all families to take part in this opportunity for students to demonstrate their learning.

November 30th - 4:30 - 7:30 pm

December 1st - 9:00 - 12:00

A special thank you to the following Church groups for their continued support of our Breakfast, Snack and Lunch Program. It is great to be able to provide our students whatever is needed in order to learn and have a great school day. Thank you for your support!

- United Church
- St Paul's Anglican
- Kinettes
- Westend Community Church
- Sommerfeld
- Bagot Community Chapel
- MacGregor EMC

## Junior Varsity Volleyball

Congratulations to all junior volleyball players on a very successful season. All of our teams competed very hard this season and developed many great volleyball skills. Recently, the JV boys team finished second in their invitational tournament after losing to a skilled Carberry team.



## Upcoming Dates

December 1st

Student Led Conferences

8:00 - 12:00 noon

December 6th

Divisional VB  
Boys and Girls @ Gladstone

December 8th

PIZZA POP DAY

\$2.00

MES Christmas Concert

Dress Rehearsal  
December 19th

Concert  
December 21st  
(10:00 am - 1:00 pm)

**Book Review - By: Ethan Hildebrandt**

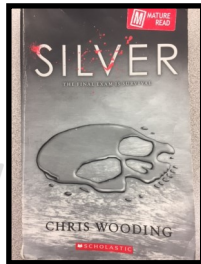
Have you ever read a book that you can't put down? Well, SILVER is one of those books. So, while it is quite a long read, I would highly suggest you invest time into reading this book. It is a regular day at Mortingham Academy, a boarding school for teens, when some of the younger teenagers notice silver colored beetles at the pond. They seem friendly, until they start biting the kids. A few hours later, and the kids are turning into silver zombie-like creatures as well, similar to the beetles. Before the day is over, the students are fighting for their lives against these monstrosities. Some will survive, some won't, and for others, it will be much worse, in Silver, a horror novel by Chris Wooding.

I found this book last year looking for an interesting book to read in Mrs. Marriott's library and came across Silver. Since then, I have read two times.

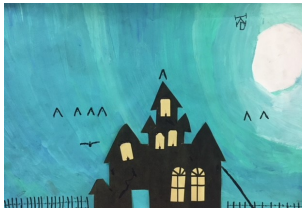
I would recommend this book to anyone that is up to reading a decent sized book (well over 300 pages and small font) and like horror genre books. It is considered a mature read and certainly not for everyone. While personally I don't find this book scary, it is still one of my favorite books of all time. Chris Wooding has written over 30 books and writes in many different genres, including fantasy, science fiction, horror, steampunk and action.



**MES ART**



**Remembrance Day Artwork**



**Halloween Artwork  
Grades 5-6 and Grades 7-8**



**DID YOU KNOW?**

Did you know carrots contain 0% fat?

Did you know the \$ sign was introduced in 1788?

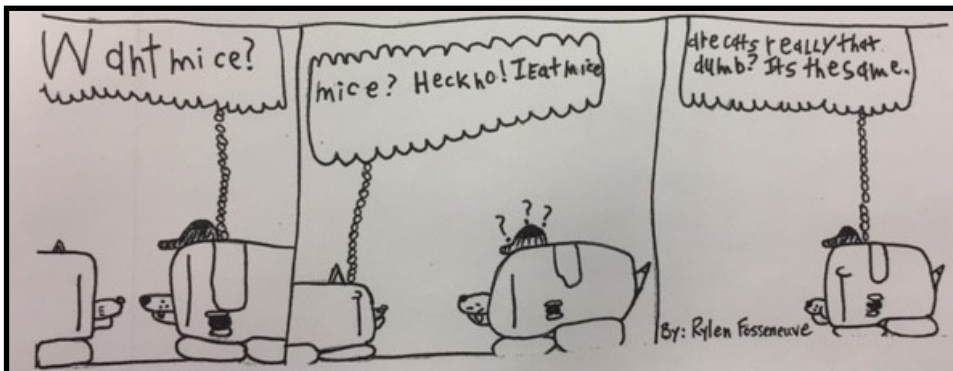
Did you know Niagara Falls could fill 4,000 bathtubs every second?

**5/6 Manns makes Pumpkin Pie!**

One day for Halloween, KenzieWilliams brought in one large pumpkin and 1 small pumpkin. In Social Studies, we are learning about the Aboriginal people and how they used every part of everything they had. So, we did that with our 2 pumpkins. Everybody had a part. There were gutters, carvers, roasters, ingredient gatherers, and bakers. First, the gutters took out the guts. Then, the carvers carved the pumpkins into Jack-O-Lateran's. The roasters roasted the seeds and we shared them with the class. We then started to work on the pumpkin pie the next day. The ingredient gatherers found a recipe and went uptown to buy the ingredients. The bakers then started to work on the pumpkin pies. They cut the pumpkins in half, put them on a pan, and put it in the oven for 45 minutes. By the time they were done, we had 6 pumpkin pies and still had left over pumpkin! We made 2 crust less pies. We let them cool and then Kenzie made whipped cream. We shared our pumpkin pies with Mrs. Zander's class. Thank you Kenzie for bringing in the pumpkins!

Written by Reese Rankmore and Kenzie Williams.

A big thank you to all who those who once again supported our Mom's Pantry Fundraiser. We made approximately \$1400.00 for our school to be used in supporting student activities and purchasing special items for the school.



**MES STUDENTS ARE GOING SKATING**

MES students will be going skating in the month of December. Starting December 4th, P.E. classes will be using the local facility to skate and play hockey. All students require a helmet and skates to be on the ice. If students are playing sponge puck hockey they require a cage on their helmet as well. Parents are more than welcome to take part in the activity. A schedule will be sent home with students.