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October Newsletter 2015

News From the Office:



Fall has beauty and an excitement that is best understood when watching children jump into a pile of leaves. A joy that is quickly lost when you are raking and bagging the leaves to clean up the yard for winter. So, if you have to rake up the leaves, why not build in a jump or two. It's fun for all of us kids and kids at heart.

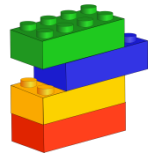
This month the MMCC is focusing on two family events. A Movie Night will be held on October 16th and a Family Dance on October 30th. Come out and enjoy some community fun.

The Daily School Reading Program is going awesome and the students are actively reading and receiving instruction on reading as a special project in addition to the fine work on reading that the staff is doing throughout the day.

We want to promote the importance of reading and the reality that practice makes perfect. Please help support this with your own home variation of this. Reading is fun and the better we read, the more fun we have with our learning. Have some reading fun with your child each evening.

As a reminder, we will be having a "name the reading program" contest for the students this month.

LEGO: Let Go of My Lego We are looking for some Lego that needs a new home. We have a recess program that will be starting in November that will require a large amount of Lego. If you or your family/friends would have some Lego to donate to the school, it would be put to good use as part of a social skills building program. Lego donations may be dropped off at the office.



Assessment: The Regina Public School conduct a variety of Fall testing to help determine the educational directions best suited to helping the students learn. A similar round of testing in the Spring will be done in order to compare the growth of each student from Fall to Spring.

You are welcome and encouraged to contact your child's teacher to discuss those assessments or any other questions that you may have. Please contact the office at (306) 791-8492 and a message will be given to the staff member to contact you when they are not directly working with students.

Progress Reports and Conferences: Soon we will be in November and the First-Term Reporting will take place. Progress Reports will go home on Friday, November 20th and Conferences will be held on November 27th.

The school and home team working together is vital for an effective learning plan to support each student. It is greatly appreciated when families commit to the conference and help model the value of education. There are always great accomplishments to celebrate and perhaps even a few little tweaks to make learning more fun.

A few steps to help students learn at home:

1. Daily Reading: it is not a secret that children who read learn better.
2. Communication: always ask what they did at school, ask, for details. Include a question of what is needed for tomorrow.
3. Organization: in a busy world, it is important to plan and list events. Help your child see the value in using their Agenda to keep track of events in and out of school. Plan for the "busy" times.
4. Celebrate small steps: empower the future growth with validation of a first step.
5. Attendance: when an absence occurs, learning time is lost. Please promote the need to learn what was missed. Encourage your child to ask the teacher for the work they missed. This is a good place to utilize the agenda.

Give yourself permission to "not be perfect", but the inclusion of some of the above can help formulate an understanding of the importance of EDUCATION.



FCC Drive Away Hunger – We are again participating in the Drive Away Hunger Program. We encourage you to send a *non-perishable food item* to school with your child from **October 13th until October 22nd**. Information explaining this project will be going home shortly.

Important Information from Transportation:

As the cold weather approaches the Regina Public School Board wants to ensure that school bus routes are running on time, and that students are safe. Student delays at stops affect students waiting further into the route. Parents are asked to:

1. Ensure their child is at the stop location and is ready for boarding five minutes prior to the departure time.
2. Ensure, as necessary, that there is a responsible individual available to meet the vehicle after school.
3. Have alternate arrangements in place for those times when the vehicle is delayed.

From Brad Dimen, Supervisor of Transportation

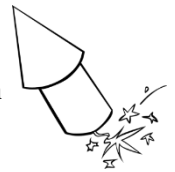


Launch a Rocket Competition

The grade sixes and some grade five students in Ms. Wood's class are participating in a Rocket Competition hosted by the University of Regina. This fun and exciting project is in support of the flight unit in grade 6 science.

Students are designing elastic-powered rockets, parachutes, and launchers, and will bring them to the class competition on **Wednesday, October 14th**. The 3 rockets with the longest flight time will advance to the City Finals at the University of Regina on October 29th, where they will compete against students from both the public and separate school divisions.

The sky's the limit for this class, wish them luck!!



Marion McVeety Community Council (MMCC)

Thank you to all families who came out to Meet the Teacher and the Welcome Back Barbeque, and to those who supported the Book Fair! If the number of people who attended is any indication, it was a HUGE success!

Save the Date:

Friday, October 16th will be our 1st Family Movie Night.

Friday, October 30th we will be holding our Annual Family Costume Dance. It's always a lot of fun with great music, raffles and fabulous costumes!

Watch for more details on both events coming in the near future.

If you or someone you know is interested in becoming a member of the MMCC, or wanting to volunteer for activities held throughout the year, please leave your name and contact information at the office and a member of the MMCC will be more than happy to get you started!

Our next meeting will be held Tuesday, November 6th at 6:30 in the staff room. All parents and guardians, as well as community members who live in the McVeety School area are welcome to attend.

MMCC FUNDRAISER: Thank you for your support of our QSP Magazine Fundraiser. Orders may be submitted throughout the year thru online ordering at www.qsp.ca. Our GROUP ID for online ordering is 3730637.

WAY TO GO MCVEETY CROSS COUNTRY TEAM!

Congratulations to McVeety cross country finalists who competed in the race at Douglas Park .

These students: Esteara, Ryan, Olivia, Kade, Nadia, Delany, Refka, Luke, Janna, Lea, Alexander, Sarah, and Gia were wonderful role models for our school.

Way to go!

Mrs. Gerspacher & Mrs. Finch

