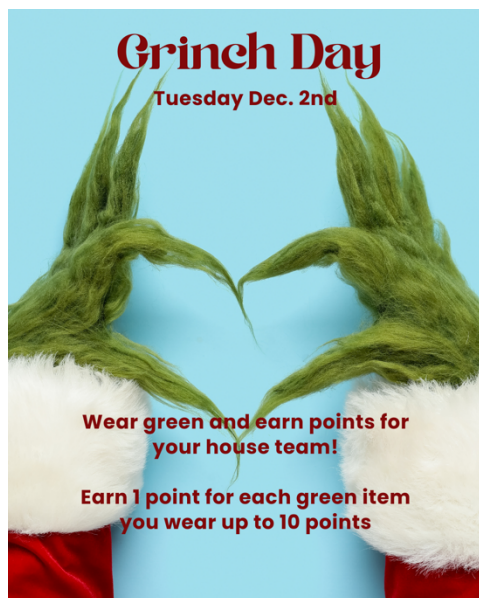


December Newsletter

Volleyball

Thank you so much to our coaches Mrs. Jans and Mrs. Smith all season and to Mrs. Dueck for being our team sponsor. We are all so grateful for the expertise and passion our coaching team has consistently brought for our children. We had a very successful season, and the players are showing so much growth. We had very nice compliments from the players and coaches of the teams we played in the recent tournament.



On December 19th we will have an early hot lunch and then the whole school will be going bowling from 1:00pm - 2:00pm.

Important Upcoming Dates:

December 1st – (9:00am) Kick off to Christmas family breakfast

December 2nd – Grinch Day (Wear green)

December 12th – Christmas Lunch & Cookie Decorating

December 15th – Deck the Halls (Wear all your Christmas accessories)

December 16th – Candy Cane Day (Wear candy cane colours)

December 16th – Christmas Concert 7pm (Students in classroom 6:30pm)

December 17th – Christmas sweater/shirt & socks day

December 18th – Christmas Winter PJ Day

December 18th – PAC Craft Day (Bring a bag for your crafts)

December 19th – Winter wonderland (wear white and sparkly)

December 19th – Whole school bowling 1-2pm
Learning updates come home.

December 22nd – January 4th – Winter break

January 5th – School resumes

January 13th – PAC meeting 2:45pm

Kick off the Christmas family breakfast is on Monday December 20th at 9:00am in the McLeod school gym. RSVPs were due to Mrs. Doornbos by 3:00pm on November 27th.

McLeod Christmas Concert

Please join us Tuesday December 17th starting at 7:00pm in the school gym, doors open at 6:30pm. Students should arrive to their classrooms by 6:30pm.

Basketball

Mr. Leroux and Mrs. Smith will be coaching basketball this year. A sign-up sheet will be up in the main hallway for students to sign up next week. **First practice will be Tuesday, December 9th 2:45pm - 4:00pm.** Practices will continue after winter break every Tuesdays and Wednesday 2:45pm – 4:00pm until games start. Games will be Wednesdays again this year so the schedule will shift to Tuesday practice and Wednesday games. Once we receive a league schedule, we will pass it along to families.

Indigenous Education

Mrs. Dueck recently presented to the elders and district staff at our recent Annual Enhancement Agreement Meeting. In the two years previous we have been working on increasing our awareness and understanding of Indigenous history and backgrounds and creating a sense of belonging for our students. has included a focus on increasing our student participation through solid attendance and participating in events at school that increase our community engagement. The elders, trustees, district staff and Mrs. Dueck discussed the data presented. Importantly, Mrs. Dueck shared school attendance data and SNAP data (numeracy data from last school year). Studies show that students that miss more that 10% per school year risk not reaching their full potential and graduation. Students that miss more than 20%, which is one day per week, risk not graduating and dropping out early. While it is important to understand the fuller reasons for each student's attendance profile, we encourage being present for as many community building and academic activities every week of the school year. Our school is giving strong attention to our literacy and numeracy practices, as well. Mrs. Dueck also shared the results from all of our classes of a student survey "How I Feel About My Classroom and School".

Book Fair

Thank you to everyone that supported our recent Book Fair. Our total sales were \$ 2379.19, this means \$663.80 worth of books will be put into our library. Mrs. Doornbos has already started entering them and will soon be available to students to enjoy! Thank you everyone who volunteered at the book fair and to everyone who purchased books.

Sora & Epic

Please watch for permission forms for Sora and Epic. All three classes will be working with Sora and Epic going forward. Please sign these forms and send them back asap. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your student's teacher or Mrs. Dueck.



The PAC will be doing our Annual Giving Back for Christmas Baking Day- Dec. 11.

If you are free to lend a hand, it's a great way to spread Christmas cheer! Goodie boxes will be given out to members in the community during the Christmas Season!