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Principal's Message

We are so excited that the start of this school year has brought with it a return of many activities, clubs, and extra-curricular opportunities that all serve to create a strong sense of caring and community here at College Miles Macdonell Collegiate. Our staff and students have now had just over half a semester to engage in active and engaging learning. It continues to be a priority for us to support our students in their social, emotional, and academic success. We deeply appreciate the commitment of families to connect with our staff with the goal of supporting students to work to their personal best and set goals for future growing and learning.

We have a number of upcoming events that will welcome our community into our school. Please see inside for more details on our Craft Sale, Holiday Concert, and Drama Production.

Wishing you all a safe and restful upcoming holiday season.

River East Transcona School Division is located on the original lands of the Anishinaabeg, Ininiwak, Anishininiwak, Dakota, and Dene peoples, and on the homeland of the Red River Métis. We recognize our part of the Treaty relationship and, as acknowledgement of the harms done, we commit to collaborating with Indigenous communities in the shared spirit of Truth and Reconciliation for the healing and inclusion of all who share this Land.



Collège Miles Macdonell Alumni Association

Here is a wonderful way to stay connected to Miles Macdonell Collegiate!

Please consider joining the Alumni Association.

Most importantly, this is the group that organizes multi-year reunions for all MMC graduates. The Alumni Association also carries on a few activities that are of value to current and former students alike, such as:

- Scholarships for graduating students
- Grants for changes to and equipment for the school
- Pizza lunches for EAL students
- Sale of digital versions of MMC Year Books dating back to 1952-53.

With the next major milestone reunion expected to be the 75th in 2027, the current slate of Association directors is unlikely to be the group that organizes it.

In addition, the funds in the trust that allows the Association to provide the scholarships and other grants for school changes and equipment will require on-going attention.

The best ways you can get in touch with the group are by visiting and liking their Facebook page at www.facebook.com/MMCAA, or you can contact the current Board of Directors elected officers directly via email as follows:

- Honorary Chair Darlene Lindsay (Former teacher)
- Chair: Ronald N. Storozuk ronstorozuk@mts.net
- Vice-Chair: **Position Vacant**
- Treasurer: Donna Cudmore dc2cd@shaw.ca
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Other Directors are **Rick Dondo and Carmen Dondo**



They look forward to hearing from you!

Have you tried Pay Pal?

Did you know that you can pay your student's outstanding fees online? You can sign into the Parent Portal, and you will see a series of tiles, one of which is "Fees & Billing".

Fees owing are visible, and you now have the option of paying for outstanding fees this way. There is a nominal fee to use this service.

It is a great way to stay on top of all fees owing!



Attendance Telephone Number

Did you know that Collège Miles Macdonell Collegiate has a designated Attendance telephone line?

This is the phone number you need to call when your student will be absent for any reason.

It is a voicemail messaging system. You can leave a message on this line stating your student's name, the date, and the reason for the absence at the following number:

CMMC Attendance Line:

(204) 663-4068



Please always use this number to report an absence

Languages Department

September at Miles Mac is always a busy month, especially for this year starting in person!!!

For us in the Languages Department, we have a new teacher of Français as part of our French Immersion team: Ms. Chloe Ramm, teaching in grades 9 and 10.

This year we are fortunate to have many student teachers working in our Language's classes and we also have a French Languages assistant from France! His name is Aymeric, and he will be working with us all year long, four days a week! We wish everyone a good year and look forward to their contributions to our department and school!

DELF News

Students from Mme Bailey's 42SIB French: Communication and Culture class last year who chose to take the DELF exam finally received their diplomas from France! This diploma gives them a life-time accreditation for their French skills. Félicitations! Les langues comptent!





Languages
matter!
How many can
you speak?



Les langues
comptent!
Combien en
parlez-vous?

Later this month we will have 35 students from our grades 11 and 12 Immersion Français classes who will also be voluntarily taking their DELF exams for either the B1 or B2 level under the guidance of Mme Ybanez and M. Legoupil. We wish them good luck- Bonne chance!

Further, we are looking forward to preparing our French Immersion Français students to participate in our Poetry competition: Les voix de la poésie, which is set to take place in January. More information to follow in the next newsletter! We thank students and staff, new and returning, for a great start to this school year!

Learn languages with us!!

2022 Cheerboard Application Now Open!!!!

Note that **anyone in need** living in Winnipeg and St. Norbert **may apply for a hamper**. Christmas hampers **include the following:**

- traditional Christmas packaged foods
- an appropriate sized turkey based on the household size (individuals receive a chicken)
- a gift for children 14 and under

Note that all hamper **applications are taken by phone** at Hamper Application Call Centres. If you qualify under the low-income, student or new Canadian category, please visit: <https://www.christmascheerboard.ca/about-us/contact-us#hours> for hours and contact information.

We encourage you to apply early!

Social Sciences Dept – Remembrance Day Service

On Thursday November 10th the Social Sciences Department organized a very meaningful and engaging program for staff and students to reflect upon the significance of this important day.

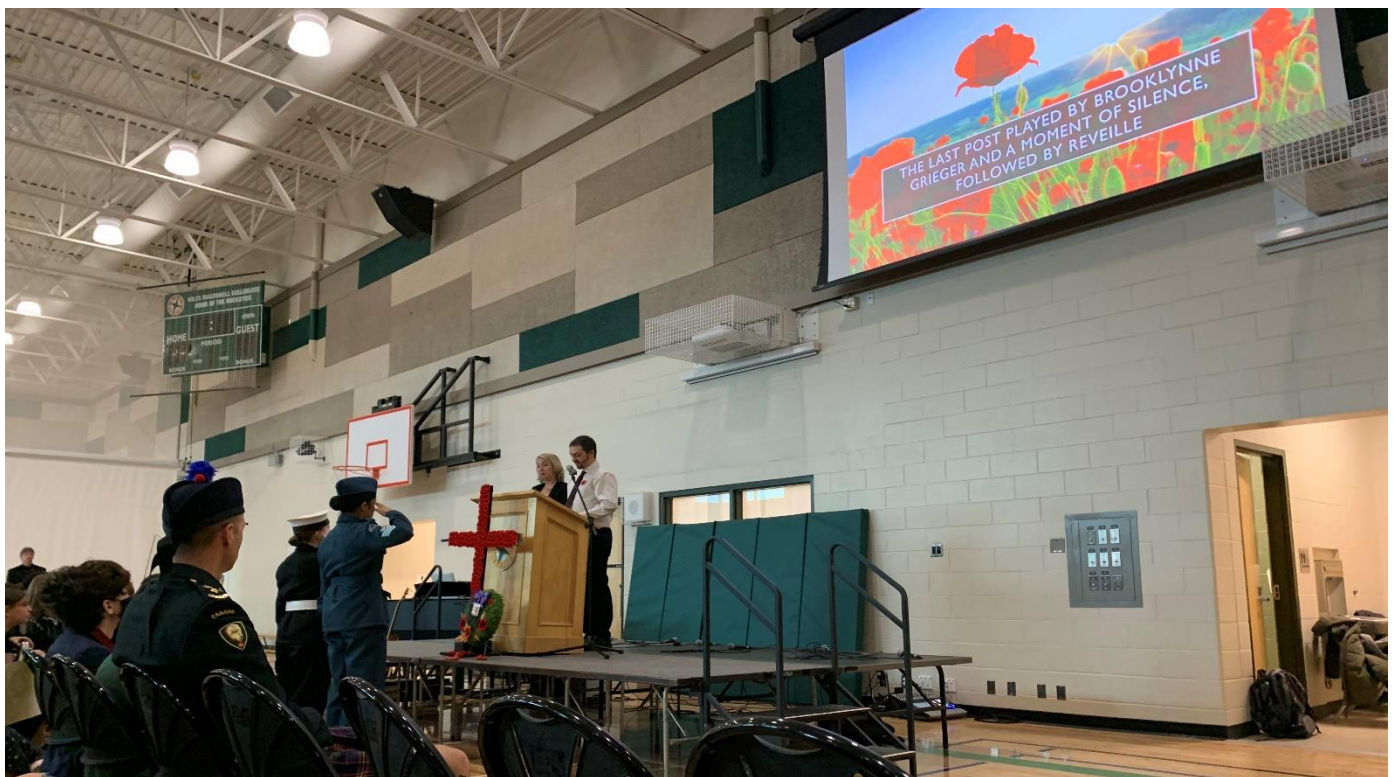
Our services were emceed by teachers Kara Street and Gordon Fritzsche and featured a variety of speakers, videos and performances as well as participation by student cadets. Under the direction of Musical Arts teacher Garth Rempel, the CMMC choir and vocal group Compass, provided powerful musical renditions of the songs “Flanders Fields” and “After the War”.

The service also included a reading of the poem of “Reply to Flanders Fields” by Dramatic Arts teacher Caitlin Belton’s students Amari Juhai and Noah Pastershank.

We were very fortunate to have two current Canadian Armed Forces members speak as part of this event. The commanding officer of The Queen’s Own Highlander’s of Canada, Lieutenant-Colonel Jon Baker, shared his perspective on the significance of remembrance through the story of a soldier from his regiment that was killed in action during the First World War and whose remains were just recently identified in France.

CMMC class of 2021 graduate Private Evan Rollwagen of the 3rd Battalion of the Princess Patricia’s Light Infantry shared his message via video as he is currently serving in the United Kingdom helping to train Ukrainian volunteers defending their homeland. Private Rollwagen spoke about Canada’s military history as well as the significance of the youth passing on the torch of remembrance.

Our hope is that this event encouraged our students to take the time to reflect on the sacrifices that were made and continue to be made to enable us to live in a free and democratic society that values equality and human rights. Lest we forget.





Student Council Co-Presidents, Newsletter Statement

At College Miles Macdonell Collegiate, our Student Council is focused on bringing back the Buckeye culture that was so prominent in our halls and will continue to be a part of our staff, students, and alumni.

This year we were given the freedom to put on activities as “normal”. We decided to hold a Halloween Spirit Week ending off with a costume contest and Haunted House in our very own Helen Mayba Theatre! We ran our Haunted House with the help of many drama students and members of the production and every member of StuCo, and we found it to be a smashing success.

For the upcoming months, StuCo is planning on hosting a traditional Miles Mac Grade Wars. We are in the process of developing some ideas and activities for the entire student body at CMMC.

All of this would not be possible without the hard work and help from our talented and diligent project managers and members. We are so proud of the work StuCo has already done and will continue to do for the rest of the year.

Cherry Nguyen and Roopak Brar

Student Council Co-Presidents 2022-2023

ESD LEADERSHIP TEAM NEWS

ESD (Education for Sustainable Development) News Submitted by the ESD Leadership Team:

**Jonah Henwood, Precious Ola-Joseph, Kultaj Kaur, Sidney Perron, Kushal Joshi, Pooja Patel and
Teacher Leaders: Kara Street and Laura McCrindle**

The ESD leadership team is excited to share with you a collection of our past and future projects and events that we have planned for the year. All of these projects were chosen with the main goal to support and raise awareness for sustainability in our community. Our “Depave” project brought an outdoor learning space to the school. ESD was able to complete such a project with the help of the school community and various sponsors such as “Depave” Paradise. A portion of the school parking lot was excavated to make room for the learning space, which was then constructed by students and teachers in June of 2022. The project was set to be completed by the fall, with the installation of live edge benches. The space provides students a place to learn, socialize and relax, all while being away from a traditional classroom setting. The project also included the installation of a sharing circle, which has been used for smudges and other ceremonies throughout the year.

This year ESD students volunteered at the Manitoba Social Studies Teacher Association’s PD Day held at Miles Mac. Throughout the day we set up classrooms for seminars and helped guide teachers around the school, which in itself was a great volunteering opportunity, and we were also able to chat with some of the people sat at the informative booths setup in our gym. It was a great experience to learn more about some of the groups active in our province as well as a way to start thinking about some exciting ideas for Earth-week workshops to be held in the school. Overall, the experience left the ESD members eager and excited for the activities to come as we continued our year.

ESD, in conjunction with the Social Sciences Department, conducted the municipal student vote at school. This granted students the ability to practice their civil duties of voting and encouraged informed citizenship as information on the various candidates was available to students prior to them casting their vote.

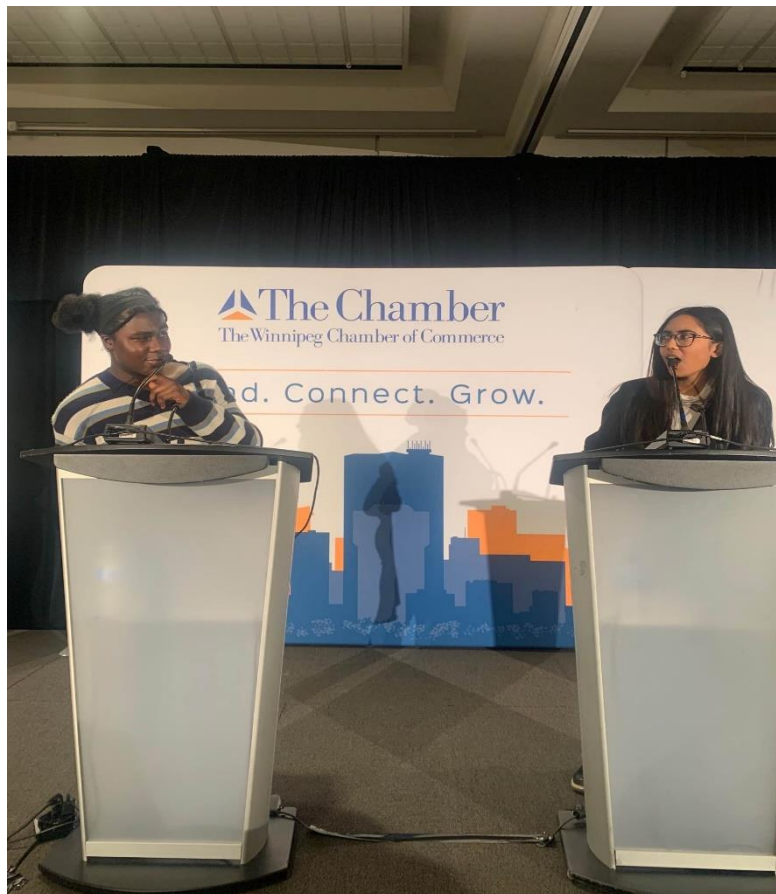
Environments similar to real elections were mimicked, which gave students a great overview of how the electoral process in our city works. Additionally, two of our ESD leaders had the opportunity to attend the 2022 Winnipeg Chamber of Commerce-hosted Mayoral debate. Our leaders socialised with other attendees, took pictures with, and had conversations with the candidates, including Scott Gillingham and Glen Murray. They had the opportunity to witness live discussions and debates between each candidate on a wide range of election-related topics, including crime, housing and infrastructure challenges, economic growth, and transportation. They left knowing more about how each candidate intended to improve our wonderful city!

ESD sold pumpkin spice lattes to fundraise for our upcoming projects. The lattes were made from pumpkins grown in CMMC’s own garden during the summer. To make the lattes, we roasted our pumpkins in slow cookers, puréed them, mixed in our coffee, and then sold two varieties: vegan and dairy. To lessen the usage of plastic we served it in compostable cups, and also gave the option to bring their own travel mugs. By selling these pumpkin spice lattes, we reduced the amount of carbon emissions emitted by our school's students and staff by ensuring that fewer people drove to or ordered from a coffee shop.

On November 7th, the ESD leadership team attended a Youth Climate Change conference held by Learning for a Sustainable Future at the Canadian Museum for Human Rights. The ultimate goal was to come out of the conference with a new outlook on climate change, hope, and what the youth of today can bring to the table in the future. Our leaders shared some of the projects from the past year and left the conference with ideas to incorporate this year. The speakers from the Prairie Climate Centre were approached with the opportunity of speaking at our school for earth week, and they were more than willing to do so. Attending the conference helped the leaders learn about collaboration, leadership, and thinking creatively to engage the community in education about sustainability.

This club has some very exciting projects planned for this year, ranging from educating peers on the harms of fast-fashion, to bringing in climate experts during earth week. On November 18th, we will hold our own CMMC thrift store/clothing swap where we sell gently-used clothing students at the school have donated! Other projects lined up include selling hot chocolate to raise money for future events, making Christmas tree ornaments with recycled materials, and planning our big earth week line-up of activities. Each year, earth week at CMMC is exciting and has events everyday for students who wish to participate, and this year will be no different. Potential events that are in the making are holding a CMMC fashion show with clothes students have thrifted at the school from our clothing swaps, inviting guest speakers we connected with at the LSF conference, and selling iced coffee with the local women-run business we support each year. Our team hopes that these projects inspire you to think about sustainability in your everyday life and take action to make a difference in your community.









Library News

Library is Open! We are pleased to welcome CMMC students into the library every school day 8:00-3:45. Students are welcome to read, do research, have their lunch, and/or work on schoolwork. As well, there are some laptops for students to use while in the library. While using the library, students are asked to ensure they use respectful voices (volume and words), respect the furniture arrangements, and clean up after themselves.

New Library Technician! We're pleased to welcome Mrs. de Vries-Porteous to the CMMC Library Learning Commons as our new library technician, following Ms. Harris's retirement. Mrs. De Vries-Porteous has had the opportunity to meet many of the students through library orientations and many students visiting the library.

New Books! We have already added over 200 English and French books this year! We are also anxiously awaiting more books including other new releases, more manga, and books in Ukrainian, Cree and other languages. Students are always welcome to let library staff know if there is a book or topic that they would like to be added to our library and they will be notified first if it is purchased!

Online Resources! Students also have access to great resources online 24/7. They can access audiobooks and ebooks through Sora, research articles through Ebscohost, and more! (For more information on these resources, please see the library staff.)

Happy reading,

Mrs. Card & Mrs. de Vries-Porteous

Rocket League

CMMC has two Rocket League eSports teams competing weekly with other high school teams in the province. "CMMC Yellow" is currently in first place in their division and looking forward to in-person playoffs in early December! Way to go, Bucks!

Mac Snack

We are pleased have small snacks available to CMMC students each school day. Snacks are available in the library, starting at 8:00 am. Fruit is also available throughout the day in the school office. We request that students are respectful and only take what they need.

Grade 9 Girls & Boys Volleyball Season

The grade 9 girls and boys volleyball seasons have come to a close. Coaches would like to thank their respective athletes for their time and commitment. Both teams improved a great deal as the season progressed. Congratulations to both teams for advancing to the KPAC semi-finals, and to the boys' team for winning the Acadia volleyball tournament. Well done, Buckeyes!

Thank-you

CMMC Music Program Presents:

*Home For Holidays
Once Again!*

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6

Location: 757 Roch St.
Collège Miles Macdonell Collegiate
Gymnasium
AT 7:00 PM

FEATURING

Choir

Concert Band

Grade 9 Band

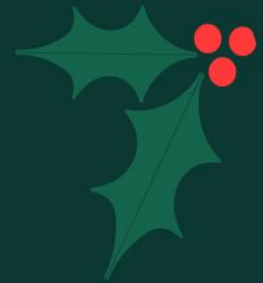
Jazz Band

Compass

TICKETS AVAILABLE

THE MAIN OFFICE
OR FROM MR. REMPEL

\$8 IN ADVANCE
\$10 AT THE DOOR



Come and check out Miles Mac's production of *Peter/Wendy* by Jeremy Bloom! The show is a stripped-down version of the familiar story that explores some of the darker themes in J.M. Barrie's original work.


Our cast and crew have been working very hard to rehearse this play and design all of the production elements. The play will run from December 13-15th, with shows beginning at 7:00 pm. There will also be a student matinee show at 1:00pm on December 14th.

Tickets can be purchased from the front office, in the CMMC tunnel at lunch, or from drama teacher Ms. C. Belton: cbelton@retsd.mb.ca or 204-667-1103 extension 4806.

CMMC PRESENTS

Peter/Wendy

BY JEREMY BLOOM



DECEMBER 13TH - 15TH 2022
7PM CMMC THEATRE
ADULT \$12 * STUDENT \$10 * MATINEE \$5



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Craft & Bake
Sale*



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