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# 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 CMMC Year Books dating back to 1952-53.

With the next major milestone reunion expected to be the 75<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.facebook.com/MMCAA), or you can contact the current Board of Directors elected officers directly via email as follows:

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*They look forward to hearing from you!*

## 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**





## Parents & Guardians

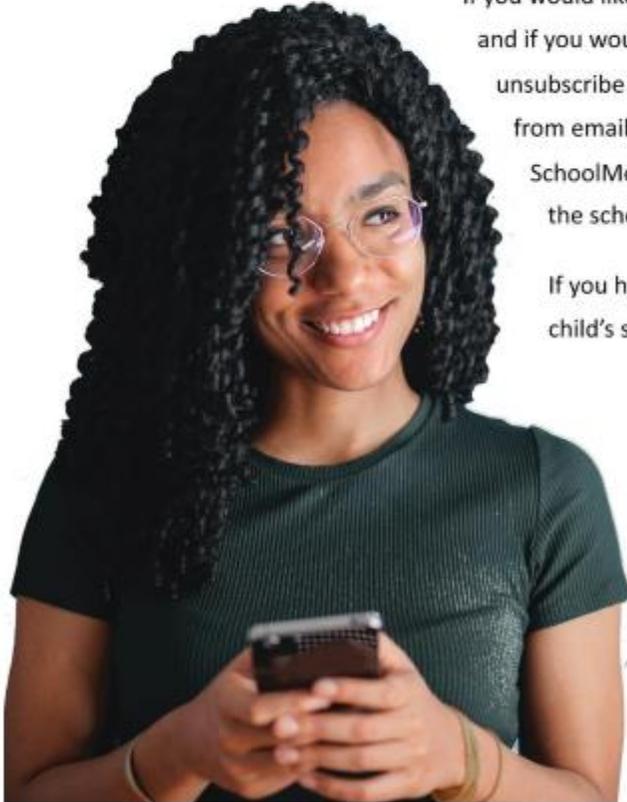
### Get texts and emails about bus delays right to your phone!

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If you have any questions, please contact your child's school for assistance. 



# Social Science News

## **Grade 9 Social Studies Field Trip – Manitoba Legislative Building**

Ms. Street and her Teacher Candidate from the University of Manitoba, Ms. Fredrickson, took their grade 9 Social Studies class on a guided tour of the Manitoba Legislative building on December 5<sup>th</sup> as part of our unit on Government in Canada. The students had the opportunity to tour the building, take part in a lesson on how our provincial government operates and they also sat in on a legislative session in which the parties were discussing pertinent issues in the province. They also had the opportunity to meet Premier Wab Kinew which was a highlight for many of them.

## **Global Issues Take Action Projects and Canadian Museum for Human Rights Field Trip**

Throughout the semester Ms. Street's Global Issues class planned and implemented Take Action projects designed to make a difference in the school and the community. Former student and current NDP MLA for Radisson, Jelynn Delacruz, visited the students to hear some of their action ideas and provide feedback about their projects as well as answer questions about citizenship and the importance of youth engagement in the community. Projects included a hygiene drive for Villa Rosa, an arts event at CMMC to raise money for Sistema (an organization that provides access to music for underprivileged youth), a cultural food sale to raise money for unhoused veterans, a bake sale to raise money for the Native Addictions Council of Manitoba, a pet supply drive for a pet shelter, a bake sale to raise funds for scholarships, the formation of a youth empowerment club at CMMS, volunteering at a local food bank and a mental health/wellness campaign for students during assessment week. Additionally, the students had an opportunity to cap off the semester by visiting the Canadian Museum for Human Rights to take part in the "When Rights are Denied" program to help further their understanding of social justice issues.











BUCKS IN THE NEWS

Essential Clippings

- ### INGREDIENTS
- |                |               |
|----------------|---------------|
| <b>BULGOGI</b> | <b>SPAM</b>   |
| • BEEF         | • SPAM (PORK) |
| • SOY SAUCE    | • JAPANESE    |
| • SESAME       | • MAYO        |
| OIL            | • RICE        |
| • ONION        | • SEAWEED     |
| • GARLIC       |               |
| • GINGER       |               |
| • SUGAR        |               |
| • ASIAN        |               |
| PEAR           |               |
| BLACK          |               |



**FUNDRAISER FOR NATIVES ADDICTIONS COUNCIL OF MANITOBA**

Thank you to all the donors of the 2022 fundraiser for the Native Addictions Council of Manitoba. The funds raised will be used to support the council's programs and services for Indigenous people struggling with substance use and mental health issues.

**DATE:** 2022-2023  
**PROJECT:** Native Addictions Council of Manitoba  
**PROCEEDS:** \$1000.00  
**DATE SALES OCCURRED:** 2022

**Holiday BAKESALE**

Support the Native Addictions Council of Manitoba

Thursday, December 22nd  
Wednesday, December 23rd

## ESD News

ESD has had many successful projects over the last few months. In November, our we hosted our sustainable Fall Café Sale. This sale acted as a fundraiser for our future projects including Earth Week. In order to promote buying local, the Café featured fresh cinnamon buns from two businesses in our community, Tall Grass Prairie and Cottage Bakery. We also ensured both businesses are actively incorporating sustainability into their daily activities to further encourage the support of environmentally friendly organizations. Alongside the buns, we sold pumpkin spice lattes to honour the fall season. These lattes were not only homemade by our members but the pumpkins used were homegrown in ESD's very own garden at Miles Macdonell. Furthermore, the sale promoted the use of reusable materials by offering discounted lattes to buyers who brought a reusable mug. Overall, ESD's Fall Café was a huge success and supplies sold out much quicker than anticipated. We hope this sale inspired students and staff in our school community to support local businesses by buying local, grow their own food to reduce the price and usage of imported goods, as well as to reduce, reuse, and recycle materials. Due to the popularity of the Café, we plan to hold a similar sale later this year and can't wait to use our experiences to improve upon it!

During the month of December, we hosted a special holiday card workshop, where students had the opportunity to create unique and personalized cards using sustainable and recyclable materials. In addition to the workshop, we set up gift-wrapping stations and provided a variety of snacks for everyone who attended. This event was open to the entire school community, encouraging students to embrace their creativity while also promoting the importance of sustainability during the holiday season. The event not only allowed students to learn ecofriendly habits but also provided an opportunity to engage with other students and spread holiday cheer. In conclusion, the event was a success! Many attendees expressed their appreciation for the opportunity to create something meaningful while also being environmentally conscious. Due to the positive response, we are considering holding a similar event next year, possibly expanding it to include additional supplies. We look forward to building on this experience and making our next event even bigger and better!

Also in December, ESD collaborated with LINC club, formerly known as KEY, for a special holiday bake sale on December 19th and 20<sup>th</sup>. All proceeds were donated to Sleep in Heavenly Peace Winnipeg, a non-profit organization dedicated to assembling and delivering beds to children and families in need. Their mission aligns closely with ESD's values, as they build beds using recycled and leftover wood, ensuring sustainability while making a direct impact



## Stuco News

While our winter months fast approached us, we wanted to end off the 2024 school year with some winter festivities as the students prepared to leave for the break. The week before winter break, we hosted a Holiday Spirit Week! This encouraged a lot of people to get into the holiday spirit and have fun as classes wrapped up. Through-out the week Stuco offered various events, we hosted a winter themed activity each day that students could drop in for during the lunch time period. We had activities such as, cookie decorating, a holiday movie screening and a morning where we gave out hot chocolate to the students. For our week-long activity, we brought back the elf on the shelf scavenger hunt, this activity is always well received and the students enthusiastically participated in this event. It also garnered them grade points that led up to our Grade Wars.

As we came back from the break the students were busy preparing for provincial exams and our assessment week that occurred during the last week of January. This time of the year is always busy and stressful for kids, which is why we prepared to launch our new peer tutoring system, 'Student Study', the week we came back to school. This program is currently on-going, and will be available for the rest of the school year. It is offered on Tuesdays and Fridays during our lunch period and is run by experienced grade 11 and 12 students who have volunteered as tutors available in the classroom space. We offer academic help in core subjects like, maths, sciences, English and French. This space is highly encouraged to be used for studying, working on assignments or getting help. If your child is seeking a quiet welcoming space to do their school work, invite them to come and check this resource out!

To kick off the new semester, Stuco finally brought our grade wars spirit week and gym riot to the school after a long wait! We wanted to boost spirits as we entered a new semester as well as the final semester for all the grade 12 students. Stuco members came in on a day off from school to get the hallways decorated with coloured balloons and streamers for each grade hallway, as well as hanging up hand painted banners to get the competition started for our first day back from the long weekend. Not only did we have our spirit days, but Stuco also hosted a 'Lip Sync Battle' in the theatre as a chance to get students to sign up and boost their grade points before the gym riot. This event was very successful, with the groups participating arriving in costumes, using props and even choreographing an entire dance to their song. There was even a moment where students spontaneously joined a solo act on stage by dancing and singing along with the student. It truly showed all of us students what it meant to be a Buckeye and was one of the most memorable parts of the performance.

At the end of the week, our long-awaited gym riot arrived! We started it off strong with our very own ACE dance crew performing at the beginning, hyping the crowd up for the games we were about to play. In each game played, students from each grade would verse each other to see who could come out as the winner, with games ranging from four corners, a balloon popping relay to tug of war. The gym was packed with a sea of each grade colour swarming the bleachers and filled with the chants of each grade cheering for students. It was definitely a perfect way to celebrate the end of assessment week and semester 1, and the start of the new semester!

The following week was our Valentine's week where we introduced 'Flowers for Miles' and 'Stuco's Singing Telegrams' in collaboration with the extremely talented vocalists from our school's audition-based group, Compass. Before Valentine's Day, students from Stuco gathered to put together arranged flower bouquets bought by students around the school and got them ready for delivery the day after. It was a nice way to switch it up from the regular red roses as each bundle of flowers was unique from the others.

On Valentine's Day, as flowers were being delivered, the vocalists from Compass were entering classrooms and singing songs that were chosen from a list given out previously in the week when the telegrams were on sale. The student who was receiving the telegram would stand up as the Valentine's themed song was sung to them. It was a major hit with everyone, and we ended up selling even more the of, as teachers and students loved it so much and wanted to send more to their friends and classes.

As we enter into our last semester of the school year, student council is preparing to end the school year with an impact! We are consistently creating events that will engage the students and finding different groups/clubs/teams around the school that we can highlight and celebrate, to keep the students involved in our school community. Our council has put amazing work into introducing new events and has fostered an environment where the members are able to develop their leadership skills, be active and work as a team as they all created their own spirit projects! We are excited to show the school the rest of the activities we have in store for the year!

# Indoor Track News

The Indoor Track and Field team is off to a great start competing in three meets so far as part of the Championship Series held at the University of Manitoba.

A special shout out goes out the following athletes that had top 12 finishes in their events as the top 12 finishers at the end of the series for each event will qualify for the Championship Meet on March 12<sup>th</sup>.

## Meet #1

**Varsity Girls Shot Put-** Elayna Blahey 4<sup>th</sup>

**JV Girls 200m-** Nicole Ugochukwu 7<sup>th</sup>, Portia Diakiw 11<sup>th</sup>

**JV Girls 1500m-** Hailey Page 4<sup>th</sup>, Cameron Hysio 8<sup>th</sup>

**JV Girls 60m Hurdles-** Hi-Ling Lao 4<sup>th</sup>, Grace Osobu 10<sup>th</sup>

**JV Girls High Jump-** Cameron Hysio 1<sup>st</sup>, Portia Diakiw 2<sup>nd</sup>

**JV Girls Long Jump-** Lily Simpson 10<sup>th</sup>, Lucia Ndulaka 11<sup>th</sup>

**JV Girls Shot Put-** Mary Mumbame 11<sup>th</sup>

**JV Boys 200m-** Jonathan Snider 3<sup>rd</sup>, Evan Adams 9<sup>th</sup>

**JV Boys 1500m-** Jonathan Snyder 2<sup>nd</sup>

**JV Boys 60m Hurdles-** Micheal Bukola 3<sup>rd</sup>, Nate Moore 4<sup>th</sup>

**JV Boys Long Jump-** Micheal Bukola 10<sup>th</sup>

## Meet #2

**Varsity Girls 800m-** Brooklyn Marion 12<sup>th</sup>

**Varsity Girls Hurdles-** Luca Kennedy 1<sup>st</sup>

**Varsity Girls Medley Team-** 4<sup>th</sup>

**Varsity Girls Long Jump-** Riley Fontaine 12<sup>th</sup>

**Varsity Girls Shot Put-** Elayna Blahey 7<sup>th</sup>

**JV Girls 60m-** Grace Osobu 8<sup>th</sup>

**JV Girls 400m-** Portia Diakiw 4<sup>th</sup>, Cameron Hysio 9<sup>th</sup>, Kaitlyn Madsen 11<sup>th</sup>

**JV Girls 800m-** Hailey Page 6<sup>th</sup>, Cameron Hysio 9<sup>th</sup>

## **Meet #2 continued**

**JV Girls Medley Team-** 3<sup>rd</sup>

**JV Girls Shot Put-** Mary Mubambe 6<sup>th</sup>, Gabriella Bahamon 9<sup>th</sup>

**Varsity Boys 200m-** Eli Dawkins 4<sup>th</sup>

**JV Boys 60m-** Benjamin Mulimbwa 8<sup>th</sup>

**JV Boys 400m-** Jonathan Snider 2<sup>nd</sup>

**JV Boys High Jump-** Oaklin Malmquist-Hamelin 3<sup>rd</sup>, Jonathan Snider 4<sup>th</sup>

**JV Boys Triple Jump-** Owen Hemmett 8<sup>th</sup>

**JV Boys Shot Put-** Michael Bukola 5<sup>th</sup>

## **Meet #3**

**Varsity Girls 400m-** Eliana Stark 7<sup>th</sup>, Riley Fontaine 12<sup>th</sup>

**Varsity Girls Shot Put-** Priya Sidhu 7<sup>th</sup>

**JV Girls 200m-** Portia Diakiw 9<sup>th</sup>

**JV Girls 1500m-** Hailey Page- 6<sup>th</sup>, Cameron Hyrsio 10<sup>th</sup>

**JV Girls 60m Hurdles-** Hai-Ling Lao- 5<sup>th</sup>

**JV Girls High Jump-** Portia Diakiw- 1<sup>st</sup>

**JV Girls Long Jump-** Lucia Ndulaka 6<sup>th</sup>

**JV Girls Shot Put-** Gabriella Bahamon 9<sup>th</sup>, Ciara Mulroy 12<sup>th</sup>

**Varsity Boys 400m-** Eli Dawkins- 4<sup>th</sup>

**JV Boys 200m-** Evan Adams 10<sup>th</sup>

**JV Boys 1500m-** Jonathan Snider 2<sup>nd</sup>, Isaac Nichol 3<sup>rd</sup>

**Junior Varsity Boys Shot Put-** Mathieu Prairie 10<sup>th</sup>















# Special Olympics Basketball News

Our students recently competed in the City-Wide Special Olympics Basketball Tournament at the Sport for Life Building. This year we entered a unified team, combining both students with and without exceptional needs.

The event was a great experience, and our students showcased skill, sportsmanship, teamwork and inclusion. We are incredibly proud of their hard work, achievements and conduct throughout the tournament.

Well done, team! A special thanks to Michelle, Sydney and Julia for their basketball playing skills and assistance at the tournament.

## **TEAM MEMBERS:**

Michelle Sofizada

Sydney Friesen

Julia Laboda

Zach McKay

Gage Greenaway

Gilbert Moose

Gavin Marsden

Phoenix Narciso

Ethan Leonard

Leah Richard

Lanah Hadla

Holly Ungerer







## Dance Studio News

The beginning of the 2024-25 school year has been a remarkably busy one for ACE Dance Crew. Once again there was an incredible turnout for our auditions in September! Over 60 dancers showed up! It was such a hard decision as all dancers worked hard to learn the choreography and danced their hearts out. The dancers selected started rehearsing right away to be ready for the upcoming performances. The dancers have danced on many unique occasions and have expanded their dancing repertoire to also include Lyrical Hip Hop. Here are a few of the highlights of this past winter where ACE shared their love for dance and their talent with the audience.

A small group of 4 dancers from ACE Dance Crew performed at the Remembrance Day Ceremony at Collège Miles Macdonell Collegiate. The dancers performed a solemn lyrical piece entitled "Angel" that showed their emotions and respect for this important day.

A new tradition has begun as ACE performed for the second year in a row at the Gym Riot put on by StuCo at the beginning of February. This year the dancers started off the lunch hour getting everyone in the spirit for a great event filled with a lot of energy and laughter. The crowd was electric, and the dancers were thrilled to be able to perform in front of the students of Collège Miles Macdonell Collegiate. During the dance, each grade level cheered on the dancers in the grade level when they had solos. It was so great to see the students supporting the dancers. The dancers were thrilled to share their passion and talent with the other students. We cannot wait to do this again at the next Gym Riot!

### **Children's Winter Arts Festival**

On Thursday, December 19th, Collège Miles Macdonell Collegiate's Performing Arts and Fine Arts students along with StuCo members welcomed the Grade 1 and 2 students from École Neil Campbell for a morning to celebrate the arts. The Children's Winter Arts Festival started with everyone meeting in the theatre and then splitting into small groups to go to the different activities.

The different stations included: Face Painting, Singing, Drama Games, Dancing and then a little time to relax with our Story and Snack station (run by Ms. Kowalyk and her Grade 11 English students). The last stop of the morning was back to the theatre for a performance by Compass and the dancers in the Miles Mac Dance Program. And believe it or not, there was even a visit from a special someone from the North Pole to finish off the morning. All the students, young and old, had a huge smile on their face at the end of the morning. And the biggest question was "Can we do this again next year?" And the answer of course is, "DEFINITELY!!" See you all next year!

## **Performing Arts Tour 2025!**

Sometimes it is hard to know which options you want to take in grade 9, when you are filling out your registration form for your big move to high school. The students at École John Henderson Middle School and École Munroe Middle School had some help from the Performing Arts students at Collège Miles Macdonell Collegiate. On Friday, January 26<sup>th</sup>, 40 Drama, Music, Choir and Dance students performed for both of these middle years schools. Mr. Rempel along with Compass performed 3 songs from their repertoire and some students shared their experiences of what the music program is like at Miles Mac. While Compass was playing, the students were treated to a slideshow that highlighted the many talented artists from the Fine Arts Program that is taught by Ms. Fraser and Ms. Kruger. Ms. Belton's talented Drama students played a fun improvisation game that had everyone laughing! And Mme. Ybanez's dance students wowed the audiences with their energy and their expertise. The day was a lot of work, especially for the music students with the setup and takedown of the instruments, speakers, mics, etc.

All students had a wonderful time, especially with that Pizza lunch!! And we can hardly wait to see the students from these two schools walking the hall of Miles Mac and hopefully participating in the awesome arts programs at Collège Miles Macdonell Collegiate.

## **Guest Dance Teacher for Black History Month**

The dancers in the CMMC Dance program had the opportunity to learn from a leader in the Hip Hop community here in Winnipeg. On Thursday and Friday, February 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>, GeNie Baffoe came to talk to the students about the History of Hip Hop and the culture that is embedded in this style of dance. Thursday was filled with learning and discussion and Friday was a day full of dance putting this knowledge into movement. We cannot thank GeNie enough for sharing his love of dance, his incredible energy and his knowledge.

On Friday at lunch, the Social Justice Club invited GeNie to teach a Hip Hop class for anyone in the school who wanted to learn about Hip Hop culture and of course, DANCE!! There was a great turnout and it was a great way to celebrate the end of Black History Month





## Dance Studio News - Continued

### Cheer & Dance Club

The 2024-25 school year was full of exciting new beginnings, including the start of a brand-new club: CMMC's Cheer & Dance Club. Eighteen experienced dancers signed up to join this club, ran by Ms. Desbois, who wanted to share her seven seasons of experience as a dancer on the Winnipeg Blue Bomber Cheer & Dance Team. The students started rehearsing in early October, and committed to weekly rehearsals during the lunch hour. Although these dancers had prior experience in various dance styles, cheer was a new style for each of them. They worked so hard at practice until the end of January, when they performed their debut routine "Teenage Dream." The crowd was electric, and the teachers, students, and parents alike were impressed with the talent and school spirit that the dancers on the Cheer & Dance Club showcased. CMMC's Cheer & Dance Club then had another exciting opportunity as the halftime performance at Stuco's Student Section game for the Varsity Girl's Basketball Senior Night on February 24<sup>th</sup>! We cannot wait to see what else is in store for the Cheer & Dance Club in the 2024-45 school year!





## **An Evening of Student Choreography**

Students in the CMMC Dance Program proudly presented “An Evening of Student Choreography” on Thursday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> in the theatre. Families, friends, and staff came out to support these students as they showcased their talents as choreographers, dancers, and performers. It was a sold-out show, and we want to once again thank all those who came out to share this incredible evening with us. The show featured eight student-choreographed pieces in various styles including hip-hop, ballet, contemporary, jazz, and musical theatre, allowing the students to express themselves and their talents to the fullest. The show also featured performances from the Grade 9, 10, and 11 dance classes, choreographed by their teacher Ms. Desbois, as well as special performances from our new Cheer & Dance Club, K Pop Dance Club, DOLLZ, and ACE Dance Crew. It was an evening to be remembered, and we could not be prouder of our dancers! The Dance Program will be presenting their next show, “Dancing with the Staff” on Thursday, May 15<sup>th</sup>. We hope to see you there!







# Black History Month

During Black History Month, we honour and amplify the voices of Black Canadians while celebrating their many achievements and contributions. The efforts of Black Canadians and their communities throughout history have greatly enriched Canada's cultural diversity, compassion and prosperity. Often these voices have been left out of the history books and Black people's struggles are not understood or known about here in Canada. Education is the way to gain an understanding of what happened in the past, talk about how it affects the present, and how to move towards a more equitable future.



The Social Justice club laid down a lot of the groundwork in how this month was going to look. Together they collaborated and talked about what they wanted to showcase, and how they wanted our students to understand the significance of the month. Here are some of the things they put together and was so well received by the students of CMMC.



# Black History Month

Students also participated in a TA that gave some more insight into the history of how Black Canadians contributed to society but faced discrimination and segregation despite those contributions. The presentation outlined that now we know and see the effects of what happened, we can all be allies to one another in the face of injustice. We were so proud of the students who engaged in this Black History Month work with enthusiasm and passion. This next generation certainly understands allyship and how important different perspectives are to living the Good Life for all.



# Library News

Displaying books that represent our diverse population here at CMMC is central to the library space. This space welcomes all students and therefore should represent who they are. Diverse books help students see themselves in print, in art, and in stories. Books act as mirrors in the way we can see ourselves in the characters, windows in the way we can see into other worlds and sliding glass doors in the way we can step into that world and be a part of something bigger than ourselves. As the Teacher-Librarian, diversity, equity, and inclusivity is a core belief I have in curating a collection of books. It is also so vital to each lesson I bring into the classrooms I am privileged to co-teach in! -Ms. Duggal

