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Principal's Message

Season's Greetings!

As we enter the last week of school before the winter break, I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

The last several weeks have been incredibly busy at Miles Macdonell. I continue to marvel at everything that our staff and students do to create student success and make a difference in the school and community.

December alone featured several fantastic performances and learning opportunities for our staff and students. As usual, the music program produced two sold-out Christmas concerts that featured incredible performances from our jazz bands, choirs, guitar classes, concert bands, *Superphonic* and *Prodigy*.

This month our staff and students also organized the following events to showcase learning, support the community and enhance opportunities for students:

- The Cosmetology program ran their annual Cure-a-thon on December 7 to highlight skills and raise money for CancerCare Manitoba
- Our music program's annual Craft Show on December 1 was another huge success and was great way to kick-off the holiday season in style and spirit and, of course, our music program played two sold-out Christmas shows on December 5 and 6
- On December 2 many of our students excelled in the annual French poetry contest, *Concours Les voix de la poésie*
- On December 17, The Arts Council organized an exciting schedule of activities for students from Polson and Neil Campbell. Our students have organized a Christmas sing-a-long, face painting, drama games, snack and story time and a dance event! Rumour has it that Prodigy, Superphonic and the Jolly Old Elf will make an appearance too!
- On December 19, our Languages Department coordinated a *Festival de langues*, a celebration of various cultures and languages
- Finally, we have had several classes and groups contribute to the less fortunate in our community. Donations, hampers and fundraisers were organized by our staff and students to help make the holiday season a bit brighter for families in our community
- Once again, the WSO-RETSD performance at the Centennial Concert Hall on November 7 was fantastic! Kudos to our excellent music students who participated under the careful direction of Mr. Rempel. Our Art program was also featured with

a major gallery on the main floor of the facility. Congrats to Ms. Fraser and her students for an incredible display

- Going back to Remembrance Day, our services on November 9 were well-attended and well-received. The program was compelling and appropriate, and it was an honour to have Chief Jim Bear speak at the services
- Auditions for our major theatre production of *Frankenstein* have been held and rehearsals are well underway!

Please be reminded that there is an Early Dismissal on December 21. Regardless of how you celebrate the season, please do so with joy and peace surrounded by family and friends. On behalf of our staff and students, I wish you and yours nothing but the best this holiday season.

Merry Christmas,
Joyeux Noel

Mark Bruce, Principal



Attendance Line



Did you know that Miles Macdonell has a designated Attendance Line?

This is the phone number you can, and **should** call when reporting a student absence.

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:

MMC Attendance Line:
204-663-4068

**PLEASE USE THIS NUMBER WHEN REPORTING ANY
ABSENCE**

Annual Music Christmas Craft & Bake

The Christmas Craft Sale, held on December 1st, 2018 at Miles Macdonell Colligate saw over 150 artisans fill the hallways and both gyms with beautiful showcases of their talent for the entire community. This long-standing tradition has been running for 35+ years, and continues to be a mark for the beginning of the holidays for many people. As always, the hundreds of tables set up for the crafters sold out, bringing another massive success to everyone involved. Over 2000 customers visited the sale, making it a very full and wonderfully busy day. The crafters were accompanied by a fantastic bake sale which sold out before the end of the day, and a well-stocked canteen pumping out taco-in-a-bag as fast as folks could order it. As well, the sound of holiday music filled the halls by MMC's own instrumental group, Superphonic and vocal group, Prodigy. Many people had made generous donations to the silver collection, 50/50 and silent auction which is further adding to the growth of the music program, so it can continue bringing joy to our community for the years to come. Overall, the day was filled with laughter, spirit and good times that created new memories that we will not soon forget.



Music Department

Music, Merriment and Memories with the MMC Music Program

Over the past few weeks of December, the Miles Macdonell Colligate music program's students, parents and staff have put in many hours of work into multiple annual festivities that the Winnipeg community has been enjoying for over 30 years. This year's Christmas Craft Sale and two Christmas Shows brought together hundreds of Winnipeggers to celebrate with us, the joyous holiday season. These events both lifted the holiday spirits of the performers and attendees.

On both December 5th and 6th of 2018, Miles Macdonell put on yet another Christmas show, "A Very, Very Merry Miles Macdonell Christmas" that both, showcased the talent of many student performers and brought delight to the audience. There were many musical stylings throughout both evenings that displayed the talents of students at all skill levels. Among the acts were, Concert Band, Big Band, Jazz Orchestra, Beginner Guitar, Superphonic, Choir and Prodigy. The program included a wide variety of songs, including "A Stowaway on Santa's Sleigh" which provided a glimpse into the musical traditions of different countries around the world by the Concert Band, "What Child is This" which had a surprise dance number by some of the students in Superphonic, "This Christmas" which was performed and arranged by Prodigy, and a traditional Ukrainian piece which displayed the continual talent of the Choir to us all. Both nights were nearly sold out audiences, with community members, alumni, parents and teachers filling up all seats in the church. All in all, the constant banter between the music directors Mr. Zane Zalis and Mr. Garth Rempel, the surprise solos and the sing along made for a wonderful night filled with new memories made.













Languages Department

NIHONGO O NARAIMASHO! (Let's learn Japanese!)
MINNA-SAN KONNICHIWA. Hello everyone!

First semester is winding up and what a first semester it has been!

がんばれ！がんばれ！！GANBARE! GANBARE! (You can do it! GO! GO!)

To start, the grade 9 class half credit Japanese course started early November after finishing their first half credit in Spanish. So far they have learned to greet, introduce themselves, and count in Japanese. Along with learning a language is culture so students have learned about various past times and sports that Japanese people do and considered those activities in comparison to their own. One activity in particular they have learned about is UNDOKAI: the Japanese “sports day” or “exercise meeting” that all schools across Japan take part in from preschool right up to grade 12. It's an activity not exactly like track and field like we have here but it's sporty, fun, and often combined with a few laughs, good food and celebrations of community and athletics!

いらっしやいませ、どうぞ！IRASSHAIMASE, DOUZO! (Welcome, please come in!)

In class, on another topic, we were able to practice our numbers and shopping vocabulary by creating our very own stores to shop at. Students brought items to “sell” to classmate, set up shops, and using Japanese real looking fake money practiced shopping vocabulary while using the currency to gain familiarity with the denominations and their Japanese numerical value. It was a great success as all students enjoyed the activity and gained wonderful practical experience using numbers in a fun and entertaining way.

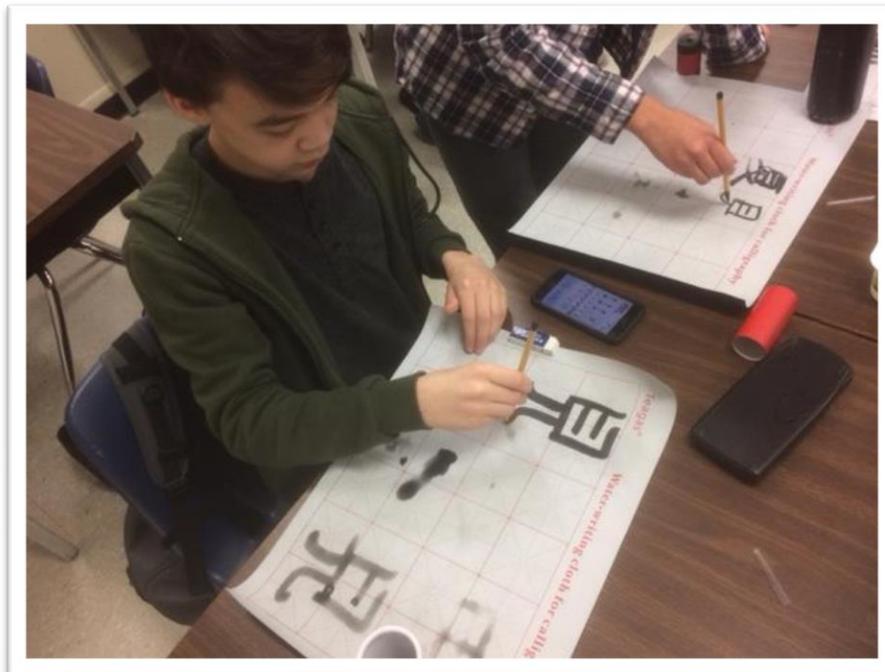
日本へいきましょう！NIHON HE IKIMASHO! (Let's go to Japan!)

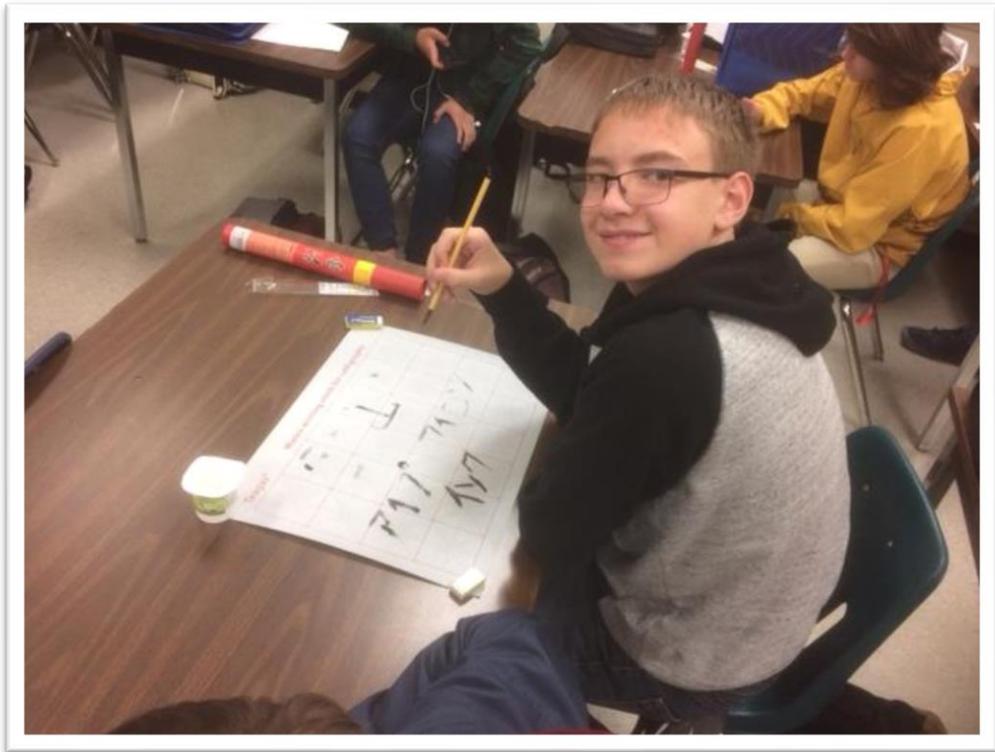
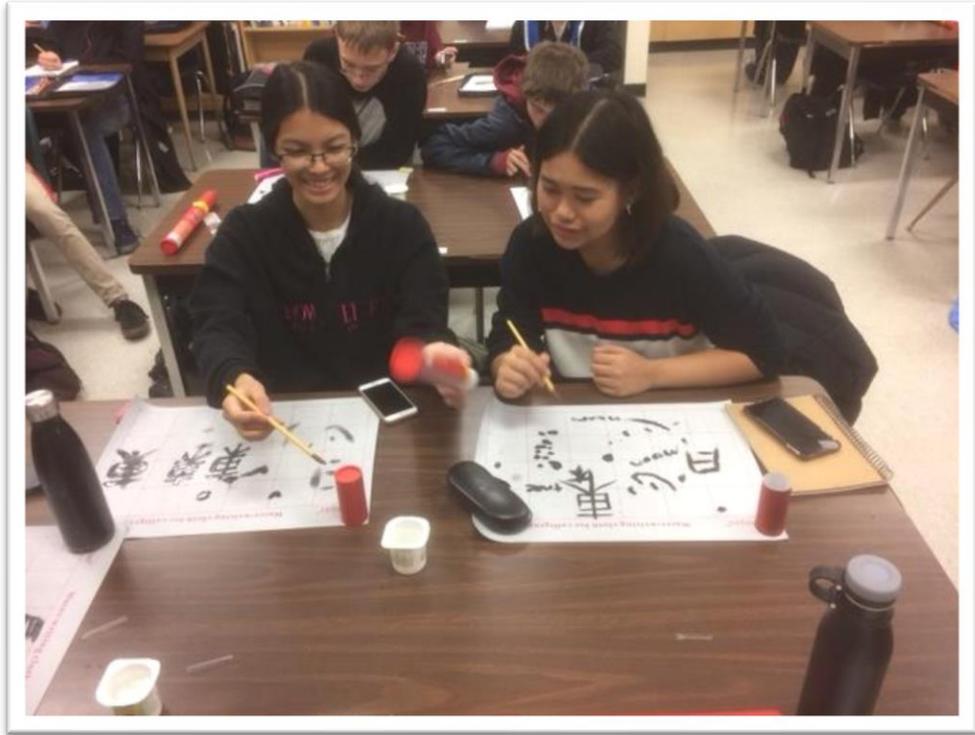
Before the end of the semester we are looking forward to culture projects on various locations in Japan where students get to research and maybe one day go to a famous place. From their researched location they will discover famous foods, locales, and tourist destinations.

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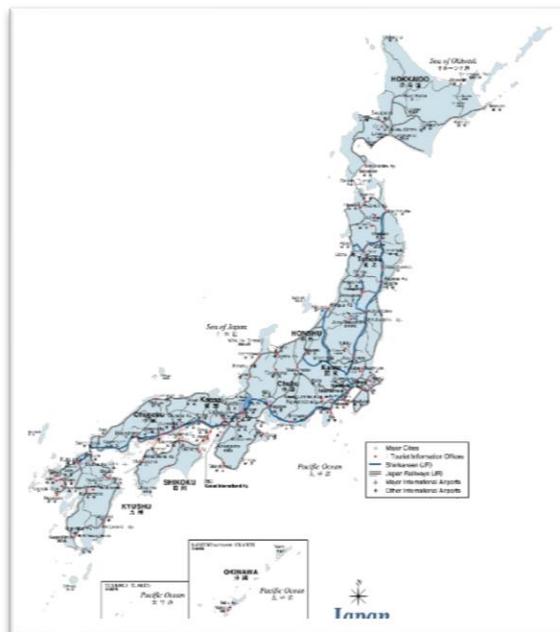
The grade 10's are fully immersed in Japanese with lessons mostly conducted in Japanese language. After having learned to write the 46 hiragana and katakana from 2 of the 4 “alphabets” anyone coming to visit would be impressed by the students' ability to speak in class. Currently we are finishing up vocabulary on the family, learning to introduce and ask about each other's family members and their occupations. Despite our busy nature, we still have time for cultural activities. Last month students were able to participate in “SHUJI” or Japanese Calligraphy.

This involves a type of brush originally made from hair and bamboo called a “FUDE”. Students practiced and learned the stroke order and technique to properly draw hiragana, katakana, and kanji and see the similarities in the strokes. It nicely ties in with ideas of mindfulness and meditation (which we can all use a little more of) to draw the perfect letter! This will connect in with our next cultural activity of writing haiku- a Japanese poem that reflects on the beauty of nature.









French: Communication and Culture students complete the DELF exam and receive their diplomas!

Near the end of the last school year, students from Mme Bailey's French: Communication and Culture 42SIB class took the voluntary DELF exam. It is an internationally recognized diploma, that provides a lifetime recognition that students can use to prove their language abilities for future jobs or to become citizens in a French speaking country!

Félicitations à tous les élèves qui ont réussi le DELF cette fois !!!



Les voix de la poésie-- Poetry Competition

On Friday December 7th, students in both French Immersion and French: Communication and Culture students participated in our annual contest Poetry in Voice/Les voix de la poésie.

We had close to forty participants from grades 9 to 12, in both the French only and bilingual categories!



For the French category, students had to memorize and recite two poems in French, and for the bilingual category one in each language—French and English.

Students were judged on their ability to correctly and accurately recite the poem and convey its message.

The selected winners by the visiting judges were as follows:

Alex Reyes, first place in the Bilingual Category

Sebastian Kapustka , second place in the Bilingual Category

Taryn Mendella, third place in the Bilingual Category.

Enock Birinda, first place in the French Category

Naomi Bashengezi, second place in the French Category.

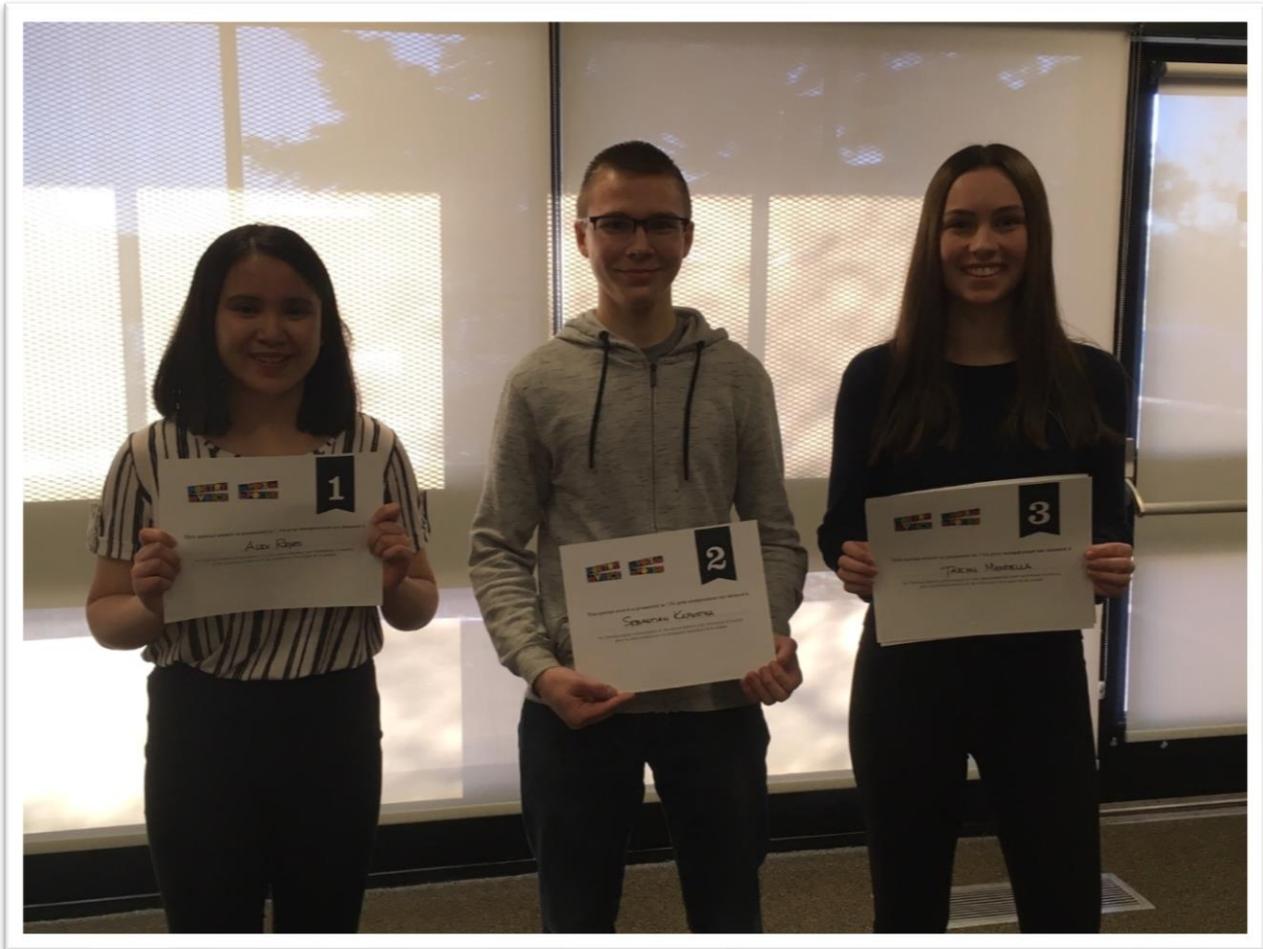
French category winners (and Mr. Turenne, our MC for the event)



The Bilingual Category winners

Alex Reyes will represent Miles Macdonell and will be filmed reciting her two poems. We will then send her video entry to the next level of the competition. If she is selected, she will represent our school at the final level of the National Competition which will take place in April, in Winnipeg.

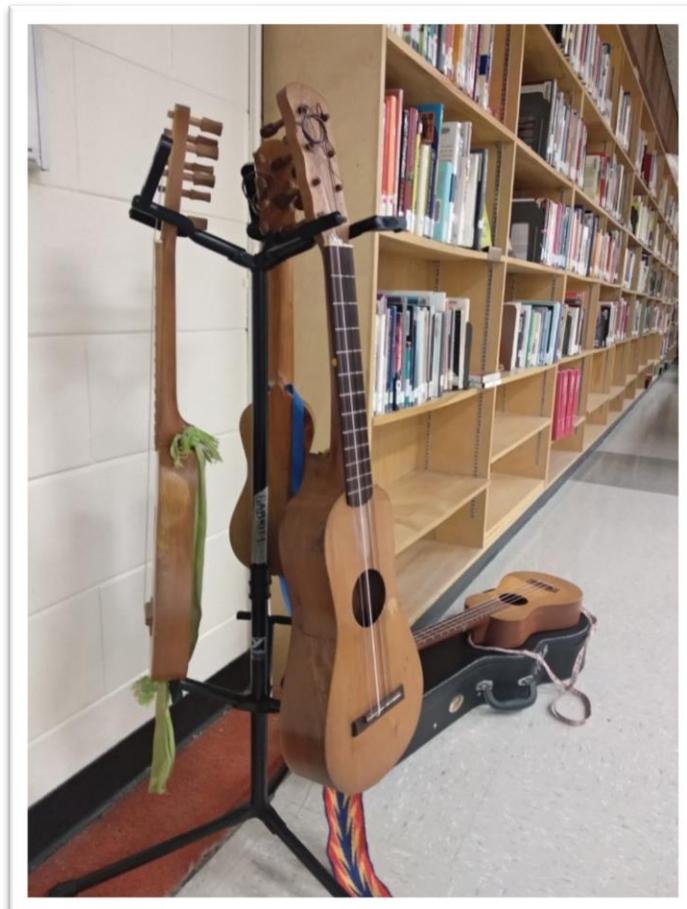
We wish to congratulate all the participants on their excellent work in preparing and reciting their poems. The visiting judges commented very positively on the ability of our students to engage in poetry in another language. Félicitations à tous nos participants et bonne chance à Alex aux épreuves en ligne!



LANGUAGES CULTURAL DAY

On December 19th, students in Spanish, French Immersion and French: Communication and Culture were able to enjoy a cultural experience involving traditional music and dance. Our invited guest, Gabriel Fields, led the experiences in both languages.

In Spanish, he introduced students to the traditional music from Veracruz, Mexico, named Son Jarocho. Son Jarocho is played with Jaranas, a musical instrument that is similar to a small guitar. The party where these songs are played is called Fandango, which can last anywhere from 3 to 50 minutes.



In the French sessions, students engaged in learning traditional French dances like La Bastringue et le Talon-pointe.

Nous nous sommes bien amusés en français en dansant et en appréciant la culture française!!!

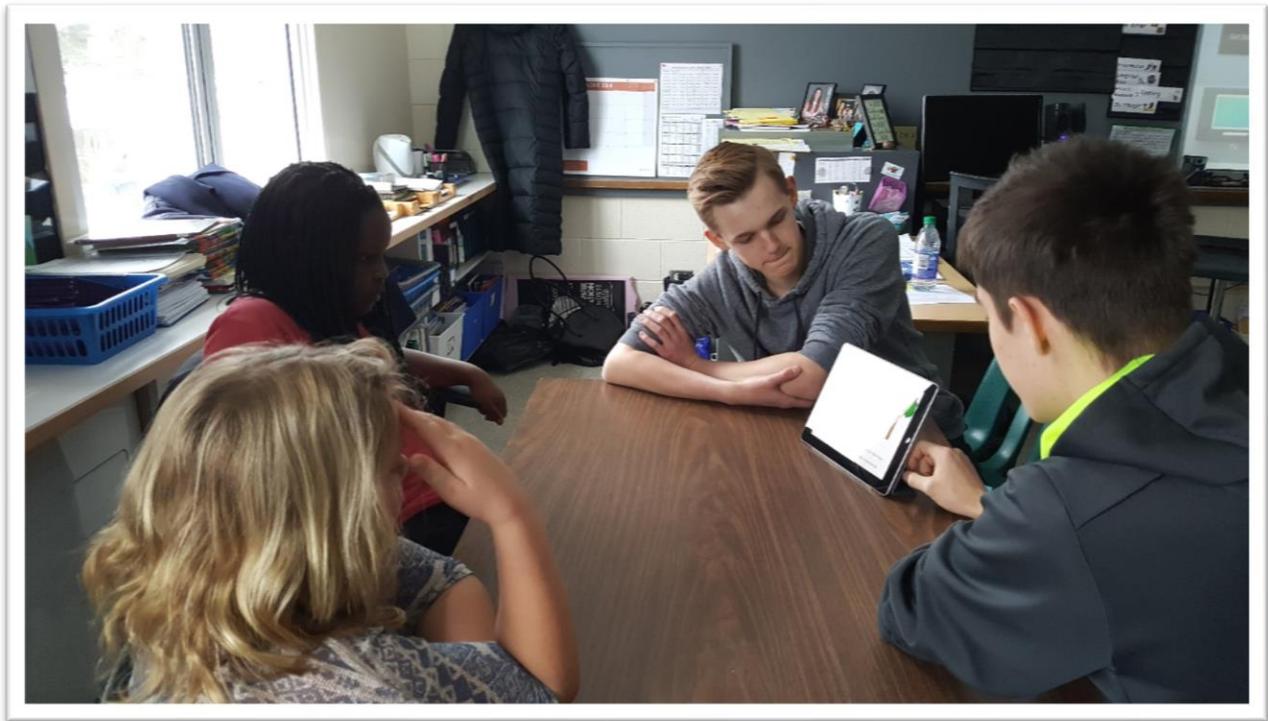




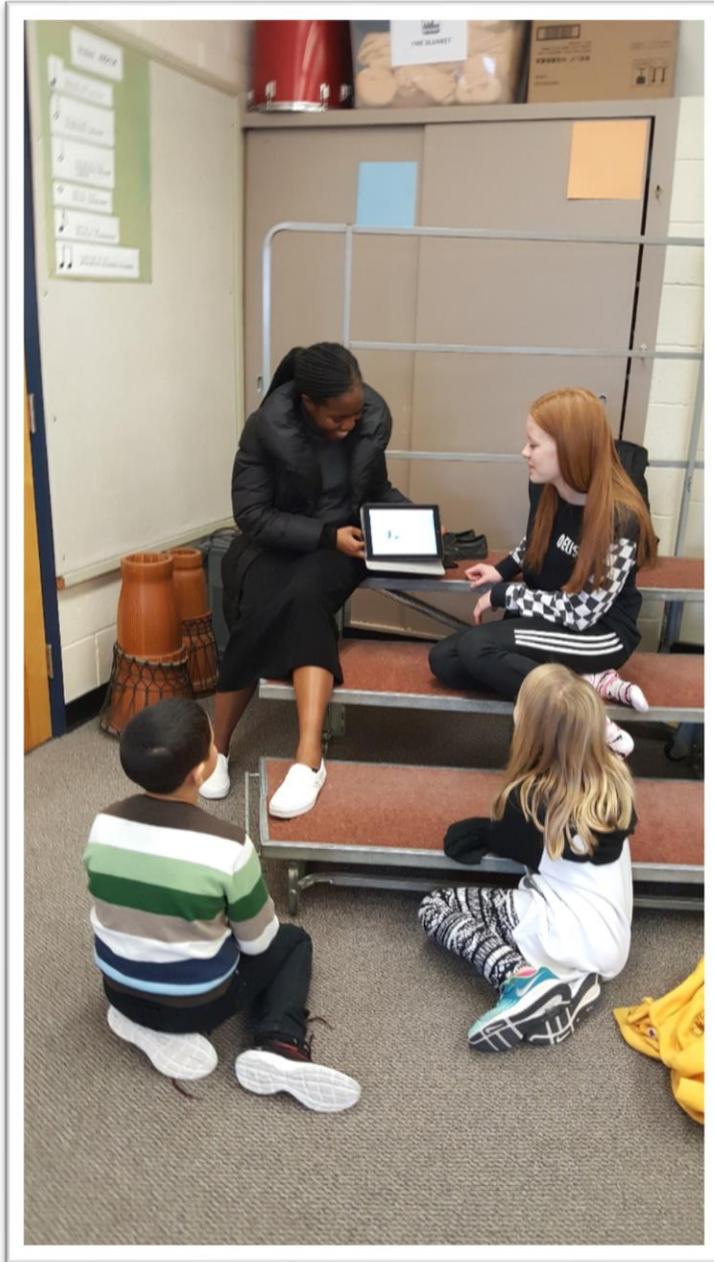


This semester Mme Moehlmann's French Immersion Grade 11 class decided to embark on a study of children's literature. The essential question they explored was "What makes a story interesting and engaging for children?" Mme Heather Brydon of the Direction des ressources éducatives came with piles of books to help study the question. After a week of storyboarding, students set to work making online books, which they wrote and illustrated in groups of two. On November 13, they took their finished products to Springfield Heights School and read their books to students there. They found their young audience to be full of good critics, and realized the importance not only of good writing and illustrating, but also of good questioning and expressive reading. All concerned had a great time and decided that this experience is definitely worth repeating.

Ingrid Moehlmann



Nathan B. and Coby H. read their book to students at Springfield Heights School



Naomi B. and Ella W. read to students at Springfield Heights School

EAL Department



EAL Program News

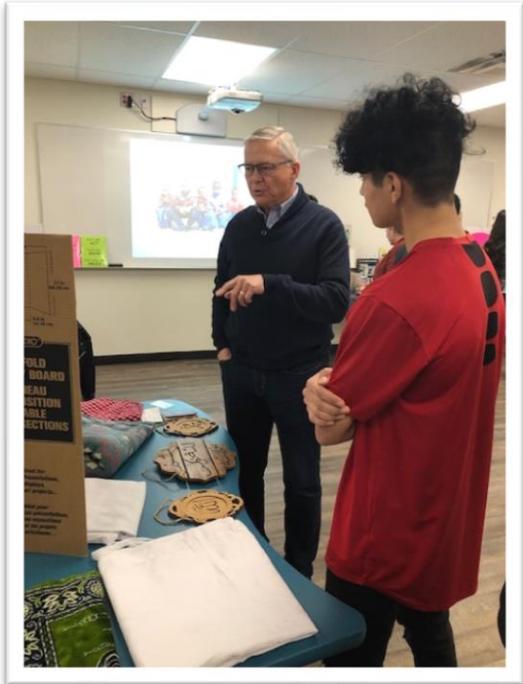
The EAL Program has been very busy this semester. We have 53 students from 13 different countries, many of whom already speak 3 or 4 languages.

On November 28, some of the EAL students presented a “Living History – Gallery Walk” for our MMC community. Guests listened and read about our EAL students’ journey from their home countries to Canada. The Gallery Walk was impactful for both the presenters and the guests, as it marked one of the first times the EAL students have shared their stories in public. Many thanks to all the MMC staff and students as well as the RETSD guests for their support.

On December 14, all EAL students enjoyed a beautiful winter day exploring the Manitoba Legislative Building and The Forks. The Christmas decorations were on grand display and all students enjoyed taking selfies and group pictures while enjoying each other’s company.

To cap off the busy semester, EAL students took part in the Children’s Winter Art Festival with 150 students from Neil Campbell and Polson School. The EAL students taught their students how to say various words and numbers in 9 different languages. It was a fun morning of languages, music, dance, and art.





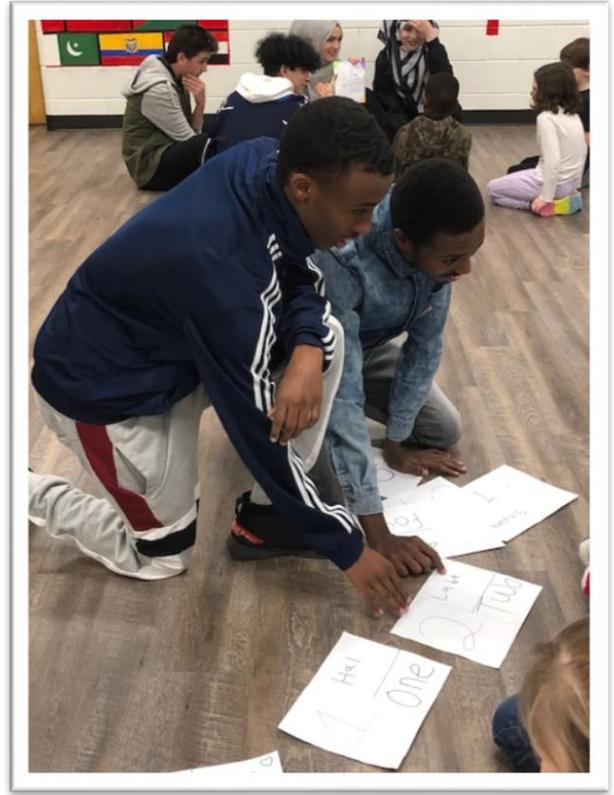
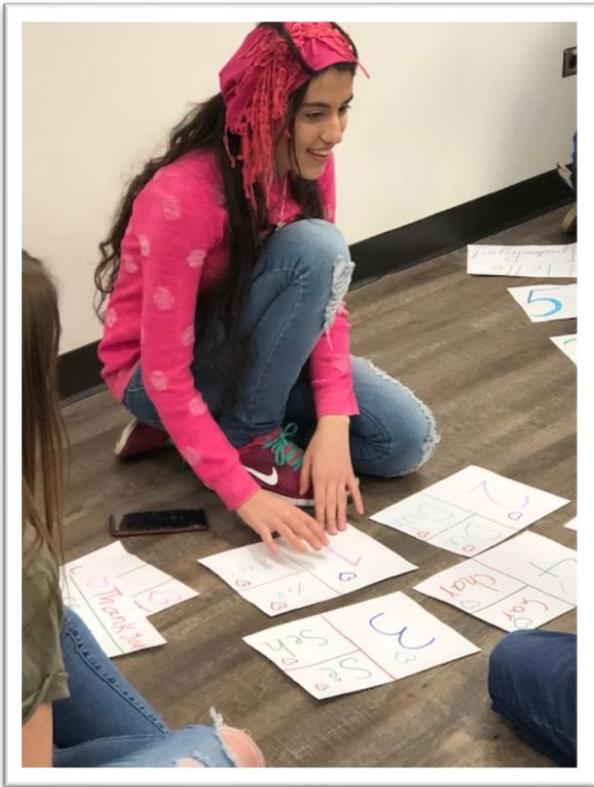
Children's Winter Arts Festival

On the morning of Monday December 17th, 150 students in grades 1 and 2 from Polson and Neil Campbell School came to Miles Macdonell Collegiate to celebrate the arts. The students participated in 6 different stations throughout the morning which were led by either teachers or students in the individual artistic activities. The six different stations were: Drama games with Ms. Belton and her students, face painting with Ms. Fraser and her students, dance class with Mme. Ybanez and her students, learning different languages with Ms. Okano and her EAL students who were so proud to share their language and culture, a holiday sing-a-long with Mr. Zalis and Mr. Rempel and then a little break to relax with story time and a snack with Ms. Muggaberg-Scott. The students were greeted and led to each activity by the Arts Council who worked hard to help this event run smoothly.

To finish off the morning of activities, the primary students watched a performance by Mme. Ybanez's grade 10 dance class, followed by musical entertainment by Prodigy and Superphonic. The students were all quite surprised when a special guest in a red suit arrived at the end and treated them all to a candy cane and best wishes for the holidays.

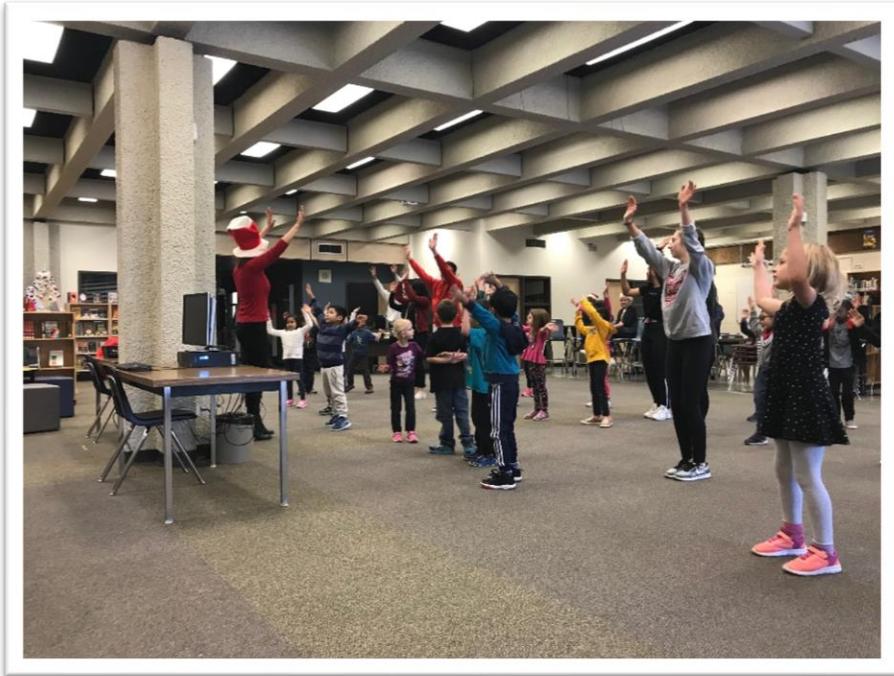
This is the second year of the event and we are already in the planning stages for next year to make it bigger and better!! Thank you to all the teachers and students who made the Children's Winter Arts Festival a success. It was a great morning to get us all in the Christmas spirit with the young children truly bringing the magic of Christmas to Miles Mac.















Girls Hockey News

The MMC Girls Hockey Team has been enjoying a very successful season both on and off the ice.

The girls travelled to Calgary for the tournament WickFest held by Hayley Wickenheiser in November and they brought home a silver medal! They took in some spectacular views during their day trip to Banff and grew as a team throughout the weekend!

The girls have had a very successful season thus far, leading their division in the months of October, November and December. Emily Marshall and Camryn Butler have kept the team in some tight games as goaltenders and they have lead the Winnipeg Free Press Division as top goaltenders for the months of October and November respectively. Kate Stewart leads the Winnipeg Free Press Division in points for the month of December with 22 goals and 15 assists giving her a total of 37 points!

The team is made up of an incredible group of girls and we cannot wait to see what 2019 has in store for them! Be sure to catch the Buckeyes in action during their three remaining Home Games at Gateway Recreation Centre at 4:00pm, Wednesday January 9th and 16th or Wednesday, February 6th! Keep up with the girls by following their Instagram and Twitter accounts @mmcgirlshockey ! Happy holidays from the Girls Hockey Team!





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Ethics Bowl

The Miles Macdonell Collegiate Ethics Bowl Team were finalists at the Regional Ethics Bowl Finals at the University of Manitoba. Unfortunately they lost to Ft Richmond Collegiate in the final round (for a second year in a row!), but they beat out 14 other schools with their amazing critical thinking, discussion and research skills (our awesome sweatshirts probably helped too lol), to earn a spot in the National Ethics Bowl which will take place at the Canadian Museum for Human Rights in April!

The team, coached by Ms. Street and Mr. Hilario, consisted of Cidnee Jacob (Captain grade 12), Anhelina Havrylyuk grade 11, Sara Bacchus grade 10, Gaelen Maderazo grade 10, . Jakob Gamblin grade 11., Rupert Santos grade 11, Heart Ibisate grade 11. The Ethics Bowl is a collaborative yet competitive event in which teams analyze a series of wide-ranging ethical dilemmas.

Responses are judged according to the quality of a team's reasoning and how well team members organize and present their case, attend to and analyze the morally relevant features of the case and anticipate and pre-emptively respond to commentary and questions and since this is not a debate, students are rewarded for their skills at acknowledging and/or enriching their opponent's strengths.





ESD Committee

The MMC ESD committee has been busy planning a multitude of sustainable events and initiatives throughout the school.

Our students have also attended some very interesting and informative conferences such as the State of the Province Address and Luncheon at the RBC Convention Centre and the Manitoba Youth Greenspace Conference at the University of Winnipeg.

We planned and implemented a very successful Peace Days event in September that featured a multitude of workshops and guest speakers. We are currently in the process of launching our Pen Recycling Program.

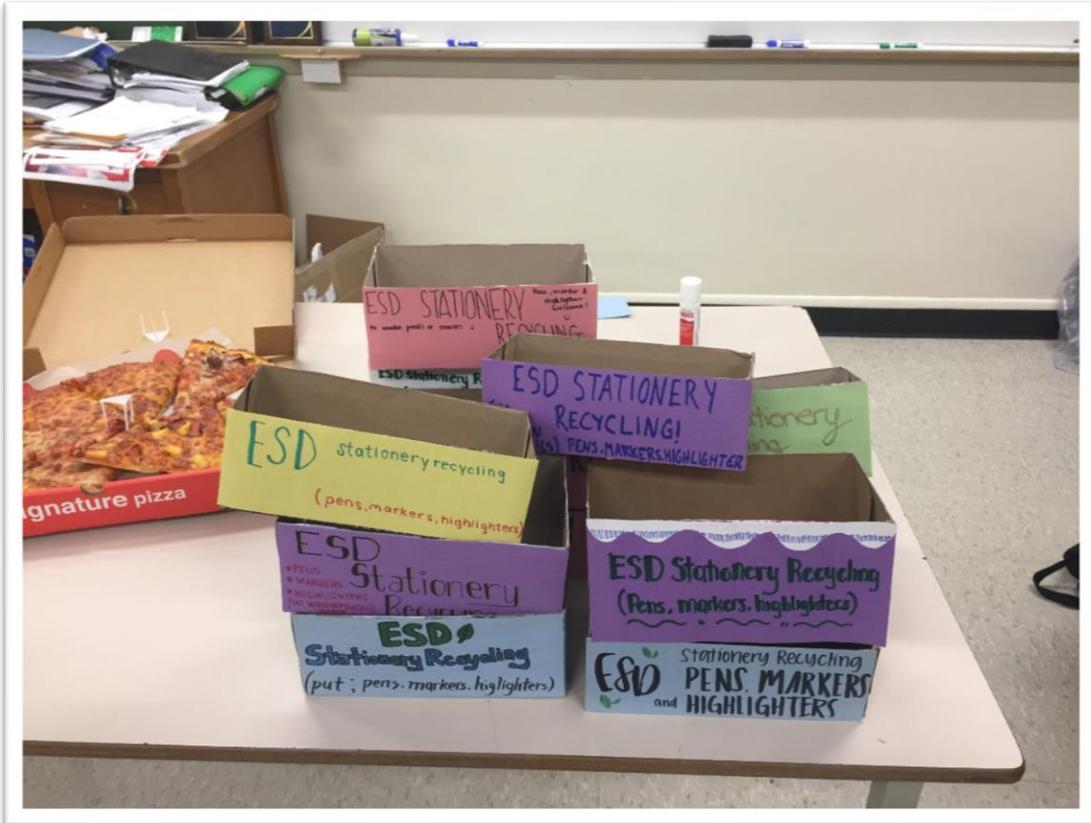
The **ESD** committee will be coming to hand out Kleenex boxes that they decorated for each classroom. This box is used to store empty stationery such as highlighters, pens, markers, and mechanical pencils.

The **ESD** committee will empty boxes periodically and we will be partnering with Staples Canada as part of the recycling program that they offer- more information can be found at the following web-site:

<https://www.terracycle.ca/en-CA/brigades/writing-instrument-retail-based-brigade#how-it-works>

Future projects include our Lake Winnipeg Sustainable Mural Project, launching an e-materials recycling program in January, and planning for our annual Earth Day event in April.







MMC 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.

Also, 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: Jim Smith jimsmith@mts.net
- Treasurer: Donna Cudmore dc2cd@shaw.ca
- Secretary: Maureen Silk mtsilk@shaw.ca

Other Directors are: Rick Dondo and Carmen Dondo.

They look forward to hearing from you!



Parent Council Meeting

The next Parent Advisory Council Meeting is:

Tuesday, January 22, 2019

6:30 p.m., Library





Have a Safe and Peaceful Holiday!