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Principal's Message

This second newsletter continues to highlight the many learning opportunities offered to our students.

It has been a positive start to this school year and things are indeed moving quickly ahead as we approach the end of our first semester.

On behalf of all staff, thank you for your continued support as we work together to make Miles Macdonell an exceptional place to be for those we serve.

As we enter the winter break, we would like to wish all of you some added rest, relaxation, and time to spend with family and friends! Looking forward to seeing you all in the New Year.

John Muller



Attendance Telephone Number



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

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)
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Other Directors are: **Rick Dondo and Carmen Dondo**

They look forward to hearing from you!

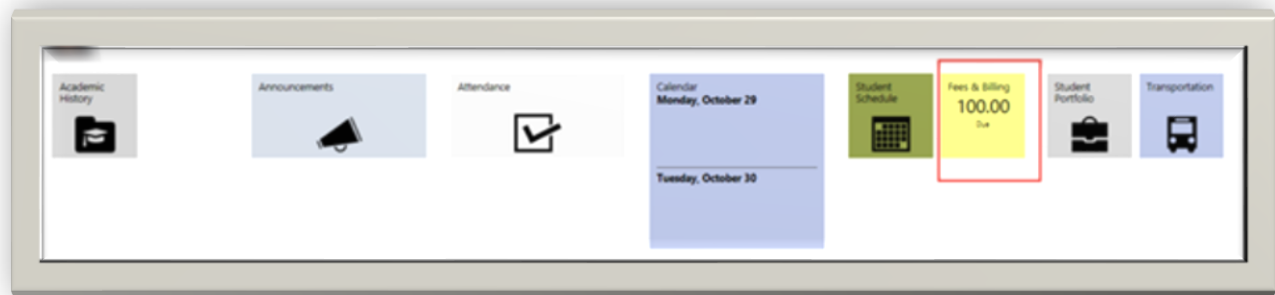


Have you tried Pay Pal yet?

Did you know that you can pay your student's outstanding fees online? You can sign in to 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.

You can also continue to pay any outstanding fee with cash or cheques.



Languages Department

FRENCH IMMERSION AND FRENCH: COMMUNICATION AND CULTURE

Le concours des voix de la poésie, our bilingual poetry competition took place on December 6th. We had close to 30 participants this year!

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:

Serena Werbowesky, first place in the Bilingual Category

Max Russo, second place in the Bilingual Category

Sarah Antymis, third place in the Bilingual Category.

Andoni Ybanez, first place in the French Category

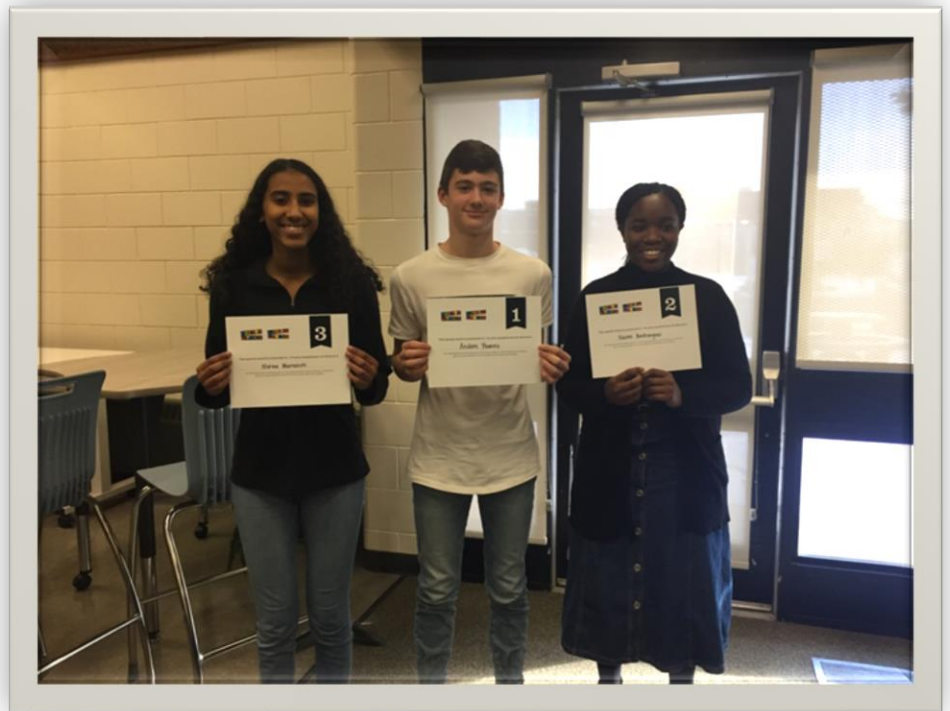
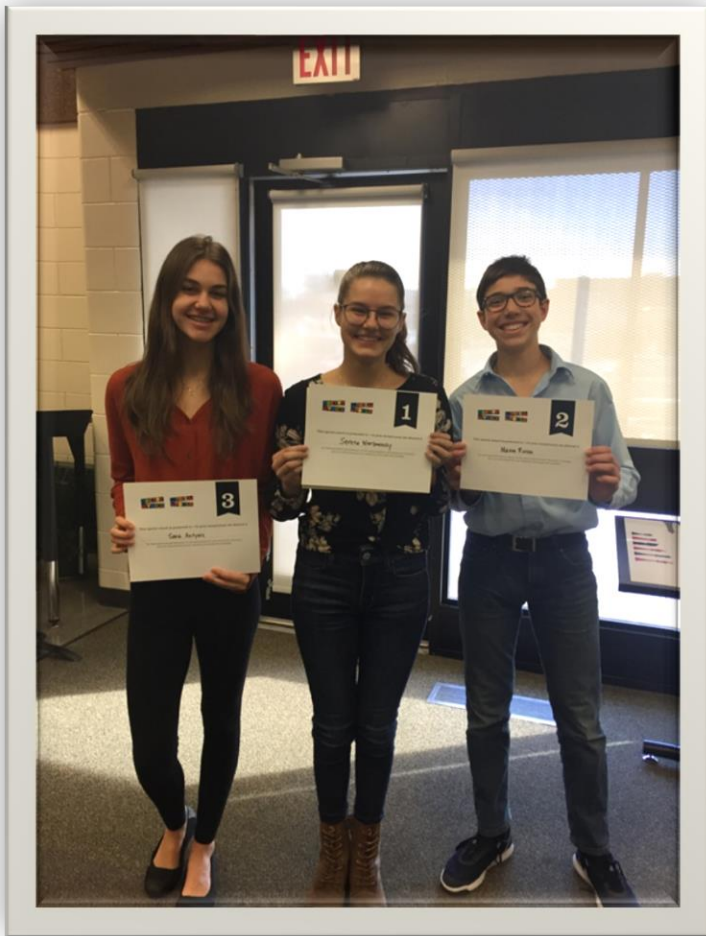
Naomi Bashengezi, second place in the French Category.

Marwa Marrakchi, third place in the French Category.

Serena and Andoni will be our school representatives for the online semi-finals, the next level of the competition. If Andoni or Serena is selected as a winner there, each has the potential to participate in the finals and win up to \$5000.00 and \$1000.00 for our school to acquire French books for the library!

Félicitations à tous nos participants! Bonne chance à Serena et à Andoni pour la prochaine épreuve en ligne!!





Indigenous Club

Students and teachers of River East Off Campus, The Indigenous Club and Current Topics in First Nations, Metis and Inuit Studies celebrated with a Winter Feast. Menu items included bannock, stew, duck hearts, and pickerel. Fun and games were had by all.













A series of text messages went back and forth between the Elder and the school:

“Hi Irish, I always wonder what our students are hearing. Thank you very much for the feedback as it helps me as I plan for my next talk and gives me encouragement to know someone likes my singing too!

Please encourage the students to research their names, and they do have spirit names. Those are available through our elders through ceremony and they would need to present tobacco and a gift to the elder! Along with their names they can ask for their clan!

Any other thoughts you or the students have, please share and I thank you for the feedback. I know the other audience was also hearing my talk and one day the seeds that were planted in their thoughts will surface and cause them to think about their names or about love a peace...So love and peace for you and you are a beautiful person and I'm so happy to have spent a little time with you.”



Our Library Display case featuring First Nations and Inuit Studies


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Community in God's Lake
General Delivery
God's Lake, MB, R0B 0M0
ATTN: Lorraine Trout

If you have it in your heart, letters of encouragement can be written and sent to the above address to help this community that has suffered 16 youth suicides in one month.

If you can write something that could help heal the many broken hearts, it would be most appreciated.

Craft Sale

The MMC Music Program held its annual Craft and Bake Sale on Saturday, December 7th, 2019.

The hallways and new gym were home for the day to 158 artisans. The committee of parent volunteers was amazing! The opportunity to visit our bake sale tables filled with wonderful home baked items, sit and enjoy some delicious food in the canteen, be the lucky recipient of various prizes and enjoy the diversity of musical entertainment provided by students are but a small sampling of the beauty of the day.

Thank you to the parents, students and community for being major contributors to our event. We can hardly wait for the December 5th Craft Sale of 2020!



Music Concert

The MMC Music Program put up their annual Christmas concert on Thursday, Dec 12. It was a landmark event for the school and for the program, as it was the first concert event to take place in our brand-new gym.

The program for the evening featured every musical group in the school starting off with the Grade 9 Concert Band showing off their very own arrangement of "Jingle Bells!" Following them was the senior concert band with warm holiday selections including a surprise vocal solo featuring Dariyan Dubik singing the opening of "The Christmas Song" in a very bold style.

Next, the Novice Guitar Class led by Mr Zalis elegantly played "Angels We Have Heard on High". Prodigy took the stage and wowed the audience with a reflective arrangement of "White Christmas", and ending with a rousing version of "Sleigh Ride".

Superphonic rocked out two of their own arrangements: a rock/fusion version of "Carol of the Bells" and "Frosty the Snowman"(with a Russian twist.).

Next up, the Big Band made their way up on stage and played a version of "Away in A Manger" you'd be sure to sway your hips to. And for the very first time the Jazz Orchestra and Big Band came together to play a festive Christmas medley.

The Jazz Orchestra kept the momentum going with a swingin' version of "Let It Snow!" and closing it off with a grooving version of "Rudolph The Red Nose Reindeer" with multiple style twists.

Afterward, the choir lit up the room along with Mr Zalis' accordion with some beautiful selections including "Away in a Manger" and an exciting version of "O Come, All Ye Faithful".

The evening ending with audience participation in some sing-alongs to "Jingle Bells" and "Silent Night".

The MMC music program would like to thank everyone who was involved in the making of this very merry show and is grateful for such a warm and receptive audience. **Merry Christmas and Happy holidays to all!**

By Roberto Herrera Maltos



Boys Hockey

Boys Hockey Update:

The Boys hockey team has had a busy few months with the most important parts of the season to come. The squad has participated in tournaments in Winnipeg, Steinbach, and most recently Brandon, and has a winning record in league play thus far.

In January, the boys and coaches will be travelling to Nashville for a tournament and to do some touring of Tennessee, including a Predators game at Bridgestone Arena.

Playoffs will begin in February with the team looking to achieve their first Winnipeg free Press Division crown since 2016.

The team roster of twenty consists of nine players in their grade nine or grade ten year which makes the Buckeyes one of the younger squads in the league and suggests a bright future.

Veteran players have provided excellent leadership with Captain Kahl Dewar, and Assistant Captains, Aaron Neilson, Zach Yarechewski, and Tyson Fincaryk.

League information and schedules can be found at www.whshl.com.



Girls Hockey



Cure-a-Thon

We are all used to the Cure-a-Thon being in December, but this school year, things will be a little different!

The Miles Macdonell Cosmetology Program

Will host it's 18th Annual Cure-a-thon

April 16, 2020

More info to follow in the Spring!

The Cosmetology Program will once again
raise funds for Cancer research.



Social Sciences Department

December Newsletter Social Sciences

Here are some of the highlights of the events and activities taking place in the Social Sciences Department this term.

Sisler ESD Conference

Some of our (ESD) Education for Sustainable Development students, along with Environmental Systems and Society teacher Ms. Pellaers, had the opportunity to take part in the student lead Sisler Climate Action conference in November. The students listened to speakers and took part in workshops to learn more about taking action.

Hackathon by Charelle Constantino

Hack Club and ESD (Education for Sustainable Development) partnered up on December 10th to promote coding for a social change by running an event to teach students about technology's role in climate action.

The Hack Club student leaders organized and ran an in school hackathon called "Code for Climate" where participants spend the entire day creating a program based on the theme of "The Environment" in teams of 2-4.

Each team made outstanding projects. To highlight one of them, a team of 3 girls used the software "Voiceflow" to create an Alexa Skill/Google Action where you could ask about recycling and get an instant response. This was their first time coding.

Hackathons have a large impact on beginners especially and it inspires them to continue to learn how to code.

Ethics Bowl

Under the direction of Ms. Street the Miles Mac Ethics Bowl team competed in the regional competition on December 10th at the University of Manitoba and ended up coming in 3rd place. The top 3 teams at the regional competition have earned a spot in the national event at the Canadian Museum for Human Rights in April. 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. This years team members are; Jakob Gamblin, Anhelina Havrylyuk, Gaelen Maderazo, Sarah Bacchus, Evelyn Creed and Soundarya Raj.

State of the Province Address

Miles Macdonell Collegiate ESD students had the opportunity to take part in the HP Change Program at the RBC Convention Centre where they came together with students from across the city to design their ideal educational experience. They shared their ideas with the Education Minister, the Honourable Kelvin Goertzen, and then they had the privilege of attending the State of the Province Address where they heard Premier Pallister share what the government has accomplished and what they will be focusing upon in the next year. This was a tremendous opportunity for our students to have their voices heard and to put citizenship into action!





Individualized Program News

It has been a busy and fun term for students in our Individualized Program. Some of the highlights included:



"Book Un-boxing Day"

The MMC library has become a much more inclusive space! With support from our administration and teacher librarian, Mrs. Zaroda, a new section of the library has been set aside for books requested by, and selected specifically for our students with learning disabilities.

On November 13th, Miles Macdonell administration, guests from the Board Office, teachers, EA's, and MMC students, participated in a "Book Un-boxing Day."

Leading up to the day, students compiled their book requests for Mrs. Zaroda, who then went book shopping. Students were responsible for making guest invitations, treats, and thank you speeches. They were delighted to unpack all the books, and to listen to Mr. Muller read one of his favourite stories.

All the individualized students regularly go to the library to sign out books, then enjoy reading on the comfortable library chairs!

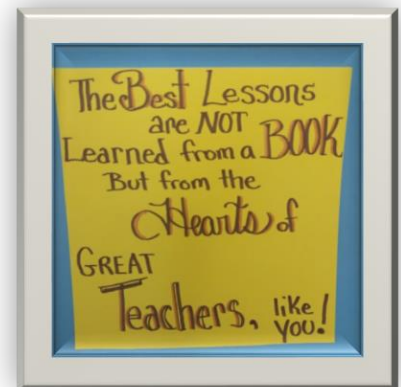




Wellness Week:

To celebrate wellness week, students in the Individualized and Modified programs sang Christmas Carols with our talented EA, Mr. Letkeman. A little Johnny Cash got thrown in for good measure!

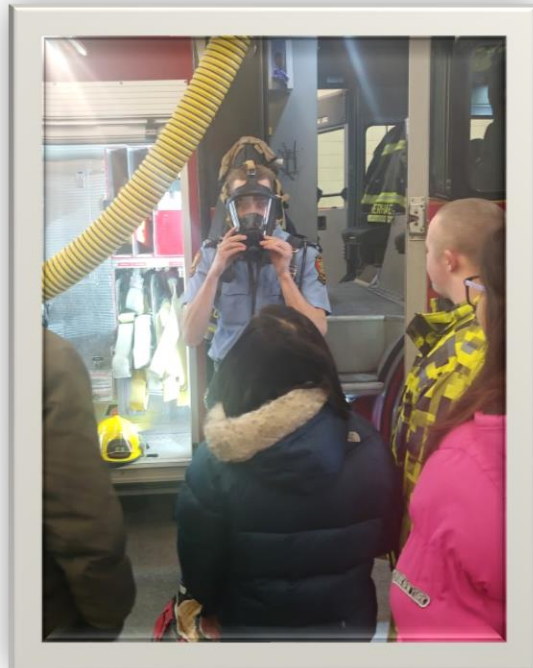
To help keep our MMC staff well, students set up coffee carts with coffee, tea, oranges and cookies, then went knocking on classroom doors to offer a "coffee break" to all staff.



Fire Hall visit:

On Friday, Dec. 13th, students went to the Kimberly Fire Station #8 to deliver handmade thank you cards and chocolate chip cookies. While at the station, students got a tour of the fire hall, learned about fire safety, and had an inside look at the Fire Trucks. They had many questions for the firefighters.

Each semester, students participate in a community outreach event. Our next projects are visiting a nursing home to spend time with the residents, and a class fundraising drive to purchase supplies for care packages, to be delivered to Siloam Mission.





Dance Program

Divisional Day of Dance

On Thursday December 5th, 50 students from the Miles Mac dance program along with 70 students from Kildonan East Collegiate and Transcona Collegiate Institute, spent the day dancing at the Royal Winnipeg Ballet studios downtown. All of students started off the day with a Hip-Hop master class which got everyone moving and the energy flowing. After a short break the students attended three more classes, learning different styles of dance. The students learned Broadway Jazz, Lyrical and Hip-Hop from another teacher. All classes were taught by guest instructors from Winnipeg. The students had a fabulous day and they can hardly wait to have the opportunity to do this again!!

Dance Manitoba Showcase at the Canadian Museum for Human Rights

On Sunday November 24th while most people were watching the Blue Bombers win the Grey Cup, Miles Mac's Dance Crew performed at the annual Dance Manitoba Showcase. This was a wonderful experience for the students to see the different types of dance that are taught in Manitoba and to see what is being done in other high schools in the city. The different dances performed were: tap, lyrical, belly dancing, musical theatre, modern and Hip-Hop. The students were true professionals and not only watched attentively as each group performed, but also cheered each group on to help them perform to the best of their abilities. A great day for sharing the love of dance and bringing people together.







Worn out!



Warmest thoughts and best wishes for a
wonderful holiday season