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# Principal's Message

It is with mixed emotions that I pen my last newsletter message as principal of Miles Macdonell Collegiate. I am very proud of our school, students and staff. This is a special place committed to learning and behaving excellence. I only hope that I have been able contribute to that culture in some small way. I would like to thank the parents and the community for their unwavering support as we worked through many incredible changes to the school including reconfiguration, the growth of our French Immersion and International Baccalaureate programs and of course, the construction of some incredible new learning spaces! I would also like to thank everyone for their messages of support as I transition to my new role as Assistant Superintendent of Schools.

Your new principal will be Mr. John Muller who has been transferred from Murdoch MacKay Collegiate. I know you join me in welcoming Mr. Muller and wishing him nothing but the best in his new role. I would also like to congratulate Mme Comte who will become vice-principal at Ecole Centrale next fall!

Our new gymnasium should be finished in early July. Clearly the project is several months behind schedule and we thank everybody for their patience. Nonetheless the new gym, classrooms, art room, dance studio and fitness centre should all be ready to go for the start of the next school year. These facilities will certainly enhance teaching and learning at Miles Macdonell.

As the weather (finally) warms up, so do the preparations for the many year-end events and activities in our very busy school. It has been an incredibly exciting year up to this point and things won't slow down as we head towards exams and graduation activities.

Our spring calendar will feature several major events including a three music concerts, an evening of dance featuring staff and students and an arts festival. In between all these events, our students have or will participate in several field trips and a host of spring sports including track and field, spring football, field hockey, ringette, soccer and Ultimate. Please check our website for the May and June event details.

Please be reminded that the last two weeks of June has a different look to the school schedule with examinations and other year-end events. Please check our website at <a href="http://www.retsd.mb.ca/school/miles/Pages/default.aspx">http://www.retsd.mb.ca/school/miles/Pages/default.aspx</a> for news and events to keep abreast of school life at Miles Macdonell. Please contact me anytime should you have any questions or concerns.

Again, I thank you for the supporting your children and our staff in the quest for excellence that is the hallmark of Miles Macdonell. I personally thank you for supporting me over the last several years. I will miss the school and community very much.

Thank you

Mr. M. Bruce mbruce@retsd.mb.ca

# 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 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 ongoing attention.

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

- Honorary Chair Darlene Lindsay (Former teacher)
- <u>Chair: Ronald N. Storozuk</u> ronstorozuk@mts.net
- Vice-Chair: Jim Smith

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• Secretary: Maureen Silk

Treasurer: Donna Cudmore

Other Directors are: Rick Dondo and Carmen Dondo

#### They look forward to hearing from you!



# Pay Pal!

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.





# England/Scotland Trip 2019

From March 18 to March 30, 2019, 14 Buckeyes invaded England and Scotland for a culinary arts (and more!) experience. With more than 10km of walking each day, our trip hit the ground running with 5 busy days in London.

We had to 'Mind the Gap' as we experienced Trafalgar Square, St. Paul's Cathedral, Windsor Castle, Buckingham Palace, The Tower of London, the Tower Bridge, the British History Museum, the London Eye and even managed to visit the spot of Shakespeare's original Globe Theatre! One of our days was spent visiting Stonehenge and the very picturesque Bath, home to 2,000-year-old Roman baths fed by an underground hot spring.

After one of our group suffered a broken tailbone, we soldiered on to experience an incredible cooking school lesson at L'atelier des Chefs. Our students did Miles Mac proud as they teamed together to make a very tasty Thai stir fry.

The latter half of our trip started off in Edinburgh, Scotland after a very scenic train ride that took us up the East coast of England. After the hectic pace of London, we were thankful to slow the pace down, though there was no shortage of places to visit. A walk around stunning Old Town Edinburgh uncovered hidden gems; like the café where Harry Potter was born, a small piece of Nova Scotia outside Edinburgh Castle and an incredible hike to the peak of Arthur's Seat, an extinct volcano. Most memorable was a visit to a local armourist who regaled us with a Scottish history lesson covering over 500 years of warfare and rebellion.

From Edinburgh, we headed North through the highlands to Inverness with a stop at Stirling Castle and the Bannockburn battlefield along the way. We had a two-night stay at the gorgeous Royal Highland Hotel, first opened in 1854 and the pinnacle of luxury in the early days of the steam train. The following day, a boat cruise on Loch Ness had everyone's eyes peeled to get a glimpse of the famous Loch Ness Monster. Our final day in Scotland had us stop in Glencoe for a short hike to view some of the most stunning vistas in all the Scottish Highlands. We capped off our trip with an afternoon in Glasgow's bustling shopping district.

It was a truly amazing experience and our Buckeyes were true ambassadors along the way.





#### L-R:

Steffani Desgroseillers, Paige Larocque, Keenan Cox, Karsten Zozman Lutzer, Cole Smith, Brady Tyslau, Ethan Ott, Justin Chutskoff, Isaac Epp, Josef Thiessen, Tobias Scruggs, Franklin Luu, Sarah Antymis, Willow Barton. Center: Mr. Neale, Ms. Brajkovich



# Italy/Greece 2019

During Spring Break 2019, thirty-seven students were led by Ms. McMaster, Ms. Proulx, Ms. Degagne, and Mr. Au on an exploration of the architectural arts in Greece and Italy. The Miles Macdonell students were treated to the ancient wonders of Athens and Delphi, visiting the Acropolis and the Oracle of Delphi.

The students then ventured their way to Italy, visiting the ancient city of Pompeii, to the empire of Rome, and to the renaissance treasures of Florence.

Throughout their travels it became clear how one era lead to another, how one ancient civilization sowed the seeds for future awakenings.

The Parthenon in Athens and the Colosseum in Rome provide a fascinating framework for the artistic and architectural breakthroughs throughout Florence.

The trip will be a memorable experience for the group and we hope that their love for at ancient arts and travel have grown so much more after our trip to Greece and Italy.





# Japan 2019

また日本に行った! Mata Nihon Ni Itta! (We went to Japan again!)

After a year of preparation, passport checks and double checks, dietary requirements and rooming arrangements, the Buckeyes made it to the "land of the rising sun" for their second time this year.

This trip included a stop at Shibuya Crossing (the busiest intersection in the world), a meet and greet with Assimo the Honda humanoid robot that runs, jumps, and dances (among just a few of its many talents). A ride or two on the Shinkansen (bullet train), history lessons in front of the Atomic Dome from atomic bomb survivors in Hiroshima and many, many famous shrines and temples.

















# Belize 2020

# Come join the Adventure in Belize, Spring Break 2020!

# Please see Ms. Vince or Mr. DeGagne for more information!







# **\$1000** Travel Scholarship Giveaway!

# EF Educational Tours is giving away \$1,000 to one lucky traveller from Manitoba!

# Enrol on your school's EF Tour\* by June 30th, 2019 for a chance to win!

If you are thinking of joining your school's EF Tour in 2020, now is the time to say YES to travel!

# ENROLL ON YOUR SCHOOL'S EF TOUR: www.eftours.ca/2153979HD



#### Questions? Call 1-800-263-2806

Group Leader: Melissa Vince

\* Tour must depart between October 1, 2019 and September 30, 2020.

No Purchase Necessary. The one lucky traveller that wins a \$1,000 Travel Scholarship towards their EF tour departing between October 1, 2019 and September 30, 2020 will be chosen at random. This offer is valid for residents of Manitoba, Canada. All entries must be received by EF Educational Tours by June 30th, 2019 (Eastern midnight). Void where prohibited. Non-transferable, Prize cannot be combined with other offers and cannot be exchanged for cash value. For full terms and conditions, see effours.ca/termsandconditions.

Registration Numbers: TICO-2395858, 50018789 | CPBC-73991, 73990 | OPC-702732

## **Buckeyes Angling Club 2019**





### Miles Mac Buckeyes Angling Club 2019

Did you know that Miles Mac offers an Angling Club? 2019 marks the 10<sup>th</sup> year that this club has been offered to our students. The club meets once a week during the lunch hour starting in the Spring to learn about various topics that include environmental awareness, conservation, and citizenship.

In addition, our students learn recreational angling techniques and how to use a rod and reel to catch fish that we can find in our local waterways.

Beginning May 13<sup>th</sup>, the recreational fishing season opens in Southern Manitoba and our club will be visiting the shorelines of the Lockport and Selkirk area two evenings a week. During our fishing sessions, we will be using the techniques that we learned. After each fishing session, our students participate in a riverbank clean-up.

In addition, we use our club as a vehicle for raising money towards a charity of our choice. Students in our club are given pledge forms and will solicit one-time donations or donations per fish caught at our Buckeyes Fishing for a Cure Derby/Fish-A-Thon" on May 31st, 2019. Last year, we donated our fundraising efforts (Over \$1200) towards the KidFish Ice Derby, the PBC Society of Canada, and the Lake Winnipeg Foundation.

We have been fortunate the receive support from our community members and community sponsors so that 100% of our monies fundraised go back to our community charities.

If any students are still interested in joining our club, please see Mr. Au in the Physical Education department.

If any parents or community members would like to learn more information about our club, or how they could possibly support our program, please contact Mr. Tim Au at tau@retsd.mb.ca







# Physical Activity in the Summer

## **Physical Activity in the Summer**

### **Planet Fitness**



#### THE PLANET FITNESS TEEN SUMMER CHALLENGE

Starting May 15th and running through Sept. 1st, teens ages 15-18 can work out TOTALLY FREE. No catches, no commitments. Come in and use tons of cardio and strength equipment on your own or sign up for our free fitness training classes. Plus, enter for the chance to win a \$5,000 scholarship and other prizes! Visit any Planet Fitness on or after May 15th to sign up for your free summer membership. Under 18 must have a parent or guardian present at sign up. More information is available at:

https://www.planetfitness.com/TeenSummerChallenge

#### **Goodlife Fitness**

Last year, Goodlife Fitness also provided free memberships for teens. No details have been disclosed yet, but please stay tuned to <u>https://www.teenfitness.ca/</u> For more information.

### Summer Volleyball Camps



#### **Program Details**

The WAVE Volleyball camp is entering its 14<sup>th</sup> year and is geared towards boys and girls entering Grade 6-12 in the fall. The goal of this camp is to prepare young athletes for their upcoming season with their school teams in a fun and exciting learning environment. Our camp focuses on skill development and will allow for ample playing opportunities. The WAVE Volleyball Camp is instructed by prominent, experienced coaches. Athletes come back year after year. Come and "Catch the WAVE"

#### When: 4 sessions to choose from: August 12-16, and August 19-23, 2019

Time: 5:00-7:30pm or 7:30-10pm Location: Universite' de St. Boniface East Gym (200 de la Cathedrale) Cost: \$135 per athlete. (includes all instructional time, T-Shirt, and camp gift and prizes )

See our website: <u>www.winmanvolleyball.com</u> for program details and to register online.

#### Summer Multi-Sport Camps

The Legion Athletics Camp is one of North America's longest running multi-sport camps, run with the co-sponsorship of the Royal Canadian legion, Rotary Club's HIP Program and the Manitoba Aboriginal Sports & Recreation council. This camp annually attracts hundreds of athletes from Manitoba, Ontario and Saskatchewan, as well as others from as far away as Nunavut, England, Mexico and the United States. Whether you are an up and coming player or looking for a place to explore new interests, the legion Athletic Camp has a place for you and your friends. Best of all the camp is located on the grounds of the beautiful International Peace Gardens on the Manitoba-North Dakota border. For a great experience with friends, old or new, register today for the Legion Athletic Camp. Fun is only a click away!!! http://www.legionathleticcamp.com/

For more information on Physical Fitness during the summer, please see a member of the Physical Education department.

## **Boys Hockey**

### Boys Hockey Round-Up

Our season that began in September came to an official end a few weeks ago with the conclusion of the WHSHL Rookie tournament. We had many highlights this year and we ended off with a bang!

Our regular team competed hard in the Winnipeg Free Press (B) Division of the WHSHL this season. We could not match our playoff success from a year ago as we fell in an exciting and closely matched first round series vs. the West Kildonan. After splitting the first two games the Wolverines prevailed by a slim one goal margin in the deciding game three.

While, like every year, we must bid farewell to some highly skilled and experienced grade 12 veterans, this season saw a great corps of grade 9, 10 and 11 players that will carry forward a solid foundation into next season where we hope to again compete in the A division of our league.

The team competed in three tournaments, most noteworthy our trip to Halifax. The hockey out east was very good, with the Buckeyes defeating Cole Harbour but losing in our other three contests. The boys enjoyed the east coast culture and hospitality, including a delicious lobster meal. The boys toured Peggy's Cove, the Immigration Museum at Pier 21, the Halifax Citadel, and more. We even got some signature wild weather that forced us to enjoy an unplanned trip of Fredericton when our flight was re-directed!

In April, we formed two teams for the 25<sup>th</sup> annual WHSHL Rookie Tournament. One team competed in the Mosienko (A) Division and the other in the Sawchuk (B division) and they both were comprised of grade 9 and 10 players. The tournament involved about two weeks of hockey counting pre-tournament skates and exhibition games. Both teams had success, but the Mosienko team finished undefeated and for the first time in school history won the tournament! The future looks bright for the program! Stay tuned for what we have in store for tryouts and tournaments for the 2019-2020 season.

Awards:

League All-stars: Aaron Neilson, Brady Tyslau, Treye Namaka, Liam Eori

Team MVP: Liam Eori

Team Rookie of the Year: Owen Park

Travis Price Scholarship: Scott Hryhoruk

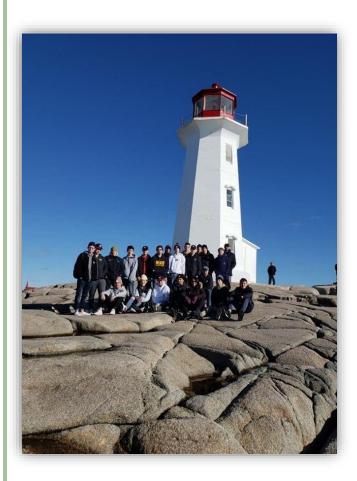
Stelly Scholarship: Brady Tyslau

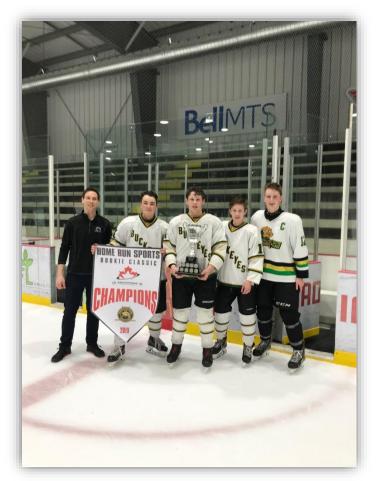
Coach's Merit Award: Cody Nixdorf













## **Indoor Track**

#### 2018-19 Indoor Track Season Summary

The Indoor Track team had a great season full of amazing individual and team accomplishments. All the athletes trained extremely hard and demonstrated a great deal of dedication. Here are a few of the season highlights:

The JV Boys team placed 3<sup>rd</sup>, and the JV Girls and Varsity Boys teams were both KPAC Champions!

The following students placed in the top 3 at the KPAC championship:

#### JV Girls

Teanna Gagne- 1<sup>st</sup> 200m Kiara Palavicino- 3<sup>rd</sup> 800 m Karlee Ballast- 3<sup>rd</sup> 1500m Medley Team- 2<sup>nd</sup> 4x100m Team- 3<sup>rd</sup> Halie Browning- 2<sup>nd</sup> Shot Put Shailynn Roberts-Bagg- 2<sup>nd</sup> High Jump **JV Boys** Ethan Gerbrandt- 2<sup>nd</sup> 1500m Spenser Rerick- 3<sup>rd</sup> Shot Put Nicolas Klassen- 3<sup>rd</sup> High Jump

#### Varsity Boys

Jordan Soufi- 1<sup>st</sup> 60m, 3<sup>rd</sup> Long Jump Brandon Spulnick- 1<sup>st</sup> 1500m Jonathan Chausse- 1<sup>st</sup> Shot Put, 1<sup>st</sup> High Jump

The following athletes placed top 12 in the province at the Indoor Series Championship Meet:

Varsity Girls 60m- Donnae Gordon- 6th Varsity Girls 200m- Donnae Gordon- 5th Varsity Girls 60m Hurdles- Paige Oberlin- 11th JV Girls 60m- Kara McMillan- 9th JV Girls 60m Hurdles- Kara McMillan- 1st JV Girls4x200m Relay- Team A- 6th Team B- 8th- Keala Dueck, Kiara Palavicino, Taylor Simpson, Kara McMilan, Grace Spulnick, Alexis Lehmann, Julie Hill-Burnett, Hailee Pisker JV Girls Medley Relay Team A-8<sup>th,</sup> Team B 9<sup>th</sup>- Karlee Ballast, Keala Dueck, Kiara Palavicino, Taylor Simpson, Tia Cummins, Zoe Smith, Grace Spulnick, Alexis Lehmann JV Girls Long Jump Shaylin Roberts-Baga- 2nd JV Girls Shot Put Hailey Browning-7th Varsity Boys 60m Jordan Soufi- 1st Varsity Boys 800m

Brandon Spulnick- 5<sup>th</sup> Varsity Boys 1500m Brandon Spulnick- 4<sup>th</sup> Varsity Boys 4x200m Relay- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Brandon Spulnick, Erik Wiebe, Jordan Soufi, Miguel Angel, Darnell Udoh Varsity Boys Medley Relay- 4<sup>th</sup> – Brandon Spulnick, Erik Wiebe, Jordan Soufi, Miguel Angel, Darnell Udoh Varsity Boys High Jump- Nkunda Kambaja- 4<sup>th</sup>, Jonathan Chausse- 5<sup>th</sup> JV Boys 1500m- Ethan Gerbrandt- 11<sup>th</sup> JV Boys 4x200m Relay- 7<sup>th</sup>- Danylo Solar, Ethan Macario, Colin Bergen, Ethan Gerbrandt JV Boys Shot Put- Ethan Macario- 7<sup>th</sup>

The coaching staff would like to congratulate all our team members on such an awesome season and wish the best of luck to all our graduating athletes.







## **MMC Grad Info**

## MMC GRADUATION 2019 IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

#### MONDAY - FRIDAY, May 13-17

Grad Breakfast Tickets on Sale at Lunch - \$20 each

Menu: Scrambled eggs, waffles, bacon, sausage, hash browns, seasonal fruit tray, croissants, Danishes, assorted muffins, a selection of preserves and butter, chilled fruit juices, and coffee & tea.

#### FRIDAY - May 24th

#### Grad Breakfast: 8:30 am – Rossmere Golf and Country Club TICKETS MUST BE PURCHASED IN ADVANCE

• Students are asked to return all signed forms at Grad Breakfast: Designated Driver Forms, Rules & Regulations/Release of Indemnity, and Ticket Order Forms

- Receive Table Reservation Forms
  - Voting for Toast Givers
- Class of 2019 Composite Photo and TA Photos
  - Winners of Yearbook Survey Announced

#### MONDAY – THURSDAY, June 17-20

Safe Grad Dinner & Dance Ticket Sales – Room 21

11:00 - 3:15 pm



June 20 Cap & Gown Pick-up - Theatre - 1:30 p.m. SHARP!

June 24 CONVOCATION & AWARDS RECOGNITION

Graduates arrive at 8:30 a.m. – Rear Entrance Centennial Concert Hall Program begins at 9:30 a.m.

#### FAMILY AND FRIENDS MUST PRESENT TICKETS FOR ADMISSION TICKETS ARE NOT AVAILABLE AT THE DOOR!

June 28

**Pictures in the Park** Location: Leo Mol Sculpture Garden — Assiniboine Park Conservancy 3:00 pm — 5:00 pm

**DINNER & DANCE & SAFE GRAD** 

Canad Inns Polo Park Doors open at 5 p.m.



To European Meats on Springfield for donating the hot dogs again this year for the Arts Fest fundraiser!

## **Miles Macdonell Lit Mag**

Our students have worked exceptionally hard on the 2019 edition of the Miles Macdonell Lit Mag. You can take home a piece of MMC Art history for a minimum \$10 donation!

Thanks for your support.



## Safe Work Manitoba



Jacob Markham, Meghan Rempel, Erik Wiebe, Bennett Sidloski, Etienne Loney - grade 12 students at Miles Mac- were presented with a cheque for \$2500 for their award winning video from Veronica Suszynski of Safe Work Manitoba. They won both the provincial and national contests for their video "Safety is Not a Joke." This is the second year they have won the provincial contest.

They also won the grand prize award for a climate change video they created and will be on their way to a red carpet event taking place on May 18th at Vancity Theatre in Vancouver.. They were chosen as one of four finalists in this Canada wide competition. As part of their accomplishment, the students have also earned a gift to their school of \$2,000, which can be used for the sciences, arts, or library acquisitions. Congratulations to a group of very talented Buckeyes!

## **Skills Manitoba**

The 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Olympic-style Skills Manitoba Competition was held on Thursday, April 11, 2019 at Red River College and Tec Voc High School. It was an amazing display of handson expertise, talent and determination that showcased the diversity of skilled trades and technology and the many promising futures to be found in these occupations. Students completed in over 40 different contests. Miles Mac was well represented by Ethan Ott (cooking), Leah Tourond and Sara Jacobson (Nail tech), Alistair Smith, Abigail Yates, Gaelen Maderazo, Hunter Schmidt, Juscenta Haligourski, Zachar Hamonic (all for 3D Animation), Rebecca Papadopoulos, Iris Talledo (2D Animation), and Etienne Loney and Jacob Markham (Video Production).

Alistair Smith and Abby Yates won a silver medal for 3D Animation, Bec Papadopoulos and Iris Talledo won a bronze medal for 2D Animation. There was lots of learning and thinking on your feet!

#### Congrats to all competitors for a great effort!







Ethan Ott competed in the secondary Cooking at Skills Manitoba, at the Red River College Main Street Campus. He practiced day and night two weeks prior to the competition as well as throughout the school year. He worked hard and plated all dishes on time – a real Buckeye success for Ethan! I am so proud of him. He was also offered a job at the Squash Racket Ball Club, which is no small feat. For those of you who don't know, Ethan has been on Team Canada placing gold at the Culinary Olympics three times and this competition is only every four years in Germany. Although Ethan did not place, no other students competing were offered jobs of this caliber. I am over the moon that Ethan rocked this competition. I am more than proud as he is an awesome example of a Buckeye!!!

Ms. Brajkovich (Ms. B) Foods Teacher MMC



## **Social Sciences**

This month has been a busy one for one of our Grade 9 Social studies classes. On April 23, they were able to visit the provincial Legislative Building. While there, they were able to go on a tour of the beautiful building, find out the roles and responsibilities of the various MLAs and the Speaker of the House. As well as find out the importance of the Mace and the Hansard. Students were able to meet with veteran MLA, Jim Maloway, as well.

Students this month also were able to meet with two other MLAs. On Thursday, May 2, Matt Wiebe dropped by our class to answer questions for the students. On Thursday, May 9 Andrew Micklefield will stop in to do the same. Both will give different perspectives on how they got into politics and what some of their beliefs in politics. All in all, the month has provided our students with more perspective of how the political life is working in Manitoba.



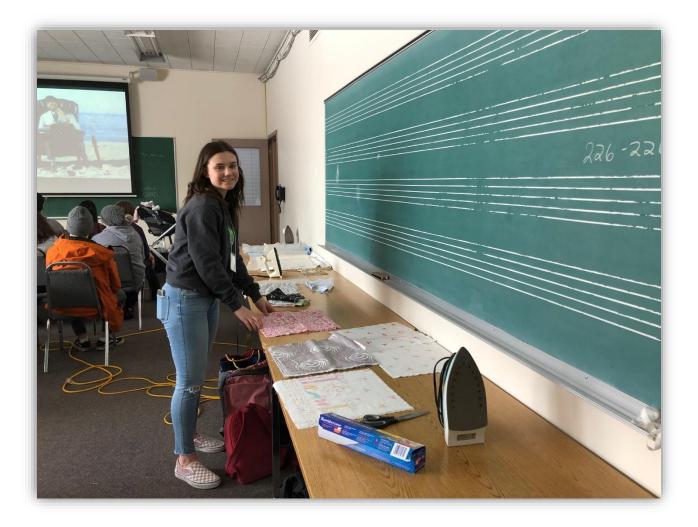
## ESD

A huge congratulations goes out to Miles Macdonell students Veronica Holyk and Kathy Nguyen for placing in the Top 10 in Manitoba for the Caring for Our Watersheds competition. These students presented their proposals for how to improve sustainability in their community to a panel of judges at Oak Hammock March and were awarded \$350 and \$400 respectively as well as funds to implement their projects (a butterfly garden at Miles Mac and a recycling program at the Kimberley YMCA). Miles Mac students Sydni Lane, Kate Stewart, Yulia Kuznetsov and Hannah Hutchinson were also recognized for placing in the top 20 in the province. There were over 400 submissions to the competition, so this is a huge accomplishment!





We are so proud of our ESD student leaders, Kristen Semenko, Fiona Limbo, Charelle Constantino, Kathy Nguyen, and Jenna Semenko for facilitating workshops at the Learning for a Sustainable Future Student Conference at the Canadian Mennonite University. Not only were our students the only non-adult workshop facilitators, but Kristen and Fiona were also keynote speakers at the event! Our school was also awarded 2<sup>nd</sup> place in Canada for the sustainability-focused action projects that we implemented last year (our Earth Day event with Laura McCrindle's beeswax food wrap workshop that was held). Along with the recognition, we were given \$2,000.00 to put towards future ESD initiatives in the school!









## 2019 MMC Earth Day Conference

Miles Mac ESD (Education for Sustainable Development) successfully held our annual Earth Day Conference on Apr. 23. This year we had three keynote sessions in the morning and an array of exciting hands-on activities and small group sessions.

Curt Hull (Climate Change Connection) and Eric Reder (MB Wilderness Committee) enlightened us on the local impacts of climate change and what we can all do to make a difference in our community. We also had a session run by students for students, where young people already engaged in environmental campaigns shared their work and answered questions from those students who wish to get involved. Outside our students participated in a community clean-up, a nature-walk, and Indigenous Games. Indoors, our students participated in a clothing swap, sessions on social justice and consumerism, tutorials on DIY products, and examined a simulation of our watershed.

Congrats to the students and teachers on organizing a great day. The next step has us consulting the student body for ideas on a new school wide project for sustainability.







## **Ethics Bowl**

A huge congratulations goes out to the Miles Mac Ethics Bowl team for making it to the semi finals at the Canadian National Ethics Bowl Championship! They did an amazing job researching and preparing for the event that had them discussing pertinent global issues such as climate change, nuclear disarmament and post-human ethics at the Canadian Museum for Human Rights. They did an amazing job of representing RETSD!









### Fort Whyte Alive

Cool day (literally and figuratively ;) for some of our ESD students taking part in Arctic Science Day at Ft Whyte Alive. Not only did they get to take part in and learn about real climate and environmental research taking place in the Arctic by a variety of experts and scientists in the field, but they also got in a solid 4 kilometres of snowshoeing throughout the day! If you happened to have watched the 6 pm CBC newscast you might have caught John Sodder's story about the event and seen some of your students in the segment.





## 3 % Project

MMC was very fortunate to have Steve Lee from the 3% Project come today to run a workshop on how to create and implement effective ESD based action plans in schools with our ESD student group over the lunch hour. In the afternoon, he delivered a presentation to over 600 students on climate change and how to mobilize youth to take action on this issue. Lee has worked with G7 leaders and the United Nations on this issue and his currently bringing his presentation to one million students at 500 high schools across Canada. Check out their site for some amazing ESD resources <a href="https://3percentproject.com/">https://3percentproject.com/</a>









## History

MMC History students had the opportunity to hear the local MP for Elmwood-Transcona, Daniel Blaikie, speak about the role of an MP, why he got into politics, and pertinent issues facing government today.

The students also had the chance to ask him a lot of great questions in a Q and A session. Promoting active citizenship is one of the main themes in the Social Sciences so it was great to have both an MP and an MLA visit the school.



# Languages Department Events - French: Communication and Culture and French Immersion

Le Concours d'art oratoire at both the divisional and provincial levels for our French Immersion and our French: Communication and Culture students was once again a great success! We had almost all our participants earn gold or silver finishes! Félicitations to all participants!

Seven students from Miles Mac were considered the "winners" of their categories at the divisional level of the competition who then went on to represent our division at the Provincial Concours d'art oratoire which took place on May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at l'Université de Saint-Boniface. Here are the results from that event:

Français: Communication et Culture/French: Communication and Culture 9/10 = Ohm Patel = médaille d'argent/silver medal

Français: Communication et Culture/French: Communication and Culture 11/12 = Shubhneet Thind = médaille d'or/first place gold medal

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Immersion précoce/Early Immersion 11/12 = Serena Werbowesky = médaille d'or/first place gold medal

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Immersion tardive/Late Immersion 9/10 = Keira Jordan = médaille d'or/first place gold medal

Immersion tardive/Late Immersion 11/12 = Erik Weibe = médaille de bronze/bronze medal

Francophone 9/10 = Enock Birinda = médaille de bronze/bronze medal

Francophone 11/12 = Nathan Nyimilongo = médaille d'argent/silver medal

It is to be noted that the grade 11/12 winners have earned a \$1000.00 bursary to l'Université de Saint-Boniface and have the chance to earn up to \$20,000 in scholarships at the national competition.

We are very proud of ALL participants who represented our division and our school at the competition.

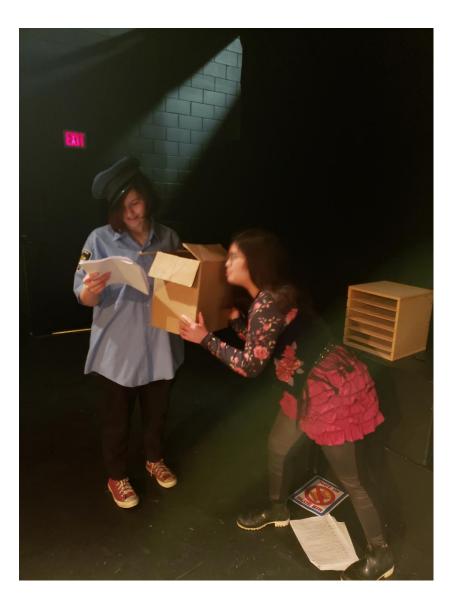
We would like to wish our two representatives who will participate at the National Concours in Ottawa on June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019 an excellent trip and competition!



### Shubhneet



Serena



#### Festival Théâtre Jeunesse

Under the guidance of Mr. Evan Turenne, a group of student actors will present a play entitled: C'est parti du pied gauche... on May 10<sup>th</sup> at the Centre Culturel Franco-Manitobain. The students participating are: Cidnee Jacob, Gaelen Maderazo,Léon Katsnelson, Hunter Schmidt, Isaac Nightingale, Isabella Seales,

Joshua Derksen, and Andrew Quaye. We wish them the best of luck in their upcoming performance!

#### **DELF Exams**

Thirteen of our French: Communication and Culture students took the voluntary DELF B1 exam at CPET on April 9<sup>th</sup> and have passed with success!

We are anxiously awaiting the official diplomas that will come from France and wish to congratulate all of the participating students on their efforts in preparing for this exam that provides a lifetime recognition of their French studies! Félicitations! – Mme Bailey



#### Festival des vidéastes

Savannah Jolicoeur, Jacob Markham, Etienne Loney, Erik Wiebe, Meghan Rempel and Bennett Sidloski will be returning to the Festival des Vidéastes du Manitoba that will be taking place May 23 at Université de Saint-Boniface to defend their titles as winners of last year's competition. The theme of this year's competition was family. Our students created an entertaining work full of humour, with lots of references to great movies.

Come show your support for them on the evening of May 23 at Université de Saint-Boniface, where they hope to take home first place for the second year in a row!





# Dancing at Bronx Park



After School Dance Program Free for ages 11-14 Learn Jazz, Musical Theatre Free snack 4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. Bronx Park Community Centre First week orientation-Tuesday May 14 and Thursday May 16, then 6 regular classes-Tuesdays- May 21, 28, June 4, 11, 18, 25, then the windup- Thursday June 27. Registration forms available by calling Evan at 204-510-7667

Or email facilitymanager@gmail.com









# This school year is almost done.



Just May and June and then we'll see you in September!

