

Munroe Junior High School Newsletter

Fall Newsletter 2015 Volume 1

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Principal's News

It is very hard to believe we have reached the end of January and the midway point of the school year. Munroe has been a very busy place with many activities and events going on!

The leadership students have been responsible for movement Mondays, which as the name suggests, takes place the last 2-3 minutes of DEAR every Monday. Each classroom is challenged to do a fitness activity and their results collected as a class.

January is also the beginning of basketball season and all 4 teams have been busy in the gym preparing for their upcoming season. Good luck to all the teams as they represent Munroe throughout the year.

Our Lifework Exploration course has seen students run the MARS store and has started pop up restaurants where they make a classroom into a restaurant for a day! The students prepare and serve the meal gaining valuable experience in the food industry!!

Jazz Band, Guitar Club and our Rock Band were all busy preparing for the Winter Concert which was held on Thursday January 28, 2016.

Our world changed dramatically in November when the Board of Trustees announced that the school division was "Making the Move" and that Munroe would become a grade 6-8 school starting September 2016. The staff and I have been working hard behind the scenes on two fronts. Firstly, we have two groups of students we will be saying farewell to at the end of the year and staff have been planning and organizing events for both the grade 8 and 9 students. Secondly, we have begun the process of re-configuring to a grade 6-8 school and the many logistical things that goes with that!

I would like to thank the students and staff for their ability to remain on the task at hand, which is the good work being done in the learning environments every day.

February begins the time where students and families start to register for the 2016-2017 school year. I would encourage all families of students transitioning out of Munroe to take in as many information sessions as possible to make informed choices about program choices and course selections.

Just a reminder that our grade 9 students will be ending their first half option courses and beginning their second half option courses in early February. The final grade for the first half option courses will show up on the second term report card later in March.

February is also I Love to Read Month, I would encourage all families to set aside a little time (15-20 minutes) each day to do some reading!!

Kevin Mackay
Principal

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GENERAL SCHOOL NEWS

School E-Memos

In order to keep you informed regarding important upcoming events at Munroe, the school sends out an e-memo every Friday. If you are not currently receiving our e-memo and would like to, please contact our office at (204) 661-4451 or email to mun@retsd.mb.ca and we will add your email address to our mailing list; all email addresses are kept confidential.

School Website

Did you know that you can keep up-to-date on Munroe events, activities and forms on our online website? Check us out at www.schools.retsd.mb.ca/mun/!

Pizza Thursdays

Munroe's Leadership team hosts pizza lunch every Thursday in the foyer. Pepperoni and plain cheese pizza are available at \$1.50 per slice, first come, first served.

M.A.R.S...It's Closer Than Mercury!



MARS the store continues to be open for the first half of lunch on the lower level. Food items for sale include burritos, chicken chimichangas, tuna and cracker kits, vitamin water, chocolate milk, cookies, cheese strings, goldfish and many more options sold at low prices. On Fridays, fresh popcorn is sold for just 0.50¢ a bag! Remember, Mars is closer than Mercury!

Students in the Life Work Exploration course would like to thank all students that participated in their pop-up restaurants in December and January. Those that purchased tickets were treated to a beautifully prepared 3 course hot meal with table service. Please watch for the next 3 pop-up restaurants that will be opening for 3 dates later this spring.

Positive School-Wide Behaviour – Respect in Hallways

One of Munroe's school-wide behaviour expectations is *listening to and following adult instructions*. During an extended homeroom, teachers reviewed this expectation with their students and had them explain what this behaviour should look like and sound like. If students were caught following this expectation during unstructured periods of time (entering and exiting the building, class transitions), they were rewarded with a treat ticket which could be exchanged for a snack. Having staff show, tell, practice, and reinforce school-wide expectations increases positive behaviour.

~The Learning and Behaving Committee

NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY

"During I Love to Read month, the library is putting on a Bookmark Challenge. Students will be encouraged to use their artist skills to create a bookmark of their favorite novel. Students will then have the chance to vote for their favorite bookmark and the winner will have their bookmark made available in the library for students to use."

We're making the move!

Our school is part of the final phase of "Making the Move," RETSD's initiative to reconfigure all schools in the division into early (K-5), middle (6-8), and senior years (9-12) groupings. Beginning in September 2016, schools within the Miles Macdonell Collegiate catchment area will be grouped this way:

Early Years (K-5) at Angus McKay School, Lord Wolseley Elementary School, Neil Campbell School, Polson School, Prince Edward School

Middle Years (6-8) at John Henderson Junior High School, Munroe Junior High School

Senior Years (9-12) at Miles Macdonell Collegiate

Parents and guardians across the division were notified of the Making the Move plan on November 24 and 25. To find out more, go to the "Making the Move" link on our website. It's where we'll provide further information as the plan progresses.

Munroe Jr. High

The We Care group is requesting the donation of gently used, clean clothes.

All clothes will be sold for 0.50\$ a piece, with all the monies raised going towards Siloam Mission.

PLEASE SEND DONATED CLOTHES TO THE SCHOOL BY WEDNESDAY,

FEBRUARY 3rd

A table will be set up in the foyer



CLOTHES WILL BE SOLD

Tuesday, February 9th (during an assigned class time, 2nd half of lunch, and 7-8pm)

Wednesday, February 10th (2nd half of lunch and 7-8pm)

Thursday, February 11th (2nd half of lunch)

***All unsold clothing items will be donated to a local charity**



La French Connection!

CPF & RETSD

Our « Concours d'Art Oratoire » French speaking Provincial competition is in the works. Good luck goes out to all of our FI students who will first be judged at the school level in March. After our competition, three students will then move on to perform at the divisional level in early April. From there the winners will participate in the provincial competition in early May. Un grand merci to all FI teachers for guiding FI students as they learn how to research and share their opinions with others.

Hé! Ho!

This year's Festival du Voyageur will be starting up February 12th, 2016. Here's a link to the official site. French Immersion students are encouraged to participate to increase their French Engagement outside the school!

<http://festivalvoyageur.mb.ca/en/>

Passeport Franco-Fun

The 3 winners of the Passeport Franco-Fun lunch for term 1 enjoyed some French cuisine in December as a celebration of their French Engagement outside of the school! Félicitations to Saron L., Carlos O., Sara M., and Bennett S.





Chic Flick

Stay tuned for details about an upcoming after school French movie date! All French Immersion students will be invited to view a French film in late February/late March. Information and permission forms will be sent out via students. Participation will count towards one activity for the grade 9 "Passeport Franco-Fun".

French Immersion Team Leader

Chef d'équipe pour l'immersion

Lise Léveillé

Québec May 2017

In May of 2017 a group of grade 8 students will travel to Québec with EF tours to experience 6 fun filled days immersed in French culture. Our first meeting for families was held Wednesday January 27th. Any families of current grade 7 students who were unable to make that meeting and who would like further information regarding the trip are encouraged to contact Mme Lepine at (204) 661-4451 or by email at llepine@retsd.mb.ca. Highlights of our trip will include:



Montréal

- Montréal Science Center
- Notre-Dame Basilica in Old Montreal
- Old Montréal
- Biodome
- Olympic Tower

Québec City

- Old Québec
- Plaines d'Abraham
- Chateau Frontenac
- Dinner and Sugar Shack Experience
- Musee De La Civilisation

Mme Lépine

NEWS FROM THE MUSIC ROOM

Remembrance Day Ceremony

Every year Munroe students and staff come together to honour those that have fought for our freedom at a Remembrance Day assembly. Munroe band students made the following presentations during the ceremony: Aeron Balbin, Jacob Markham, and Erik Wiebe performed "The Last Post" and "Reveille" on trumpet. Well done, boys!

Grade 7 First Concert

The Grade 7 Band had its debut performance in front of a packed house on November 19. The students showed off their skills as an ensemble, and all students performed in a small group or as a soloist. Congratulations grade 7's for putting on a fantastic concert!

Winter Band Concert

This year our Winter Concert was held on January 28 in the Munroe Gym. The concert featured excellent performances by all of the Munroe ensembles. Congratulations to all students on their hard work and dedication!

Guitar Club

The Munroe Jr. High Guitar Club meets every Monday from 3:30-4:15 in the band room. No experience is necessary, and guitars are provided for all students. New members are always welcome!

Flute Choir

The Munroe Music Program has expanded this year to include a flute choir! Our flute choir meets every Wednesday from 3:15-4:00 in the band room, and is open to all flute players. New members are always welcome!

Upcoming Events*

- February 11, 9:30 am – 12:45 pm – Tri-School Concert at Munroe (Grade 9)
- February 26, 12:00-2:30 pm - Optimist Clubs of Winnipeg Band Festival (Grade 9)
- March 3, 12:30-3:15 pm – Optimist Jazz Festival (Jazz Band)
- April 12-15 - Level 1 Band Festival (Grade 7 and 8) **
- April 17-20 – Cantando Festival (Grade 8 and 9)
- May 2 - Music Monday
- June 16, 7:00 pm - Spring Concert (Grade 7, 8, 9, and Jazz Band)

*Other Important Dates TBA. Please visit Munroe's website for additional information throughout the year.

** Exact performance dates and times to be confirmed.

Attendance at our concerts is mandatory, so please clear your calendars well in advance!

Munroe PE Program

It is an exciting and busy time for the Munroe Stingers.

Basketball season is well on the way and the teams are having a great year learning new skills and participating in many exciting games. Congratulations to all players for their hard work and commitment to the team and thanks to all of the coaches who are helping out!

We are looking forward to March when students will be participating in a "Games for Persons with Disabilities Unit" in their Phys. Ed classes. The theme of this unit is "No excuses! Overcome your limitations!" Students will examine how persons with disabilities overcome their daily challenges using an attitude of "I can". They will also participate in numerous sports designed for people with physical disabilities including: wheelchair basketball, wheelchair rugby, goal ball, blind obstacle course and sledge hockey.

The month of March will also be the start of Badminton season. Students who want to be part of a team should listen for announcements for when tryouts will be held.

Also, the annual Munroe Ski Trip to Assessippi is taking place on March 9th to 10th. Information packages are available on our Munroe website or contact Mr. Bargaen for more information.

Keeping you active,
Mr. Bargaen and Ms. Penner

United Way Koats for Kids

The United Way's Koats for Kids is now up and running for the winter months. This is a program offered to all families in Winnipeg, and the cost is absolutely free. If you know of any adults or children in need of winter coats, mitts, hats, scarves or boots (somewhat limited), please contact the school's guidance counsellor, Ms. Plunkett, at (204) 661-4451 to make arrangements or to place an order. Once the order is submitted, the coats and winter gear will be delivered to the school.

Koats for Kids will also be accepting donations of gently used outer wear that can be dropped off at any Winnipeg Fire Paramedic Station or Perth's location.

2016-2017 High School Information:

The Grade 8 and 9 students from Munroe Junior High will be transitioning to the high schools for the 2016-2017 school year. The staff at Munroe, along with the high schools and divisional staff, have been addressing students and parents' questions and concerns for the last few months. With that being said, Grade 8 and Grade 9 students will be having classroom talks around course selections, registration and what to expect for their high school experience in the following weeks to come.

Grade 8 and Grade 9 students will be given **registration packages on February 2nd and 3rd** for any high schools they may be interested in. Registrations for students in *catchment and for in-division school of choice* will be accepted **March 7, 2016**. Please ensure you hand in your registration to the Guidance Counsellor at your home school (in this case, Munroe Junior High School.)

****Please ensure that if you are applying to a "School of Choice" that you have requested, filled out and attached the appropriate In-Division School of Choice form with your registration.****

For any *"Out of Division"* students applying to the RETSD High Schools, registrations will not be accepted until **May 1, 2016**. ****Please ensure you have requested, filled out and attached the appropriate "Out of Division" form with your registration.****

Munroe students in Grade 8/9 interested in or directed to Kildonan East Collegiate will be touring the high school on **Wednesday, February 17th beginning at 12:30pm**.

All Munroe students will be touring Miles Macdonnell Collegiate on the following dates:

- **Grade 8 – Thursday, February 18th at 1:30pm**
- **Grade 9 – Friday, February 19th at 1:30pm**

Any students interested in touring other high schools within the division will need to speak to their Grade 8 or 9 Team Leader or Guidance Counsellor to arrange individual tours. Open Houses / Information Evening dates for the high schools within the division can be found at www.retsd.mb.ca website under "Middle and Senior Years Info Evenings" and are also listed below.

Miles Macdonnell Collegiate

- February 23rd, 2015 Incoming Grade 9 Information Evening 6:30pm
- February 24th, 2015 for Incoming Grade 10 Information Evening (Regular, French Immersion, and Vocational programs 6:30pm
- February 23rd and 24th, 2015 for International Bacclaureate Program 7:30pm

Kildonan East Collegiate

- February 17th, 2015 for all programs (Vocational and Advanced Placement) 7:00pm

River East Collegiate

- February 11th, 2015 for Regular Program 7:00pm
- February 11th, 2015 for Advanced Placement Information 8:00pm

Murdoch McKay Collegiate

- February 18th, 2015 for Advanced Placement Program 6:30pm
- February 18th, 2015 for Academic and Vocational Information 7:00pm

Collège Pierre-Elliott-Trudeau

- February 24th, 2015 @ 7:00pm

Transcona Collegiate

- February 23rd, 2015 @ 7:00pm

It is important that families of our students have access to community resources throughout the entire year both for themselves and their children. Here is a brief list of community resources / social service agencies providing low or no cost professional counselling / services for families:

Access River East	975 Henderson Hwy	938-5000
Access Transcona	845 Regent West	938-5555
Addictions Foundation of Manitoba	1031 Portage Avenue	944-6200
Aulneau Renewal Centre	601 Aulneau Street	987-7090
Aurora Family Therapy Centre	U of W – 515 Portage Ave	786-9251
Centre Miriam Center	483 Main Street	204-878-3736
Child and Family Services All Nations Coordinated Response Network	835 Portage Ave	204-944-4200
Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service	165 St. Mary's Road	204-958-9660
Cornerstone Counselling Service	302 – 1200 Portage Avenue	663-0050
Evolve (specializing in domestic abuse issues)	870 Portage Ave	784-4070
Fort Garry Women's Resource Centre	1150-A Waverly Street	477-1123
Hope Centre Health Care	240 Powers Street	589-8354
Indian Family Centre	470 Selkirk Ave.	586-8393
Jewish Child & Family Services	C200-123 Doncaster	477-7430
Klinic Community Health	870 Portage Ave	784-4090

Laurel Center Men's Resource Centre	200-321 McDermot Ave	956-6562
Ma Mawi Wi Chi Itata Centre	94 McGregor Street	925-0300
Mount Carmel Clinic	886 Main Street	582-2311
New Directions	400-491 Portage Ave.	786-7051
Nor'West Co-op Community Health Centre	103 – 61 Tyndall Ave	940-2020
North End Women's Resource Centre	394 Selkirk Ave	589-7347
Osborne House Crisis Line and Shelter for Abused Women		942-3052
Pluri-elles	570 Des Meurons	233-1735
Psychological Services Center	U of M – 1475 Pembina Hwy	474-9222
Recovery of Hope	300-309 Hargrave Street	477-4673
Centre Renaissance Centre	844 Autumnwood	256-6750
The Family Centre of Winnipeg	4 th Floor, Portage Place	947-1401
The Laurel Centre	104 Roslyn Road	783-5460
WRHA – Mobile Crisis Services		940-1781
Women's Health Clinic	3 rd Floor, 419 Graham	947-1517
Youville Centre	33 Marion or 6-845 Dakota	233-0262

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Upcoming Events

February 5	Co-ordinated Day – No School
February 9	Grade 5 Parent Information Evening
February 10	Grade 6 Parent Information Evening
February 15	Louis Riel Day – No School
February 24	Early Dismissal – 2:30
March 10	Ski Trip to Assessippi
March 11	Report Cards sent home
March 17	Student Progress Conferences 4:00 – 8:00 pm.
March 18	Co-ordinated Day – No School
March 26-April 3	Spring Break
April 4	School Re-opens – (Day 5)
April 6	Early Dismissal – Staff Meeting
April 21	Gr. 9 Mid-Term Report sent home
April 22	Co-Ordinated Day – No School
May 11	Early Dismissal – Staff Meeting
May 23	Victoria Day – No School
June 2	Munroe Field Day
June 3	Professional Development Day – No School
June 16	Spring Band Concert – 7:00 p.m.
June 27	School Administrative Day – No School
June 29	Student Recognition/Awards Day & Grade 9 Farewell
June 30	Last Day of School – Early Dismissal