



McLEAN SCHOOL

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Message from the Principal- Ms. Hrbachek

The end of January marks the halfway point of the school year. Students are continuing to work hard learning a variety of skills in different subject areas. Reading is a skill that is used across all subject areas. It is important that students spend time outside of school reading, and that they see others role modeling reading. Whether it is reading a book, newspaper, magazine, or directions – this demonstrates to students that we all use reading in our everyday life. It is through practice that we get better at reading. Keep in mind that reading is not just about the ability to read and say the words, it is also about understanding. Ask your child about what they have read, and not just recall – perhaps ask them why a character did something and discuss what happened. Writing is a skill we sometimes forget about. We are in a technological age where we do not often use pens or pencils. Try to spend time coloring with your children, or perhaps having them generate grocery lists for you. At school we practice writing for information or to be creative, but it is much easier if students are not still struggling with how to hold a pen or pencil.

Extra-curricular programs are in full swing. The Junior girls' basketball team is busy practicing and playing. We recently went to Mission Ridge skiing and all students and staff had a great day on the slopes. Students in grades 5-8 also had the opportunity to sleep over at the school. They had activities to do, enjoyed some great food and watched a movie before going to sleep.

It is that time of year when there are a lot of clothes that are very close together throughout the day. Attached to this newsletter is some information on lice. You might want to add some tea tree oil to shampoo and use it once a week, or simply buy some shampoo with it already in. Remember - lice are attracted to clean.

If you have any questions or concerns, please call the school. We are looking forward to continued success for all of our students.

Kind regards,

Miss Hrbachek

Hoop Dancer Performance

On January 25th Terrance Littletent, a well-known First Nation hoop dancer from Kawacatoose First Nation, came to McLean School and did a presentation on Hoop Dancing for the staff and students.



McLean SCC

SCC would like to thank everyone who supported our Christmas Hamper Raffle fundraiser. A total of \$1356 was raised which will go a long way in helping us fund great activities for the kids this year. Congratulations to this years hamper winners; Ashley Wakelam and Lorraine Boyd.

We are still looking for volunteers for the daily Reading Program for the remainder of the year. Please contact Anngie Spencer at 537-3480 or waspencer@sasktel.net if you would like to volunteer.

Watch for some fun Learning Improvement Plan activities coming soon! Our focus this year will be on reading.

Our next meeting will be March 27th at 7:00 pm in the school library, everyone is welcome.

D.E.A.R. Kindness Challenge

Every February, Prairie Valley School Division challenges each school to Drop Everything and Read. This year we are reading and sharing kindness in our communities. McLean School classrooms will all be reading stories of kindness throughout the week and discussing ways to show it to others. Every student will be given a paper to take home and write down three ways to show kindness in our school and community. These will be placed as 'sprinkles' on a cupcake display. Sprinkle Kindness Everywhere. We look forward to hearing all of your creative ideas of ways to show kindness.



Family Literacy Day

To celebrate Family Literacy Day, McLean School and the McLean School Community Council hosted another successful breakfast of pancakes and a book. Over 100 people attended the early morning event and read together as a family. A special thank you to our McLean School Community Council for preparing a delightful breakfast and helping to share the importance of reading in our community.



SLC Update

This month the SLC had the privilege of sponsoring the Grade 5-8 sleepover through the funds raised from hot lunches and candy sales. The students had fun staying after school for a pickleball tournament and other games in the gym with Miss Blenkin and Mrs. Zerr. Ms. Hrbachek, Miss. Blenkin, Miss. Brennan and Ms. Ferguson accompanied the group to the Golden Mile Bowling Alley after supper. When the students arrived back at the school, Miss. Brennan and Miss Blenkin organized an intense game of Bump in the gym before the students had banana splits. The evening concluded with the movie Wonder before students fell asleep in the gym. The evening was fun and the students were wonderful. The SLC is proud that they are able to support events such as sleepover for the students of our school.

Band Fundraiser

PIZZA PIZZA and COOKIE DOUGH

Our McLean Band students will be selling Little Caesar's Pizza Kits and Cookie Dough to raise money for our Band Trip to Saskatoon this year. If you are interested in supporting our band students, please ask a band student or you can request a brochure from Ms. Puff in the office. Our goal is to sell 150 kits! Thank you for supporting our band students and their musical education.



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