



McCreary  
School

# Newsletter

October  
2025



## ***From The Principal's Desk:***

Hello McCreary School Families,

Welcome to our first newsletter of the year! We are excited to share with you the wonderful things happening at McCreary School. After just one month, we are off to a roaring start and it's been a great beginning to the school year.

We are fortunate to have a number of special presentations and activities lined up that make school both fun and engaging for our students. As the weather begins to cool, please make sure your child comes prepared for recess with mitts, a jacket, a hat, and snow pants. Staying warm ensures students can enjoy their time outdoors.

A friendly reminder that we have students with allergies to nuts, tree nuts, fish, and fish products. Thank you to all families for helping us keep McCreary School a safe place by respecting these restrictions.

Our Lunch Program is running smoothly, and we look forward to adding new items to the menu throughout the year. In the classrooms, students are working hard and developing important problem-solving skills that will help them become adaptable learners both now and in the future.

We have also completed our practice emergency drills and continue to make safety a priority in all situations. Thank you to everyone who supported our Terry Fox fundraiser—we are proud of the money raised for such an important cause.

Sports and activities are in full swing. While golf and soccer have wrapped up, cross-country and volleyball are still underway, and Student Council is busy planning fun school spirit days for everyone to enjoy.

Finally, McCreary School is in the process of forming a Parent Advisory Council (PAC). This is a wonderful opportunity to support our students and school community, and we encourage parents and guardians to consider joining.

Thank you for your continued support. It's been a wonderful start, and I look forward to the year ahead.

Sincerely,  
Jason Nadeau  
Principal, McCreary School



*The Maverick Way*



## Highlights

### Important Dates:

October 13 – Thanksgiving

October 23 – Picture Day

October 24 – PD Day (No Classes)

October 31 - Halloween



### 🎵 Music Room Notes 🎵

It's been a lively start to the year in the music room! From our youngest learners to our seasoned high school musicians, students are diving into new musical experiences with energy and enthusiasm.

**Kindergarten and Grade 1** students have been exploring rhythm and melody through singing and playing Orff instruments. These hands-on percussion instruments help young learners internalize musical concepts in a fun and active way.

In **Grade 2**, students are beginning to learn basic chords on the **ukulele**, developing both their fine motor skills and musical ear. The cheerful sound of ukes can be heard across the hall as students strum their first songs!

**Grade 3** students are picking up **guitars** for the first time, starting with simple notes and basic technique. Meanwhile, **Grade 5 and 6** students are building on previous experience, continuing their journey with more complex chords, strumming patterns, and songs.

In **Grade 7**, students are taking their first steps into the world of **wind instruments**—an exciting milestone! They are being supported by our **Grade 8** students, who are stepping into leadership roles by mentoring their younger peers and sharing the skills they've developed.

At the **high school level**, students are focusing on their chosen instruments—whether it be **guitar, bass, drums, piano, or wind instruments**. They are working individually and in small groups.

*The Maverick Way*



# Classroom Newsletter

## Kindergarten

Ms. Speiss



Welcome to school. The students are starting to get into the groove at McCreary School.

This month, our students have been strengthening their fine motor skills through fun and engaging activities! They've been tracing letters using shaving cream, stretching elastics around paper towel rolls and even threading fruit loops onto spaghetti sticks. These hands-on activities help build the eye-hand coordination they need for writing and other tasks.

We've also been diving into the letter sounds. The children have learned the letter "a" sound is created when your mouth is wide open. For the letter "s", they keep their tongue behind their teeth while smiling to make the "sss" sound. The letter "m" involves closed lips, with air flowing through the nose, and for the letter "t", the tongue needs to be just behind the top teeth. We are practicing printing both upper and lowercase letters, starting from the top and moving down, so they can build strong penmanship skills.

In addition to phonics, we've been learning some fun morning songs to help us remember the days of the week and count to twenty. In math, we have been working on recognizing numbers and printing them.

I am looking forward to planning even more fun and enriching activities to support their growth in the future. Stay tuned for more updates.

Krista Speiss



## Grade 1

Welcome back!

The grade 1's are adjusting to the new routines this year. Everyone has been working very hard during the month of September. We have been busy counting, working with numbers to 10, and patterning in math. During calendar time, students are learning the days of the week and months of the year. We have been practicing our letters and sounds, sight words, and printing letters in our printing books. We enjoy reading and listening to books throughout the day. In science we are learning about daily and seasonal changes; the four seasons, day and night, about the sun, and how shadows are made.

Don't forget to read the home reading books, practice the rings of words and practice the spelling words at home daily with your child.

Happy fall everyone!

Mrs Lussier & The Grade 1 Class

## Grade 2

Hello everyone and welcome back to school! I hope that all families had a nice and relaxing summer. It has been a really good first month back at school.

-Home reading – the students are bringing home books every week to show off their reading skills to their families. Please remember to fill in their Home Reading Logs and return on Thursdays.

-In E. L. A. we have started our spelling and word work programs. In writing we have been reviewing capitalization and punctuation, and complete and incomplete sentences. We have been practicing writing statements, questions and exclamatory sentences.

-In math we are using a program called Jump Math. We have finished our unit on number sense to 20 and have begun working on repeating patterns. We are also practicing our mental math strategies.

-In social studies we are learning about our community and in science we are learning about growth and changes in animals.

-In art class we did a fall leaf watercolour painting.

Mrs. Nadeau & The Grade 2 Class





# Grade 3



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## ELA

### Phonics:

- Long vowel sounds
- CVCe words
- Syllabication
- Vowel sounds of y

### Printing:

- Oo, Pp, Qq, Rr, Ss, Tt, Uu, Vv, Ww, Xx, Yy, Zz

### Reading:

- Reading groups/home reading

### Spelling:

- Short and long u
- Silent e
- Homophones
- Double consonants
- Verbs ending -ing/-ed

### Writing:

- Editing and publishing
- Personal narratives

## Art

**Theory:** Textures with repeated lines, shapes & colours

**Practice:** Plant textures

## French

- C'est L'Halloween

## Health

- Diseases and illnesses (occurrence, transmission, and prevention)
- Healthy teeth

## Science

### Growth and changes in plants:

- Parts of a plant
- Plant life cycles
- Plants, animals, and the sun

## Social Studies

### Communities of the world - Botswana:

- Natural resources
- Work, goods, technologies, and trade
- Diversity of the global environment
- Influences of the natural environment

## Math

### Number sense: Place value

- Place value – ones, tens, and hundreds
- Base ten blocks
- Expanded form
- Reading and writing number words
- Addition with and without regrouping (tens and hundreds)
- Subtraction with and without regrouping (tens and hundreds)

## Birthdays

No birthdays this month

## Important Dates

Oct. 2 – Hoop Dancing presentation  
Oct. 13 – Thanksgiving (No classes)  
Oct. 23 – Picture Day  
Oct. 24 – PD Day (No classes)  
Oct. 29-30 – Grade 3 Bake Sale  
Oct. 31 – Halloween



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## Grade 4 & 5!

### GENERAL INFORMATION

Welcome back everyone! It has been a wonderful start to our year, and I couldn't be happier to have this group again this year. We have started strong, and will continue to maintain the momentum throughout the whole year.

Please remember to sign up to the classroom Remind group, so that you may stay up to date on any information I may need to send out.

We do monthly book reports in the classroom, so please know that they will always be due on the last day of the month, or close to the end of that week. The September book report is due on October 3rd.

On October 14th, Ms. Dunning will be joining our classroom for 5 weeks, as she will be doing her 3rd practicum placement in our classroom. We are very excited for her to be coming, as we cannot wait to see what kind of lessons she will show us!

### MATH

We are working through our first few units in Math, and have been working on patterns, comparing and ordering numbers, as well as regrouping for addition. When Ms. Dunning arrives, she will be introducing the kids to fractions.

### ELA

We have started off the year by switching to a book report format, instead of a daily reading expectation. This is to try and foster more independence in their reading.

Our regular spelling program is up and running, and tests will always be on the last day of the week, unless otherwise stated.

The kids will begin a novel study with Ms. Dunning when she arrives, but I am going to keep the book title a secret.

### SCIENCE

We have been working on our Weather unit in science, learning about the different types of weather, and how it differs from climate.

### SOCIAL STUDIES

We have started our social studies content with the First People of Canada. In this unit, we learn about the earliest people to live in Canada, as well as how the Ice Age affected the landscape of the future country.

#### IMPORTANT DATES:

- October 13th: Thanksgiving/No School
- October 14th: Ms. Dunning arrives!
- October 23rd: Picture Day
- October 31st: Halloween Party

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Grade 6

## A Note From The Teacher

Hello from the Grade 6 classroom! I am excited to begin the school year with another great group of grade 6 students. We are already full swing into our classroom routines and students are adjusting very well to the changes that come with grade 6. I am looking forward to an amazing year of learning and growing together.  
Mrs. Duchart

## Reminders

~ Weekly spelling words will be sent home each Monday, as well as the previous week's test. Spelling tests will be every Friday.  
~ If you haven't yet signed up for Remind App, please do so as soon as possible as this will be the main way that I send reminders home.

## Contact Me

Please contact me at the school with any questions.

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## What We Are Learning

**ELA:** We have started our ELA routine and will be continuing with the same format each week. Our work will include daily lessons in spelling, journal, grammar, and novel study. Our first novel is *The Tiger Rising*.  
**Math:** Grade 6 students have been reviewing basic number sense concepts.  
**Social Studies:** We have begun our first unit on *Building a Nation*. Students are learning about the history of Canada becoming a country.  
**Science:** Our first science unit will focus on *Solar Systems*.

## Upcoming Events

- October 2<sup>nd</sup> – Hoop Dancing Presentation at 10:00am
- October 13<sup>th</sup> – Thanksgiving ~ No School
- October 23<sup>rd</sup> – Picture Day
- October 24<sup>th</sup> – PD ~ No School
- October 31<sup>st</sup> – Halloween



Alone we can do so little, together we can do so much. – Helen Keller



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## science

in science plant and animal cells and everything that makes up a cell

## P.E

in P.E we are doing soccer and fitness testing

## French

in French we are making all about me posters!

## social studies

In social studies we are learning all about human origins and Mesopotamia

## upcoming events

- divisional soccer October 15th
- no school on the 13<sup>th</sup> or the 24<sup>th</sup>!

## birthdays

- Bryden Sellman 10th
- Pete/Rayla Zalziniak 18th

## ELA

Grade 7s: The Grade 7s are doing their pizza box autobiography!  
grade 8's: the grade 8s are reading Tuck everlasting and the book report with it!

## math

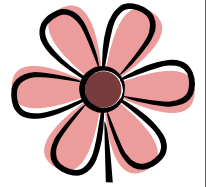
grade 7's: grade sevens are doing their review!  
grade 8's: are learning all about integers!

*HAPPY*  
*Thanks*  
*Giving*





# September Newsletter



## Miss. Dunning's Classes . . .

### Welcome Back !

September has been a busy and productive start to the year, and I'm excited to share what we've been working on in class!!

### Grade 8 Math

The Grade 8's are finishing up Chapter 8: Integers. In this chapter, students explored multiplying and dividing integers using a variety of strategies.

They have also been practicing problem-solving with integers to strengthen their understanding and application of these concepts.

### Visual Arts 20/40S

September was a busy and creative month in Visual Arts! Students created personalized portfolios to organize their work for the term and began their semester-long visual journal project. The first unit on contour line challenged them to draw what they truly see rather than what they assume, leading to some wonderfully expressive and imaginative pieces.

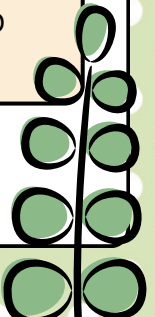
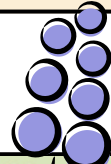
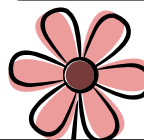
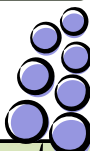
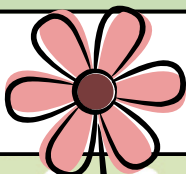
### Grade 9 Math

Throughout Chapter 2: Rational Numbers, students have been building their skills in comparing and ordering rational numbers, performing operations, finding the square roots of perfect squares, and approximating the square roots of non-perfect squares.

### Western Civilization

So far, students have developed historical thinking skills by working with sources and writing, explored early western influences, and are studying the formation of ancient civilizations.

Our next unit will take us through Ancient Greece, Rome, and into Medieval times.







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### What We Learned

#### **Social Studies**

We are learning about Human origins.

#### **Science**

We are learning about Animal and plant cells In science.

#### **ELA**

Grade 7s are doing their Pizza box autobiography. Grade 8s are doing Tuck Everlasting book report.

### Birthdays!

Bryden Oct 10,  
Pete/Rayla Oct 18.

### what are we doing?

#### **PE**

In PE we will be doing soccer/fitness testing.

#### **Music/ Art**

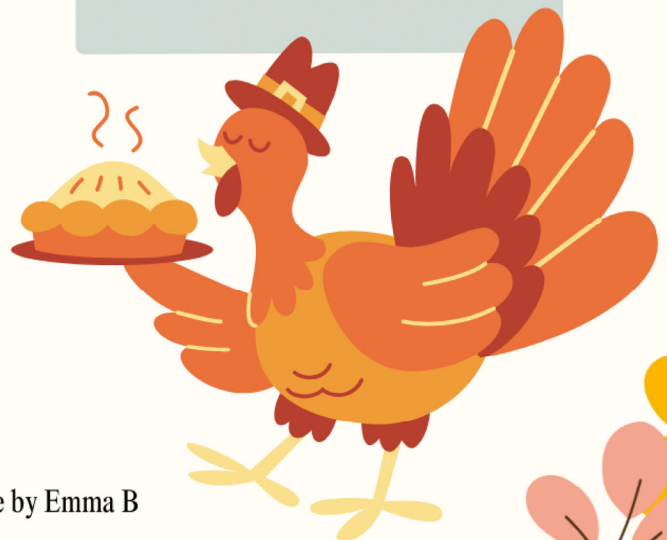
In music we are learning remembrance day songs, and in art we are working on our portfolios and then learning how to paint.

#### **French**

In French we are doing all About me posters.

### Upcoming Events

- Divisional soccer Oct 15
- No School: October 13,24
- Halloween October 31





# Miss. Kohlman's NEWSLETTER



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### Upcoming EVENTS

- ☐ Hoop Dancing – Oct 2<sup>nd</sup>
- ☐ No School: Thanksgiving – Oct 13<sup>th</sup>
- ☐ Picture Day – Oct 23<sup>rd</sup>
- ☐ No School: PD Day – Oct 24<sup>th</sup>
- ☐ Halloween - Oct 31<sup>st</sup>

### Reminders

- ✓ Sr Girls Volleyball **Home** Games: Oct 2<sup>nd</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, & 14<sup>th</sup>
- ✓ Sr Girls Volleyball **Away** Games: Oct 9<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>
- ✓ Sr Girls Volleyball **Divisionals**: Oct 22<sup>nd</sup> at Glenella

### OUR MONTH OF learning...



We are officially one month into the school year and off to a busy, but great, start!

- **Reading is Thinking (35S)**- We are working on our first unit of ELA skills, recently looking at what makes an effective poster and presentation skills.
- **Gr 11 Applied Math**- Students have completed their first two chapters on Inductive & Deductive Reasoning, as well as Properties of Angles and Triangles.
- **Gr 12 Applied Math**- The class has completed their first two chapters on Finance: Investing & Borrowing Money.
- **Grade 11 Physics**- We are busing working through our Mechanics portion of the course, recently finishing up Kinematics and now looking at Vectors and Dynamics.
- **Grade 5 Math**- Students are working on their first unit: Whole Numbers.
- **Drama (35S)**- Movement and Tableau have been at the focus. We are now switching gears to Halloween themed radio commercials and stage make-up.

## CONTACT INFO



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Mr. Podaima

The physical education classes from grade 9 to 12 have been very busy. Students have been busy with Cross Country, Soccer, Golf, and Volleyball. The Senior Boys Volleyball team just returned from a 30-team tournament in Brandon. They managed to defeat Ste. Rose and Wawanesa. The team is improving, and we look forward to more tournaments that are coming.

In grade 10 Science students have been learning about Ecosystems. They have completed assignments on eutrophication, photosynthesis, the Rapa Nui, and delved into factors that affect the environment. The students will be learning the shifting perspectives on Ecosystems that relate to the development of sustainable resources for the environment in the next chapter.

In grade 8 ELA students complete daily journal writing. They are enjoying the class novel "Tuck Everlasting." Students read out loud every class. Students have been working on grammar and proper sentence construction.



## HUMAN ECOLOGY NEWS

I hope everyone has had a great month back! We have been busy in the Home Ec. Room with students sewing and cooking.

The Grade 8 students have Human Ecology from Sept. 5-Nov. 7. They have discussed safety in the kitchen and have made banana muffins. They are busy learning about the parts of the sewing machine and have started sewing on paper. Their final project will be a pillowcase.

The Grade 9 students have made raisin cookies and pumpkin muffins. They have also been talking about the Danger Zone and ways to avoid food borne illnesses in the kitchen. In sewing they have started their Scotty Dogs to show different hand stitches. They have also started using the sewing machines and are practicing on paper. They are looking forward to starting their pajama pants soon.

The Grade 11/12 class has students from McCreary, Alonsa and Glenella. They have made cookies, and pumpkin surprise muffins stuffed with cream cheese. They have been busy learning about the Danger Zone and ways to keep food safe. They are looking forward to starting their leather mitts.

Anna Dmytriw







# Mr. Billett's September Report

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As summer fades and the new school year begins, high school students have been busy settling into their daily routines. With packed schedules full of classes, sports, and extracurriculars, they're working hard to meet academic expectations and pursue their goals.

In ELA 40S, Grade 12 students have been refining their writing skills by completing personal lapbooks and composing reflective essays about their lives. Meanwhile, ELA 10F students have been learning the drafting process for MLA-style essays, creating personal medicine wheels, and writing paragraphs that reflect on their artwork. Over in Art 11G/31G, students started the year by exploring line and grid art, and are now diving into a new unit on papier-mâché masks. In Global Issues 40F, students are examining the impacts of consumerism and climate change and exploring how these issues connect to our modern world.

We're also preparing for our first social justice meeting, where students will come together to share ideas on how we can make a positive impact in our community and across Manitoba.

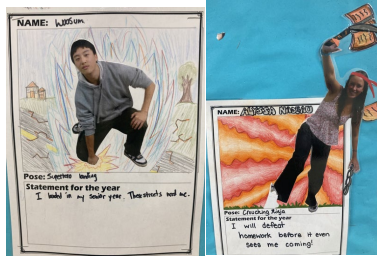
Outside the classroom, I've had the pleasure of coaching cross-country running for Grades 5–12. Our school proudly hosted the divisional meet on September 17, where many McCreary athletes finished in the top three—congratulations to all who competed! Several of our high school runners have qualified for both the zone meet in Dauphin and the provincial competition in Winnipeg. In addition, our senior girls' soccer team has been training hard for the upcoming zone tournament in Swan River on October 1.

It's been a fantastic start to the school year, and there's plenty more excitement to come in October!

**Mr. Billett**

## Students Work, Field Trip, and Sports

There were numerous excellent samples of the students work this month. There are also some candid shots of cross country running and our trip to McCreary Museum.



## Important Dates

Subject to change

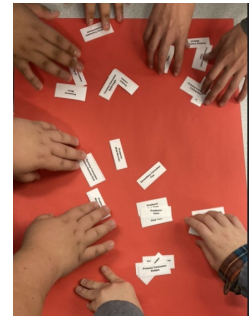
October 1 – Sr. Girls Zone Soccer @ Swan River

October 8 – Cross-country running provincials @ Winnipeg, MB

October 13 – Thanksgiving - No School

October 17 – ELA 10F/ELA 30S Group discussion 1 about the novel 1.

October 23 – ELA 10F/ELA 30S 'Genius Hour' Pair Pitch







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September 18, 2025

## RE: VISION AND HEARING SCREENING


Dear Parents, Guardians, and Caregivers:

Please be informed that during the months of October and November we will be screening your child's vision and hearing. Our vision and hearing screener has been scheduled to come to your child's school to complete the first screening. This year, we are doing odd grades (K,1,3,5,7,9,11) and new students who have registered with our schools.

If your child is flagged with a hearing concern, they will be referred to our Speech Pathologist who will do a second screening. You will also receive a letter notifying you that a follow-up will be occurring. If they are flagged a second time, you will receive a letter recommending your child be further checked with your optometrist or audiologist.

These screenings are not a substitute for a comprehensive exam by a medical professional but can help identify students who may need further evaluation.

Yours in Education,





Beverly Szymesko

*"Learning today for tomorrow"*



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b><i>Respect, Responsibility &amp; Co-operation</i></b>			1 <i>Day 1</i>	2 <i>Day 2</i> <b><i>Hoop Dancing</i></b> <i>Sr. Girls Volleyball</i> <i>@ McCreary</i>	3 <i>Day 3</i>	4
5	6 <i>Day 4</i> <i>Sr. Girls Volleyball</i> <i>@ McCreary</i>	7 <i>Day 5</i>	8 <i>Day 6</i>	9 <i>Day 1</i> <i>Sr. Girls Volleyball</i>	10 <i>Day 2</i>	11
12	13 <b>Thanksgiving</b> 	14 <i>Day 3</i> <i>Sr. Girls Volleyball</i> <i>@ McCreary</i>	15 <i>Day 4</i>	16 <i>Day 5</i>	17 <i>Day 6</i>	18
19	20 <i>Day 1</i> <i>Sr. Girls Volleyball</i>	21 <i>Day 2</i>	22 <i>Day 3</i> <i>Sr. Girls Volleyball</i> <i>Divisionals</i> <i>@ Glenella</i>	23 <i>Day 4</i> <b><i>Picture Day</i></b> 	24 <b><i>PD Day</i></b> <b><i>(no school)</i></b>	25
26	27 <i>Day 5</i>	28 <i>Day 6</i>	29 <i>Day 1</i> <b><i>Grade 3 Bake Sale</i></b>	30 <i>Day 2</i> <b><i>Grade 3 Bake Sale</i></b>	31 <i>Day 3</i> <b>Halloween</b> 