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Principal’s Message It’s beginning to look a lot like Christmas all over the school. It’s such an energized time of year with great expectations hopes and dreams. I see in all of or student’s eyes the wonder that accompanies tis magical time. Throughout the school you can hear classes preparing for the Christmas Concerts to be held on the 17th and 18^h of December. At this time, I would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and I hope you have a restful, relaxing and warm holiday season.

Speaking of warm holidays there is our annual food drive occurring, we are collecting non-perishable food items in the lobby of the school close to our annual Giving Tree which is available in the lobby so our community can support each other in a nonintrusive manner. Please come in and pick a tag.

We have just finished our first reporting conferences of the year. I am so proud of all our students who continue to show tremendous growth and desire to develop even more. One thing that we can all do to support our student’s growth is to engage them in meaningful conversation about their opinions and ideas. In doing this student’s become aware of their own voice and their ideas which stimulates the growth of their global and experiential knowledge which are important pieces of being able to read.

As you can see, in the upcoming events, I will be away for a few days prior to the Christmas Break. The timing is not great as I will not be involved with our Christmas Concert however it cannot be helped. My son is graduating in Regina on December 16th and my family is going our to acknowledge and celebrate his accomplishment. A former Principal of EME will be here in my place, Mrs. D. Heikkila and I know she will do a great job. I will be returning to EME on the 18th.

And finally, as always, if you are around the school please stick your head into the office and say hi. My door is always open and everyone is welcome.

Alan Millar

It’s that time again when we hold our annual Christmas Concert. You can hear all the young voices practicing their performances for what sounds to be a fantastic concert. In keeping with tradition at Edith McDermott our younger students (up to grade 5) preform for our audience. The older students work behind the scenes making this a truly school wide event.

Show times are Tuesday December 17th at 1:00 pm and Wednesday December 18th at 1:00 pm.

Due to limited seating, based on fire regulations and community size, we ask that you plan on attending only one of the two performances. As well our PAC is auctioning off the first 2 rows. To participate in the draw please visit the Munch a Lunch website (link located on the school webpage under parent)

As a final note I’d like to remind the entire audience to remain for the entire concert. The teachers and students have worked hard preparing and are deserving of a complete audience. Only in the most unavoidable circumstances should the adults leave before the end and especially not after seeing their own child only. Please be mindful of our neighbours when you park.

Thanks for your understanding.Ho Ho Ho. ..

Entrepreneur Fair. On Thursday, December 19th the

grade 6/7s at Edith McDermott are having an Entrepreneur Fair in the school gym. Students have been learning about business plans, production, marketing, and social responsibility. The Fair will be open from 10:30 am to 2:00 pm and you are invited to come view and shop for items made and marketed by the grade 6 and 7 students. Item prices will range from 50 cents to \$10.00 with most in the \$1 to \$3 range. All our young entrepreneurs are donating a portion of their profit to charity or using it towards the cost of our grade 6/7 camp. Please help us make this exciting event a success. Please be mindful of our neighbours when you park.

Some Up Coming Events

Dec 12th -17th
Mr. Millar Away at
Family Event

Dec 17. & 18
Afternoon
Christmas Conference

Dec 17th PAC Meeting
6:30

Dec 19th Young Entrepreneurs
10:30-2:00
Gym

Dec 20 Last Day Before
Christmas Break

Jan 6th
School’s Re-Open

Jan 8th Kindergarten Registration
Opens for Siblings

Jan 29th
Social Media Safety

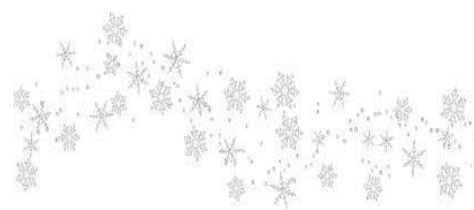


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Parent Library A number of you have taken advantage of our sitting area under the stairs and have borrowed a number of the titles there. I encourage everyone who has not yet done so to please take seat, pick up a book and have a read. Most of the titles there have something to do with parenting/teaching children based on the latest research. Take a look. Speaking of which someone really liked the title *I Still Love You* as it has not been seen in a long, long time. Please check your personal libraries and see if it may have got mixed up in there... LOL

Literacy Literacy Literacy.....



As mentioned all last year we are really focusing on literacy at Edith McDermott and we are doing a bunch of school wide literacy events... One of those events is called a Magical Mystery Tour aka Drop Everything and Read for 20 minutes. When the music comes and the announcement is made everyone will have a minute to drop what they are doing and read..... **Everyone means everyone... teachers, parents in the school, Educational Assistants and students will sit and read for 20 minutes.** So if you happen to be in the school during one of these sessions please support the students and participate.

Just Around the Corner Already Planning for Next Year!!!

- Kindergarten registration dates have been released by the district.
- Jan 8-Jan 14 Sibling Registration
 - Jan22-Jan-27 Choice Registration
 - Feb 26-June 21 Late Registration
 - Aug 12-June22 General Registration

If you know of anyone anywhere in the district or is thinking of moving to the district with Kindergarten aged kids please make them aware of these dates or tell them to contact the school



BookFair was A Hit!!!! In keeping with a focus on literacy our students and families gobbled up a tonne of books and other related items at our fall Book Fair. Raising over \$20o0.00 for our library to get even more great titles. A special thank you to **Tammy Cikor**, one of our parents, for organizing and running the book fair for not only this year but for a very long time. Spring will be her last she has told me as her children will all be in high school.

Thank you Tammi for all of your support for al these years. Without you book fair would not have happened!!

Well the Weather Outside is Only Going to Get More Frightful so here's a couple of reminders....

West Coast Becess...

This is a friendly reminder to dress your student for the elements as fresh air is an important ingredient for learning and thus students will be going outside in all kinds of weather. It is a good idea to send a change of clothes in with your child as many of our students enjoy the pleasures of stomping in puddles or roling in the snow. It and when it arrives.

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Two Morning Opportunities for Students

Two great opportunities for kids at Edith McDermott from 8:00-8:25.

In the Library students are welcome to enter and settle into some reading activities.

In Room 1011 students are welcome to come in out of the cold and do homework, sit with friends and chat quietly

Both areas will have adult supervision and assistance for students. All are welcome as long as they utilize the space as described.

If you need to drop your child off early please ensure that you direct them to one of those two spaces and not their classrooms. Thank you.



Athletics: Volleyball, for our grade 6 & 7 boys and girls, has wrapped up and now we are starting our Basketball season after the break. It's looking

like we will have two boys teams and one girls team.

Girls have been

practicing on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings. The boys practice times are after school and at lunch. Mr. Stubley will be coaching the boys and Mr. Millar the girls.



Our PAC!!!

Is Awesome.... The Next PAC meeting is at December 17th All parents are automatically members of the PAC and are welcome to attend meetings but even more importantly they are welcome to come out and support the PAC and ultimately the school at the events PAC hosts. They are always looking for extra hands.. Please consider it as it's a great way to meeting other families in the school and to have a little fun as well.

Speaking of our PAC the annual Christmas Concert Raffle is in play.



Honouring the Past and Looking to the Future..

Edith McDermott has always been the home of the Magic. A legacy to be honoured and maintained ... As part of our

evolution to more inclusive and modern practices and philosophies we are exploring updating our STAR logo to include imagery representative of our area. Here is a proof of an image being considered. Let Mr. Millar know your thoughts at alan_millar@sd42.ca.

When Snow is in the Forecast.....

Please take some time to visit the district website under the parent tab to review the inclement weather procedure particularly as it applies to school closures. We have included here where that announcement, if made can be found.... Let's hope it doesn't come to it but.... Please be ready.. The decision to close schools is made by 6 a.m. Details are:

- posted on the SD42 Twitter feed ([@sd42news](https://twitter.com/sd42news));
- posted on the SD42 Facebook feed ([SD42Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/SD42Facebook));
- shared with News 1130, CKNW, and CBC 690 radio stations;
- posted on the SD42 Website (www.sd42.ca).



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Global Citizens

After attending the WEDAY celebration at Rogers Arena in November The Global Citizens global initiative project for this year is Education in Kenya. They are now collecting used household batteries; the batteries are counted and will be recycled. Based on these numbers, Free the Children will donate the value



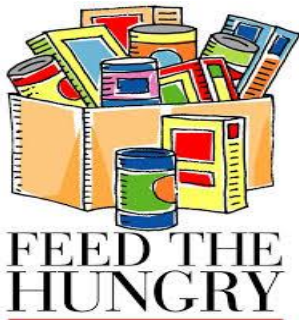
of zinc recycled in support of zinc and health programming in Kenya. Zinc deficiency is a major health problem in Kenya and worldwide.

As well, next week the Global Citizens will be selling beautiful Rafiki beaded necklaces / bracelets that are made by women in Kenya. They will be holiday wrapped and the cost is \$10 – they are a wonderful gift that keeps on giving!

The local Global Citizen initiatives continue with the collecting of food for hampers and the local food bank.

Thank you again for your consideration and support of these projects which our students are passionate about.

Another Way



Our annual “**Giving Tree**” is now on display. For those wishing to consider a donation idea, there will be tags on the Giving Tree indicating specific needs (girl age 12, for example). Please feel free to take a tag from the tree and return the donation with the tag to the office. We will happily accept donations up until December 18th. Also in support of our families and our local food bank, any cash donations and / or non-perishable food items will be warmly accepted at the concert door.



Thank you everyone for your generosity, at Christmas, and all year long!

FROM ALL OF US AT EME
Have a Great Winter Break
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The Redesigned Curriculum at Edith McDermott Ele.

What is the importance of formative assessment in the classroom?

There are two types of classroom assessment. Summative assessment provides information about student progress for reporting purposes. Formative assessment provides feedback that supports student achievement and moves student learning forward. Clear goals with timely feedback inform students of where they are and what their next steps need to be. Formative assessment is given through written or verbal feedback and does not involve grading. When students are encouraged to act on teacher feedback, they begin to take ownership of their learning. As teachers work to build community and encourage students to take risks with their learning, they understand that mistakes should be embraced as opportunities to become proficient learners. In this way, teaching and learning become cyclical, each informing the other to promote independent and lifelong learning.

For more information about the curriculum, visit <https://www.sd42.ca/new-curriculum/>

Coming in January: Critical Thinking.



Formative Assessment can come from many places.



Core Competencies: What are they and why are they in the new curriculum?

The new curriculum centres around the following three core competency areas: **communication, personal and social, thinking**. They are sets of intellectual, personal, and social and emotional proficiencies that all students need to develop in order to engage in deep learning and life-long learning. Competencies are evident in every area of learning and in every grade, and come into play when students become actively engaged in their learning. During the school year, students will have an opportunity to self-assess their proficiencies in these core competencies.