

McADAM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

MONTH: OCTOBER 2023

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The leaves are starting to change colour and fortunately the weather is still nice. We are happy to have a lot of new faces at MES this year and welcome them and their families to our amazing school. A **reminder to parents and guardians: Drop off starts at 8:00am. Also, when you are dropping off your child, please park in the lot across the street.** We want to thank those who donated bottles/recyclables to our Fill up the GMC Friday. We use the funds to buy supplies for the students, pay for busses, field trips, etc.

WITS

We are using the WITS program again this year. The goal of this program is to help students deal with conflict when it happens. We are lucky to have Mrs. Lisa Williams from the RCMP join us again this year for a kickoff assembly. We will have lessons all year long to promote this Conflict Resolution Program. Ask your child about the program!



Terry Fox Fundraiser

Our Terry Fox Fundraiser for Cancer Research started on Monday, September 18th. Students have been learning about who Terry Fox was and what he stood for. This is a great cause and MES is glad to support it. Last year we exceeded our goal of \$700.00 and raised \$806.00! This year our goal is \$1000.00. Students will be earning prizes for each level of \$100 raised. Donations are being collected each day at school and donations are coming in online, as well. It is wonderful to see our students supporting such an inspiring event.

School Picture Day

The date for school pictures has been scheduled for **Tuesday, October 24th**. Students are asked to wear their best smile. 😊



Attendance

Since COVID, Absenteeism is on the rise. While we do want children to stay home when they are truly sick, we also want to stress the importance of students being at school. Here are some interesting facts:

- If a student misses 1 day a week every week, by the time they go to middle school they will have missed over a year of school.
- Absenteeism in the first month of school can predict poor attendance throughout the school year. Half the students who miss 2-4 days in September go on to miss nearly a month of school.
- By 6th grade, chronic absence becomes a leading indicator that a student will drop out of high school.



Bullying vs. Conflict

One of the lessons we do in the WITS program is to teach the students about the difference between Bullying and Conflict. The word bullying is often used when it is actually conflict. Here are some important things to remember:

- Conflict is a disagreement or argument in which both sides express their views.
- Bullying is negative behavior directed by someone exerting power and control over another person.
- Bullying is done with a goal to hurt, harm, or humiliate.
- Conflict teaches kids how to give and take, how to come to an agreement and how to solve problems.
- In a conflict situation there is equal power between those involved. While in bullying, there is a HUGE imbalance of power.

Halloween at MES



For Halloween day at school students may wear a costume. However, they are not permitted to wear a mask or face paint. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
1	2 No School National Truth & Reconciliation Day Holiday	3	4  Smoothie Day	5 Pizza Lunch 	6 Cross Country Meets Oct 4 – McAdam Campground Oct 11 – District Finals - Nasid Middle School	7	
8  Fire Prevention Week Oct 10 - Oct 13 	9 NO SCHOOL  Thanksgiving	10-14 Registration for Kindergarten Students entering in 2024-25				13 No School for Students School Improvement Planning Day	14
15	16  Village Recycling Day	17 Safe Schools Week Oct 16-20 	18  Smoothie Day	19 Pizza Lunch 	20	21	
22	23	24  School Picture Day	25  Muffin Day	26 Pizza Lunch 	27  Fill Up The Truck Friday	28	
29 	30 Wear a costume (No masks or face paint) 	31 					

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- November 3 - PL Day for Teachers – No School for Students
- November 13 - Remembrance Day Holiday
- November 24 - PL Day for Teachers – No school for Students

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