

# McADAM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Manners Excellence Safety

MONTH: FEBRUARY 2025



The cold temperatures have hit! It is very important to have the kids dressed up warm. Remember to send hats, mitts and ski pants with your child every day. If ski pants are sent to school with your child, we will be asking the students to wear them. Those students who do not bring snow pants will have to stay on the pavement and will be limited in what they can do. Once again sliding is popular at recess. We have plenty of crazy carpets for the students to use. We go over the safety procedures constantly and have proper supervision. We had our assembly for January and our focus for the month was "Being Organized". Selected students were recognized for their great organizational skills. We also had a class competition to see which class kept their hooks/hallway area the most organized. There was a prize for the class who won. For the Month of February, we will be focusing on Friendship.

## ♥ Chocolate Bar Bingo Night

Chocolate Bar Bingo was such a hit last year and we have decided to try it again. This event will be held on Wednesday, February 12<sup>th</sup> at 5:30. No need to worry about bringing a chocolate bar because we have you covered. This year we will have a new variety of chocolate bars. The entry fee of \$3 gets you your bingo cards and a chocolate bar. There will also be raffle tickets for sale on a Valentine's basket and a canteen. The cost of food will be by donation. We would love to see you there! 😊

## ♥ Grades 2 & 5 Candy Gram Fundraiser

Mrs. Glaspy and the grade 2 and grade 5 class have decided that they want to help send some Valentine's love and also help raise money for our basketball area. From February 11<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup>, they will be selling **Candy Grams for \$2**. Students can buy a candy treat or a Valentine Bracelet and write a little note to another student. It is awesome that Mrs. Glaspy and her class want to spread some cheer and help with fundraising for our new basketball area. We sure do appreciate their efforts and their thoughtfulness!

## ♥ Spirit Week

Another fun-filled Spirit Week is scheduled from February 24 - 28. Each day will have a unique theme and different activities are being planned to make it a super fun week .

## ♥ Skating

We are excited to be going skating on Wednesday afternoons starting in February. It will be great to be outside getting fresh air and exercise. Our goal is to skate every Wednesday in February. Of course, weather will play a BIG part in this. We will communicate this ASAP.

## PINK SHIRT DAY

**FEBRUARY 26, 2025**

Pink Shirt Day is a day dedicated to the fight against bullying experienced by kids in schools, neighbourhoods, and homes. We wear a pink shirts on this day to symbolize a stand against bullying.

### **Bullying vs. Conflict**

At MES we try our best to educate the kids (and parents) about what bullying really is because there is confusion between bullying and conflict. We all have conflict (more than likely daily) and we need to learn ways to deal with it. Bullying is much different and can affect students in various ways. We learn from dealing with conflict and it is important to understand that all people don't get along every day. Sometimes we need a break from some of our friends because of conflict and that's perfectly fine.

Bullying is different from conflict. Conflict is a disagreement or argument in which both sides express their views. Bullying is negative behaviour directed by someone exerting power and control over another person. Bullying is done with a goal to hurt, harm, or humiliate. This is a concern that home and school need to work together on and help students learn strategies to deal with conflict and bullying when they happen. A TEAM approach will help the students feel more safe, comfortable and welcome. At MES we are happy and proud to have such great support from home.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Candy Grams are on sale for \$2.00 from Tuesday, Feb 11<sup>th</sup> to Friday Feb. 14<sup>th</sup>. Don't miss out on the chance to make someone's day! </p>						1  Black History Month
2  	3   <b>Village Recycling Day</b>	4  Nuggets Lunch	5  Subs Lunch	6 <b>Safer Internet Day</b>   Smoothie Day Pizza Lunch	7	8
9	10	11  Nuggets Lunch	12   <b>Chocolate Bar Bingo Night at 5:30</b>  Muffin Day Subs Lunch	13   <b>HAPPY 100<sup>TH</sup> Day of School</b>  Pizza Lunch	14   Valentine's Day	15  
16	17  <b>Family Day</b> No School   Random Acts of Kindness Day	18  Nuggets Lunch	19  National Heritage Day  Subs Lunch	20  <b>Fill Up The Truck Thursday</b>     Smoothie Day Pizza Lunch	21	22
23   <b>Spirit Week</b>	24  <b>MES Monday</b>  	25  <b>Tropical or Tie-Dye Tuesday</b>    Nuggets Lunch	26   <b>PINK SHIRT DAY</b>  Muffin Day Subs Lunch	27   <b>HAT DAY</b>  Pizza Lunch	28  	

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

- March 3-7: March Break
- March 17: St Patrick's Day
- March 28: PL Day – No school for students

