

March 2019

# Mackenzie Mountain

## Principal's Message

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### Upcoming Dates

March 18 – 29 Spring Break

April 15 – 18 Mid Semester Exams

Apr 19 – 22 Easter weekend

April 26 Report Cards home

April 29 STIP (no school)

April 30 Assembly

Apr 30 Student Conferences

June 27 Last day of School

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### Dear Parents and Guardians,

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How are you?  
I hope you are doing well.

I'd like to extend a HUGE thanks to you for your continued support with your children's education. As we move quickly into spring break here I hope that our students will continue to work on reading, writing, and mathematics on their time off. Below is a list of helpful resources you can work with your children on. Let's continue to work together to make our community the very best!

#### **READING:**

Overdrive >There are a ton of great books on here. We have a SDEC board account that all MMS students are granted access to. There is everything from picture books to novels in a variety of fiction and non-fiction selections! Check it out!

<https://www.overdrive.com/>

Community Library >will be open over break! If you can't access books online with Overdrive, drop by to borrow or read some great books!

The absolute most important thing is: READ TO YOUR KIDS EVERY SINGLE DAY! It only takes 10 minutes before bed to read with your kiddos but the impact is huge. Let's work together to emphasize the importance of reading!

#### **WRITING:**

25 Ways to Get Kids Writing (Scholastic) >Here are a bunch of great writing prompts and ideas. Kids bored? Write something fun!

<https://www.scholastic.com/teachers/articles/teaching-content/25-ways-get-kids-writing/>

Writing Activities for Students >Another list of fun activities in a Pinterest-style format. Check it out! <https://www.education.com/activity/ela/writing/>

#### **MATHEMATICS:**

Prodigy Math >All of our grade 1-8 students have paid prodigy accounts. This a great way to practice facts and continue to strengthen our mathematical skills! You can still play if you don't have a paid account though so keep that in mind!

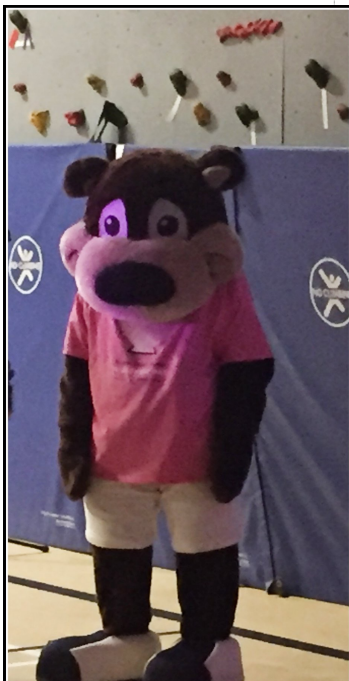
<https://www.prodigygame.com/>

Math Playground >A great number of games focused more for the elementary students but some fun exercises to continue to learn and practice math skills.

<https://www.mathplayground.com/games.html>

Khan Academy >There are instructional videos, exercises, and games on here. This will help you with everything from basic number sense to advanced calculus! A totally wonderful resource that everyone should be accessing!

<https://www.khanacademy.org/math>



Thanks to SHSSA for the Pink Shirts to help us to stop Bullying and remember kindness!

### **PHYSICAL EDUCATION:**

I will be running Jr. NBA and various other activities over the break. As well, the town will continue to put on activities and events. Want to plan something for the kids over the break? Hit me up and let's get our kids more active and involved!

#### **Traditional Games:**

Ms. Brown and Mr. Elke were able to take a group of students to the Traditional Games Competition in Yellowknife. This was an amazing opportunity for our youth and we learned a lot! Mr. Elke will continue to run a traditional games club at the school. Thank you to our contributors and the organizers of this event!

#### **Sr. Cager in YK:**

A huge thank you goes out to: Norman Wells DEA, Norman Wells CJC, Ramparts, Northridge, Hodgson's, Trumpeter Camp, Town of Norman Wells, Imperial Oil Limited, NWT Sports and Recreation, and MACA. I hope I didn't forget anyone or group but if I did, you are still very much appreciated! Because of all of your contributions, we were able to get to Yellowknife and compete at a high level. Our boys' team won our first three games and only lost in the tier 1 quarter final.

#### **MMS Ski Weekend:**

Thank you to MACA for contributing to the ski weekend which happened this past weekend! We had three communities unable to make it but Tulita came in on Saturday for a day of fun and learning. A special thanks to Mme. Hanlon and Mr. Waterhouse for all their hard work organizing! Thanks to Andrea and Bobby at MACA for all their hard work, and thank you to Sharon and Anders for coaching and training community members young and old during their time here with us. It's just so amazing that we are afforded these wonderful opportunities! Thank you to all the MMS staff who were able to help in any capacity!

#### **North Slavey Word/Phrase of the Week:**

This year we are really trying to promote North Slavey language learning. We have been doing the Slavey word/phrase of the week. Ask your kiddos if they know any words or phrases. Here is a breakdown of our North Slavey Words/Phrases of the Week so far:

séhlé = best friend forever	ʔéki = tipi	danetéʔ = how are you?
dagoht'e = how's it going?	ya = snow	rayuka = northern lights
xai = winter	ʔadz'ə = moon	yahdéné = snowman
ts'uh = tree	ʔələgu = cold	gah = rabbit
ʔʔts'é = moose	bele = wolf	taso = raven
k'áhba = ptarmigan	sahsho = bear	yehfe = fox
		ʔəðə = caribou

Overall, I hope you all have a great spring break and come back revitalized and ready to finish out the year strong!

Mahsi cho!

Michael Duclos, Principal

## **Birthdays**

A happy February birthday to Kaliee, Markus, Cyrus, Aidan, Kole, Haley, William, Ryanne, Paytin, Caylie, Sarah, Tyson, Autumn, Devan, Lauryn, Mia, and Katherine.

A happy March birthday to Chloe, Marcus, Emmett, Danielle, Maggie, Elijah, Leland, Ember, Ethan, Summer, Cameron, Tanner and Derek.

## **Reminder**

JK to Grade 7 go outside as often as weather permits, please ensure students are dressed to be outdoors. If your child will be absent for any reason, please contact the office to let us know when they are expected to return. All students who arrive after the 8:30 bell and / or the 1:10 bell must use the gym entrance and get a late slip from the office.

## Heritage Fair

The MMS Heritage Fair was held March 14. Thank you to everyone who supported the students in creating, researching and presenting their projects. Thank you to our judges: Roberta Bighetty, Taylor Daigle, Justin DaSilva, Wes Hodgson, Lorraine Keur, Dee Opperman. The Regional Heritage Fair will be April 10, good luck to the students moving forward.

Grade 1-2:	1 <sup>st</sup>	Devan Williams
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Oakley Duclos
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Kenley Daigle
	HM	Riel Bremner & Tristen Kakfwi
Grade 3:	1 <sup>st</sup>	Carter Daigle "Welsh Language"
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	John Menacho Hoben "Hand Games"
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Leevi Harley "Dene Games"
Grade 4-5:	1 <sup>st</sup>	Carter Williams "Ukrainian Culture"
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Lola Hamlyn "Village Acadien"
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Kylar Chernesky "Hockey – Canada's Sport"
	HM	Kadie Watson "Wild Tea"; Kai Bungay "The Bluenose"; Ava Huntley "Guyana"
Grade 6-7:	1 <sup>st</sup>	Mia Hendrie "Inuvialuit"
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Zoey van Loon "Gwitchin Tribe"
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Amara Wheeler "Gord Downies – Courage"
	HM	Nicole Panim "My Family"

## Cece McCauley Journalism Award

Thank you to the DEA for their support of this award. We want to recognize students writing. Congratulations to the winners. 1<sup>st</sup> place: Ella Doctor & Maggie Hodgson, 2<sup>nd</sup> place: Devan Williams & Tiana Spilchak

### Assembly

Our January assembly was held on the 31st, congratulations to the following students

JK – Darius Charney	SK – Paytin Lennie	1 – Ryanne Elemie
2 – Avaya Kakfwi	3 – Caylie Bavard-Menacho	4 – William Gant
5 – Vital Mackeinzo	6 – Amara Wheeler	7 – Morgan Lennie
8 – Briseis Kenny	9 – James Gant	SH – Debra Ann Walker

Our February assembly was held on the 22nd, congratulations to the following students

JK – Autumn Kakfwi	SK – Marley Doctor	1 – Devan Williams
2 – Emmett Audet	3 – Chloe Grandjambe	4 – Kylar Chernesky
5 – Marcus Vandermeer	6 – Nicole Panim	7 – Robyn Grandjambe
8 – Autumn Gilroy	9 – Airiyanna Kakfwi	SH – Ryan Walker

Our March assembly was held on the 15th, congratulations to the following students

JK – Caelix Menacho	SK – Cohen Daigle	1/2 – Kenley Daigle	
3/4 – Easton Goose	5 – Tyson McNeely	6 – Jesse Mitchell	
7 – Katherine Caidler	8 – Kayla Copley	9 – Sierra McDonald	SH – Ava Pope

Our next assembly will be April 30. All assemblies are open to the public, if your child is winning a Grizzly of the Month, you will receive a call.

Breakfast Club	JK - 12	Foyer	8:00 - 8:25	Every Day
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M	Handgames & Sewing		Old Housing Office	5:00 - 7:00	Mrs Grandjambe
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Tuesday	Floor Hockey	3 - 12	Gym	lunch	Mr Elke
	Guitar Club	4 - 9		lunch	Mr McGregor / Mr Duclos
	Choir	4 - 12	5-6 Room	lunch	Mr Baetz
	Library Lunch Program	JK - SK	Library	lunch	Library Board
	Girls' Soccer	8 - 12	Gym	3:35 - 5:00	Mr Milligan / JP Bernard
	Ski Club	3 - 12	Outdoors	3:35 - 4:30	Ms Hanlon
	Handgames & Sewing		Old Housing Office	5:00 - 7:00	Mrs Grandjambe
	Rock Climbing		Gym	6:00 - 7:00	Mr Kay

Wed	Rock Climbing		Gym	lunch	Mr Kay
	Knitting / Textiles	4 - 7	French Room	lunch	Ms Hanlon
	Library Lunch Program	1 - 2	Library	lunch	Library Board

Thursday	Rainbow United GSA	8 - 12	Room 104	lunch	Ms Kelly
	Library Lunch Program	3 - 4	Library	lunch	Library Board
	JR NBA - AAS	JK - 3	Gym	3:35 - 4:15	Mr Duclos / Ms Denslow
	Ski Club	3 - 12	Outdoors	3:35 - 4:30	Ms Hanlon
	Cooking Club	4 - 9	Kitchen	3:45 - 5:00	Mr Elke**
	Girls' Soccer	8 - 12	Gym	5:00 - 6:00	Mr Milligan / JP Bernard
	Boys' Soccer	8 - 12	Gym	6:00 - 7:00	Mr Milligan / JP Bernard

Friday	Guitar Club	4 - 9	French Room	lunch	Ms Hanlon
	Traditional Games	3 - 12	Gym	lunch	Mr Elke
	Library Lunch Program	5 - 6	Library	lunch	Library Board
	Handgames		Old Housing Office	5:00 - 7:00	Mrs Grandjambe
	Friday Night Sports	2 - 12	Gym	7:00 - 9:00	Town

S	JR NBA	1 - 4	Gym	12:00 - 1:00	Mr Duclos
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\*\* weekly sign up sheet. 8 spots only.

Ski Club will be continue based on weather  
JR NBA will continue over Spring Break

## Mackenzie Mountain School

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Weekends or Breaks	Statutory Holidays	Exam Week	Report Card Dates	Other Important Dates
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**Important Dates:**

August 26	Office Opens	November 25	No School (STIP)	April 13	Easter Monday
September 2	Labor Day	December 16	No School (STIP)	April 14 – 17	Exams
September 3	First Day School	December 19	Christmas Concert	April 24	Report Cards Home
September 10	Parent Info Night	Dec 23 – Jan 7	Winter Break	April 27	No School (STIP)
September 23	No School (STIP)	January 27	No School	April 30	SLC evening
October 14	Thanksgiving	January 28	No School (STIP)	May 18	Victoria Day
October 28	No School (STIP)	Jan 29 – 31	Exams	May 25	No School (STIP)
Oct 29 – Nov 1	Exams	February 7	Report Card (10-12)	June 15 – 19	Exams
November 1	PD Day (AM Only)	Feb 19 – 21	School Closed	June 22	Aboriginal Day (lieu)
November 4	No School	February 24	No School (STIP)	June 23	No School
November 11	Remembrance Day	March 12 – 23	Spring Break	June 29	Last day &
November 12	Report Cards Home	March 30	No School (STIP)		Report Cards Home
November 14	SLC evening	April 10	Good Friday	June 30	Office Closes