



Principals Message

November is a time to remember those that sacrificed their lives so that we can enjoy the freedoms and liberties here in Canada. Please join us on November 11th at 10:30am for our Remembrance Day Celebration.

Flu season is here. Please be sure to wash your hands frequently and cover your mouth if you have a cold or cough. Please do not make your child come to school if they are ill. Obviously ill children are not expected to come to school and should stay at home. We have experienced severely ill children at school and were unable to contact some parents. Please call Stephanie to update your current phone numbers and 2 emergency contacts. This is a safety measure that must be adhered to. In light of the heavy flu season that has hit our communities MECCS will **not** be awarding Perfect Attendance Awards at year end.

Winter is lurking upon us and our children love to play outdoors, especially now with the new playground, the kids sure enjoy recess time. Please be sure children come dressed in warm coats, boots, and mittens. If any families are in need of winter coats, please contact the school as we have access to Coats for Kids.

In the event of inclement weather MECCS will do our best to notify you of any school closures or if buses are not running. Any school closures or bus notices will be advertised on the local radio stations. Please review the School Closures section of your Student-Parent Handbook on pg. 8.



In kind spirit,
Ms. Skalski

News to Share



MECCS is proud to be hosting:

TREATY 6 VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT

ON NOVEMBER 19, 2009

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

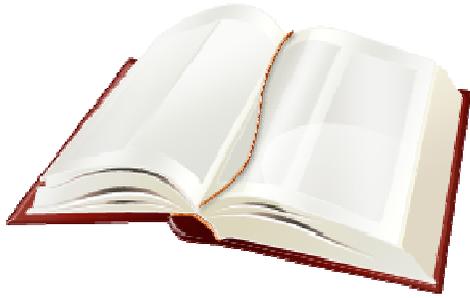
10:15 – OPENING CEREMONIES

- Introductions
- Elders pray
- Grand entry
- MECCS promo video
- Honor Song

11:00 – TOURNAMENT BEGINS

Everyone welcome!!

Come out and cheer the teams on!!!



ATTENTION GRADES 5-7

Each month students receive a current events booklet called:
“WHAT IN THE WORLD”

This booklet is **DUE** on the
28th of each month.

We then correct and discuss
as a class and a quiz is given.

**Hai Hai
Ish Nish**

CRAFT SUPPLIES NEEDED

The Grade 6 class requires as many empty paper toilet rolls for their Christmas Project. Please collect and bring them to Miss Monika as soon as possible.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH



MECCS TRANSPORTATION

If anyone has questions regarding their child’s bussing, please call Leslie, our new Transportation Coordinator at 780-964-7746.



Hot Lunch

In order to keep our Hot Lunch program running smoothly, hot lunch money can NO longer be accepted after 10:15am. Students who do not pay prior to 10:15am will be offered an alternate lunch (peanut butter and jam sandwiches).

Money MUST be accompanied by a completed Hot Lunch Form.

Payment can be made as a family.
Receipts will be issued.

HOT LUNCH ORDERS ARE NON-REFUNDABLE

If parents have ANY questions, they are to contact Rachel at the school or email rcardinal@meccs.org

Thank you for your continued support
of the MECCS Hot Lunch Program!

Parent Council

As we settle in to our new home it is very exciting to see so many of our HOPES become realities.

Here are just a few:

- Moved into an amazing facility
- Our Jr. High has a sports team
- Built a playground for our children
- Built a sweat for cultural ceremony

We all agree that parental involvement is important and our kids love to see you at school. Parents voices count and are heard! So let’s commit to getting an active Parent Council going at MECCS. You can be instrumental in helping steer MECCS future direction. Let’s meet on...

November 23 at 6:00pm

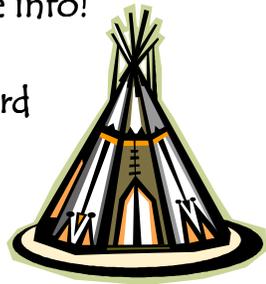
You’ll be here anyway for Parent Teacher Night,
Why not? ☺ Light snacks will be served.

CULTURAL NEWS

MECCS is pleased to announce that Eric Daniels has joined our MECCS team as our new Cree Instructor! We look forward to the exciting teachings he will bring to students.

MECCS will be hosting a TURKEY BINGO to raise money for its Cultural Program. Please stay tuned for more info!

We are also looking forward to having Elder Mary Rain visit our school in the upcoming month.



PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

November 23, 2009
5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

This is a wonderful opportunity to visit MECCS new facility. Meet the teachers and learn and share in your child's education. We look forward to discussing your child's achievements with you.



November's Cultural Teachings



GENEROSITY



Do all the good you can,
By all the means you can,
In all the way you can,
In all the places you can,
At all the times you can,
To all the people you can,
As long as ever you can.

Cree Moon – Frost Moon
lyikopiwipism

Stoney Moon –Ice and Freezing Moon
Caxcara Waheeba

Generosity is...
giving more than you can,
and taking less than you need.

REMEMBRANCE DAY



Why Remember!!

We must remember, If we do not, the sacrifice of those one hundred thousand Canadian lives will be meaningless. They died for us, for their homes and families and friends, for a collection of traditions they cherished and a future they believed in; they died for Canada.

MECCS REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE



NOVEMBER 11TH, 2009 10:30 AM

9:30 – 10:30 AM - COFFEE AND DESSERTS

11:45 - 12:45 PM - LUNCH WILL BE SERVED



Grand Entry ~ Flag Carriers with Veterans,
Elders, and Service People



Playing of Honour Song/Aboriginal Drum



O Canada



Message from Principal and guests



Two minutes of silence at 11:00 AM



Playing of Taps



Laying of Wreaths accompanied by
Marlene Richard - Amazing Grace



Recital of "In Flanders Fields"



Honouring our Veterans and Service People

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This service is in memory of those who made the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom, as well as to honour those who continue to serve our country in turbulent times. This service is also to show respect to those who have served and survived to return home to their families. We would like to acknowledge and pray for all of the families who wait patiently at home for their sons, daughters, husbands, fathers, mothers and wives to return from their assignments. Peace be with you all.



WE REMEMBER



LEST WE FORGET



Aboriginal Parent Link Centre

Proud to be a MECCS Partner

Laurie Cardinal-Family Support Worker
Mondays & Thursdays
(780)952-2251

Aboriginal Parent Link Center
Stony Plain, Alberta
5413-51 Street
T7Z 1Y2

Traditional Parenting Program (FLIP)

Provides parents with the knowledge in child development to enhance their parenting styles in both modern and traditional ways. Program covers topics such as self-esteem, self confidence, communication, family violence, and Aboriginal culture.

Little Flippers(Ages 0-6)

Provides play-based children's activities to families attending Traditional Parenting Program. Helps provide children with a range of interactive and education focused development. Pre-registration is required.

Parent Resource Library & Toy Lending

The Library is accessible to all children, parents and youth who come to the center. Parents will be able to access and borrow toys and books suited to the child's developmental stage.

**Everyone is welcome.
All programs are free.
For more information,
please call (780)963-8749**

October Attendance Awards

Pre-K and Kindergarten

Sage Tiyah
Katie Chloe
Shinae Hunter
Jade Zoey
Jory

Grade 3

Brianna Simone
Travez Thalene
Draven

Grade 6

Carl Colby
David Clayton
Tony Taurie
Preston

Grade 1

Serenity Judith

Grade 4

Brielle Nevin
Wyatt Sebastian
Sharla Porter
Amanda

Grade 7

Carly Janeah
Romeo Maison
Talon Megan

Grade 2

Gabrielle Taurynce

Grade 5

Hayley Kalys
Alexandra Danika
Larry

Grade 8/9

Sloan Kenny
Shania Janelle
Allysha Marlyss

Congratulations to all students who maintained excellent attendance for the month of November and thank you to all families who support them!

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TJ Skalski, Principal

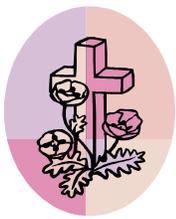
Stephanie Lindsay, Secretary

Mark Ehnes, Assistant Principal

Leslie Sand, Transp. Coord.

Student Registration Forms

Every child attending MECCS must have a new registration form filled out. MECCS requires a copy of their **Alberta Health Care card** and a copy of either a **Treaty card** or **Birth Certificate** in their files for Alberta Education. Please send your documents to the school with your children **ASAP**.



NOVEMBER 2009



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6. School Assembly	7.
8.	9.	10.	11. REMEMBRANCE DAY CELEBRATION	12.	13. NO SCHOOL	14.
15.	16.	17.	18. MULTICULTURAL ASSEMBLY Early Dismissal 2:15 p.m.	19. Treaty 6 Volleyball Tournament	20. Reports cards go home	21.
22.	23. Parent Teacher interviews 5:00 – 8:00pm Parent Council 6:00pm	24.	25.	26.	27. NO SCHOOL	28.
29.	30.					

Directions to MECCS from Paul Band

1. Head east on Hwy 16, the Yellowhead.
2. Turn south on to Hwy 770 just before the Hwy 43 turn-off.
3. Continue south past the Hwy 627 intersection.
4. Continue south over the North Saskatchewan River Bridge.
5. Take the first right (you should see the MECCS sign)
6. Stay to the right and follow the gravel road approximately 1 km.
7. Turn right at the MECCS sign
8. Continue up the driveway to the school.

Please Note:

You have traveled too far south on 770 if you reach the Genesee Power Plant.

