*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.

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**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!!

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In kind spirit,
Ms. Skalski
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.

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.

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
    Iyikopiwipism

Stoney Moon – Ice and Freezing Moon
    Caxcara Waheeba

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

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.

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.

Mother Earth’s Children’s Charter School
November 2009
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

Honouring our Veterans and Service People

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 1
Serenity Judith

Grade 3
Brianna Simone
Travez Thalene
Draven

Grade 4
Brielle Nevin
Wyatt Sebastian
Sharla Porter
Amanda

Grade 5
Hayley Kalys
Alexandra Danika
Larry

Grade 6
Carl Colby
David Clayton
Tony Taurie
Preston

Grade 7
Carly Janeah
Romeo Maison
Talon Megan

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!

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.

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Email admin@meccs.org Website www.meccs.org
TJ Skalski, Principal Stephanie Lindsay, Secretary
Mark Ehnes, Assistant Principal Leslie Sand, Transp. Coord.

Mother Earth’s Children’s Charter School November 2009
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### 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.