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McCroscon-Tovell School Newsletter

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## Important Information

Your child will be bringing home a Student Information form. Please ensure we have the correct information regarding your child and **return the Student Verification Form** with any corrections made using a coloured pen.

There are two sections that need specific attention - the Collection of Data/Consent to Disclose and the Canadian Anti-Spam Legislation Consent. If the first section is left blank or is marked "no" we will not be able to place your child's name or picture on the school website. If the next section is left blank or marked as "no" then the RRDSB and school will not be able to communicate with you electronically.

## MCT Team - 2016-2017

**Early Years - Grade 3** Mrs. Anne Carradice  
**Grade 4 - 8** Mrs. Hillary Nordberg  
**Library Assistant** - TBA  
**Educational Assistants**— Mrs. Lisa Maxwell,  
Ms Tishina Big George and Mr. Carl Big George  
**Principal** - Kendall Olsen  
**Vice Principal** - Mrs. Anne Carradice  
**Secretary** - Ms. Grace Santoli  
**Custodians** - Fred and Nancy Gate  
**Bus Drivers** - Liz Detweiler



*An important thank you to all the staff that worked so hard to prepare for the new school year. This includes our awesome custodians and the Board maintenance staff!*

## Dates to Remember

- September 5—Labour Day (no school)
- September 16—Open House (12:00PM—1:00PM)
- September 29—Terry Fox Walk
- September 30—PA Day
- October 5th and 6th—Fall Harvest (our school will be attending one of the days.)
- October 12—Thanksgiving Day (no school)
- October 28—PD Day (no school)

## ***A few reminders about MCT....***

### **School Hours**

School Starts 8:45 AM

**First Instructional Block 8:45 AM - 10:40 AM**

First Nutrition Break 10:34 AM - 11:19 AM

**Second Instructional Block 11:19 AM -12:49 PM**

Second Nutrition Break 12:49 PM - 1:34 PM

**Third Instructional Block 1:34 PM - 3:10 PM**

Dismissal 3:10 PM

Bus students must take the bus home following the after-noon dismissal. If a student is not to take the bus home, the school must receive a note from the parent/guardian indicating the change of plans. Thanks for your help!

## *Hot Lunch and Milk Program*

*Coming Soon!*



*Please watch for a note to announce the start up of our Hot Lunch and Milk Program!*



**MCT TERRY FOX**

**RUN/WALK**

**Please join us.**

**September 29<sup>th</sup> @ 1:30 PM**

**Be a DIFFERENCE MAKER!**

### **Personal Electronic Devices and School**

The RRDSB endeavours to prepare students and staff to be successful in an evolving society. Students and staff live and work in a world where people connect through technology. Therefore, it is imperative that the Board provide access to technology for educational purposes. It is equally important that technology be used safely, appropriately, effectively, and respectfully. All educators are responsible for instructing and modelling digital citizenship and responsibility to students.

Therefore, students in Grades 4 to 8 will be allowed to use their personal electronic devices for teacher directed, instructional purposes after a PED (Personal Electronic Device) agreement is signed by the student and guardian. If students are not compliant with the agreement, the following steps will be taken.

- ◇ 1<sup>st</sup> time – friendly reminder to put it away
- ◇ 2<sup>nd</sup> time – taken away and returned to student at the end of the day
- ◇ 3<sup>rd</sup> time – brought to the office, student can collect at the end of the day
- ◇ 4<sup>th</sup> time – brought to the office, parents

### **Dress Code - Modesty is the BEST policy!**

Students need to dress appropriately for school. **Modesty is the best policy.** Shorts/skirts should be mid-thigh length; when hands are at your side, the length should come down to your finger tips. Shirts that have no sleeves need to have a substantial shoulder; three-finger-width is a good measure.

Students are not allowed to wear clothing that advertises alcohol, tobacco, drugs or has a sexual reference that is offensive in any way. Students will be asked to either change into something more suitable, turn it inside out, or call a parent to bring a change of clothes.

### **Student Accident Insurance**

Again this year, the RRDSB has purchased Student Accident Insurance. This insurance covers all school sanctioned events. It also covers the requirement under the Field Trip Policy for student accident insurance and is effective September 1, 2016 to August 31, 2017 for all school sanctioned activities. The information is posted on the Board's website under parents, with a link to the insurance company on How to Make A Claim.



*This publication is available in accessible formats upon request.*

### **School Council**

The School Council plays a very important role in the life of a school. We are looking for interested parents who enjoy working with others and want to make a difference at McCrosson-Tovell School.

#### **School Councils:**

- ⇒ **provide advice to the principal**
- ⇒ **connect the parent community to the school**
- ⇒ **help plan special events**
- ⇒ **meet, at a minimum, four times a year**

Please consider getting involved in this very worthwhile endeavour. You can nominate yourself or another parent at Open House.

**The date for the first meeting has yet to be determined**

### **Allergy Awareness - Peanut and Fish**

To keep McCrosson-Tovell School safe for those students who have severe allergies to peanuts and fish, we are asking for your cooperation. Please do not send any foods or snacks that contain fish or peanut projects.

Students who have severe allergies to such food substances are exposed to a health risk when these food products are consumed in their environment or shared with them. Please speak with your child about sharing snacks with other children. Many foods have hidden traces of peanut oil. By not sharing snacks we can try and avoid an accidental ingestion of peanuts. Luckily, more and more companies are becoming aware of this growing concern and are modifying their practices and labeling products as "nut free".

We realize that this request may pose as an inconvenience for you when packing your child's lunch, however, we wish to express sincere appreciation for your support and understanding of these health related needs.

### **Student Absence**

If your child will not be attending school on any particular day, please call and let us know. We have voice mail and a short message from you would be greatly appreciated. If we do not know where your child is, we will be calling you. Please help our busy secretary, Ms. Santoli and call us first at 488-5587.

### **Students & Medication**

The school cannot administer medication to a student without a signed release from parents/guardians and a medical practitioner. If your child needs to be given any medication, prescribed or otherwise, please contact the school for a release form.

Please also ensure that the school has updated emergency contact information for your child in case of an illness or **allergy**.

