



We at McIsaac School/École McIsaac believe our school should be a place where we feel safe and accepted for who we are. When we use polite words and get along, school is fun for everyone.

Nous, a McIsaac School/École McIsaac croyons que notre école devrait être un endroit où nous nous sentons en sécurité et acceptés pour ce que nous sommes. Lorsque nous sommes polis et respectons les autres, l'école est un endroit agréable pour tous.

OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 2008

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents,
It is hard to believe that I am writing my second message for the school year and that we are headed in to our third month. As we move into November there are a few items I need to share and encourage your support in.

First of all, my apologies to Hannah Montana and all her McIsaac fans. My message about the costumes was written with very little knowledge about who she was and the positive role model she has become. Her costumes are acceptable and do not fall into the category of revealing, which was the issue we were addressing.

We would like to remind parents that if they move residence then it is of utmost importance that we be notified of the move and provided with the new address. Also, if emergency numbers change we need to know that as well.

I would encourage parents to occasionally review the student handbook with children and to remind them of the rules and the need to respect everyone around them. We need to especially remind them to do things the "McIsaac Way — play safe and have fun".

If you would like to receive the newsletters or other school correspondence by email we would love to cooperate if you could provide us with your email address. It is also acceptable if you wish to forward messages to the office to use our email mcisaac@ffsd.mb.ca.

We still have a few yearbooks left if you would like to purchase one at \$15.

Just in time for Christmas, the Kindergarten students will be holding a book fair on Oct. 29. Please support this project and your child's reading by purchasing books.

Our thanks to all parents who attended the early parent-teacher interviews. It is of utmost importance that we remain in contact with each other and work to improve the learning experience of your children. Let's continue to make the school experience a positive one for all parties.

We are developing a web page for our school under the leadership of Mrs. Reid and Mrs. Williams. If you wish to access it check:

www.geocities.com/mcisaacschoolwebsite
Check back often as we are continuously updating.

Thank you,
Simeon Priddle, Principal

McIsaac School École McIsaac PAC parent advisory council

PAC is currently searching for an Events Co-ordinator and a Volunteer Co-ordinator. If you are interested in helping out or need more information on the above fun activities, call Amy at 687-3865.

For Christmas this year we are holding a **Santa's Workshop** and will be asking for donations of gently used items for students to purchase. Please start sending in your items.

Parent Advisory Council meets the first Monday of every month. Next meeting is November 3, 7 p.m. in the Staff Room at the school. If you would like to be part of the Facebook group please search for McIsaac PAC. Child care is available by contacting Mr. Priddle or Amy prior to the meetings.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- Oct. 24 to 25:** Junior High volleyball tournament at McIsaac
- Oct. 29:** Kindergarten Book Fair
- Oct. 29:** Halloween Dance Grades 6-8
- Oct. 20:** Deadline to return fundraiser orders
- Nov. 13:** Grade 4 vaccinations
- Nov. 13:** Photo retakes
- Nov. 18:** Student Council / School Board Dinner
- Nov. 19:** Grade 4-5 presentation on elder abuse and senior stereotyping

STUDENT COUNCIL

- Co-Presidents:** Shannah Fisher,
Matthew Bighetty
- Secretary:** Kara Diakow
- Room Reps:** 5J Madison Mihalicz,
Michael McIntyre
- 5/6T Aimee Roy
Esa Fernandes
- 6B Willy Eikel
Kari Rutherford
- 6K Devon Puchailo
Darwyn Wasylciw
- 7M Taylor Davidson
Shaunie Erikson
- 7R Derek Novosel
Taylor Cardell
- 8P Nicole Breedon
Bradley Jones
- 8U Joey Oulette
Kyle Jones
- Teacher Supervisors:**
Mrs. Westhaver
Mrs. Reid
Mr. Unrah
Mr. Mack

" A student's success in school starts in the hearts and heads of his or her parents and teachers. The way we see them, the way they see themselves, is what they will become." Linda Holt.



Roots of Empathy

Empathy is the ability to identify with another person's feelings. The key to a successful relationship at all stages of life is the ability to see and feel things as others see and feel them.

Roots of Empathy's mission is to build caring, peaceful and civil societies through the development of empathy. The heart of the program is a local infant and parent who visit the classroom once a month for the school year. With a certified Roots of Empathy instructor, students are coached to observe the baby's development, celebrate milestones, interact with the baby and learn about an infants needs.

Roots of Empathy is in its 7th year at McIsaac. We would like to welcome our Roots of Empathy families to the program for the 2008/2009 school year. We greatly appreciate our "Roots" parents for volunteering their time and for allowing us to learn and share in the growth and development of their child. Roots of Empathy will be delivered in the following classes at McIsaac this year:

Teacher: Mrs. Collins
Grade: Kindergarten a.m.
Roots Instructor: Deanna Johnson
Family: Jill & Travis Rideout
Baby: Drew

Teacher: Mrs. Collins
Grade: Kindergarten p.m.
Roots Instructor: Carrie Alexander
Family: Jill & Travis Rideout
Baby: Corey

Teacher: Mrs. Reitlo
Grade: 3
Roots Instructor: Kim Abbott
Family: Laura & Trevor Watt
Baby: Genevieve

Teacher: Mr. Tremblay/Mrs. Ryan
Grade: 5/6
Roots Instructor: Carrie Alexander
Family: Shonda & Jeremy Beauchamp
Baby: Tesslynn

**CANADIAN PARENTS
FOR FRENCH**



October is the month when CPF holds the MOM'S PANTRY fundraiser. The money we raise goes towards funding the Grade 12 French Immersion Bursery and the Grade 5/6 trip to the Winnipeg Festival de Voyageur. The order forms will be distributed to the French Immersion students around

October 20th. Please have your orders returned to your homeroom teacher by November 3rd so that they can be sent out and the baking and food products delivered by the end of November/ beginning of December. The sellers will be contacted to collect the orders they placed as soon as we have notice of delivery. The pick up will be from the back of Eddies' Foods. If you have any queries or require extra order forms contact Jane Hair 687-3922 or Penny Grove-687-8307. **THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT.**

PARENTING TIPS

Building Your Child's Self-esteem Boosts Ability to Work with Others.

Your children must believe in themselves before they can work with others. Kids with high self-esteem have an "I can do it" attitude. They can tackle a tough math problem... or work out a spat with a friend. Here are some ways a parent can help children develop high self-esteem.

- **Encourage your children** to join worthwhile groups with children their age. Whether it's scouts or an athletic team, these groups can offer fun, friends and a boost in self-esteem.
- **Actively support groups** your children enjoy. Attend games, concerts or other special events. Afterwards, just praise — don't correct — your child's performance.

- **Find ways to help your children** develop skills in many areas. Athletics, music, art and creative writing are options.

- **Make your home open** to your children's friends.

- **Make sure your children know** that you love them and accept them for who they are.

- **Understand your children's** unique gifts. Do not force a child to play sports if they would rather play piano.

- **Help your children show off** their successes. No matter what your children's ages, everyone responds well to recognition. Some families use the refrigerator door as a "Hall of Fame". Others use a scrapbook to save children's best work.

STORY

Joining the Halloween parade sounded fun but little did I know... that there was a black cat stuck in the air vent of the school. Kristen, a student of grade 5 Jedele, foolishly brought her cat, Shadow, to school. There were some people fixing an air vent down in the annex. Kristen cared about her cat very much. She didn't want to leave her cat to freeze outside, so she brought her in. That's when it happened. Crash, bang, boom. Shadow was stuck in an air vent. Kristen fainted. It was a very

tragic morning for McIsaac School.

About an hour later Kristen woke up. It turned out when she fainted she started to sleep too. I woke her up with a bucket of cold water from the water fountain. Kyla, one of Kristen's best friends, other than me, had volunteered to stick her tiny hands into the air vent and grabbed Shadow. Two hours later Shadow was in Kristen's arms. "Shadow is saved!" said Mr. Priddle on the P.A. Everyone cheered. Kyla was a hero.

— **Submitted by Ariel Henderson**