



"Winter is an etching, spring a watercolor,  
summer an oil painting  
and autumn a mosaic of them all."  
- Stanley Horowitz

October 2009

## MMC Peer Tutoring Program

Student Services is currently looking for students who are willing to act as MMC Peer Tutors this year. If students are interested in sharing their academic talents and assisting our community of learners please see either Ms. McConaghy or Mrs. Lowery in Student Services as soon as possible. The commitment is to provide tutorials for 1 hour per week. MMC students wishing to apply for a MMC Peer Tutor to assist them in any subject area or grade level are asked to drop into the Student Services Department and fill in a request form. Early requests for tutors can be a very beneficial support towards successful academic achievement. See you in Student Services!

# MILES

Macdonell Admin Bulletin

## Principal's Message

We have almost completed the first two months of study and we are looking forward to meeting with you during our Parent/Student/Teacher conferences of Thursday, October 29th and Friday, October 30th.

It has been a busy start-up to our 2009-2010 school year. As of September 30th, our enrolment was 1256 students including our students at SHARP (Senior High Academic Re-entry Program).

We were pleased to welcome eight students from the Kumon Leysin Academy of Switzerland to our school for the opening six weeks. This was the second leg of an exchange program that saw eight of our students participate in studies and tours in Switzerland during this past summer.

During this school year, our students will have the opportunity to participate in the following international tours - Paris and London for our music students and London for our theatre students. These tours will take place in March of 2010. A group of students just returned from New York City where they toured museums, galleries as well as seeing Broadway musicals.

During this school year our priorities will be the following:

1. To increase our understanding and practice in assessment for and of learning.
  2. To enhance student performance through the integration of technology in the teaching and learning.
  3. To promote a positive approach to safety and belonging and to create a positive school-wide culture of learning and behaving.
  4. To promote purposeful connections within our academic and broader community.
- Staff professional development will be dedicated to these goals.

If you have any questions or concerns, I would invite you to contact your son or daughter's Teacher Advisor, the vice principals or myself.

- V. Laurie

## Parent Council at MMC

The Parent Advisory Council of MMC will meet on the last Tuesday of every month. Mrs. Colleen Kuilman will assume the role of chair for this school year, and the role of secretary will be taken by Mrs. Linda Storoschuk.

Our next meeting will be  
Tuesday October 27 – 7:00pm  
in the MMC Library

Guest Speakers - Ms. Wendy Henriksen, Mr. Brad Stelmach  
- Counsellors, Miles Macdonell Collegiate  
Topic: Career Counselling /  
"Career Cruising"

All Are Welcome

Principal Ms. V. Laurie  
Vice-Principals Mr. D. Finlay  
Mr. J. Giasson

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## L.O.T.E. News

### Furie!

This year MMC Grade 11 and 12 French Immersion and French Immersion IB students took advantage of the francophone festival Furie at Parc Whittier. Students attended morning workshops. Students could choose from a wide variety of workshops led by professional instructors. Workshops ranged from African drumming to improvisation theatre to sport events. A mid-day fair offering tarot card reading, henna tattoos and a myriad of other features brought the day to the grand finale, the popular Montreal band Radioradio. Exposure to franco-manitoban and Quebecois societies both enriches MMC French Immersion students' course of studies and broadens their cultural experience.

Please note that on Roch Street between Kimberly Avenue and Bronx Avenue, there is to be neither vehicles stopped even temporarily to drop off students, nor parked between 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and between 3:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. Monday to Friday.

There is a two hour parking zone on Roch Street between Bronx Avenue and Chelsea Avenue between 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. but no stopping after this time.

We appreciate your attention to these requirements and encourage you to drop off or pick up students on the side streets neighbouring the school.

## MMC Students Place Third in International Competition (Top Canadian Team)

A team of Manitoba youth from Miles Maconell Collegiate, in collaboration with Australian students, placed third in an international competition to build a racecar to Formula One (F1) specifications.

The team took part in the F1 In Schools world championships in London, England, from Sept. 14 to 17. Students designed, built and tested F1 racers using cutting-edge techniques, such as computerized virtual wind-tunnel testing, to improve efficiency.

The Miles McDonnell Collegiate team of Crawford B, Stephanie H and Ben K partnered with Scott B and Dean T from Noosa District High School in Cooroy, Queensland, Australia. As well as capturing third place, their international team, called AC Racing, also received two individual achievement awards for best portfolio and best collaboration.

## Hollywood Arms

The cast of 15 students has been chosen for MMC's production of Hollywood Arms! This play was written by Carol Burnett and her daughter, Carrie Hamilton and has been adapted for the MMC stage. This play takes place in both 1941 and 1951 and is the story of three generations of women living on welfare in a one-room apartment, one block north of Hollywood Boulevard. It is a story about shattered hopes and realized dreams and has been described as "pure theatre and pure entertainment." It can be categorized as a "dramedy" combining some comedy and some drama. The show will go on December 1st, 2nd, and 3rd in the MMC theatre. Tickets will be available for purchase in mid-November. If you have any questions about this show, please do not hesitate to contact Ms. Gillis or Mrs. Lichtman. In addition to our 15 cast members, we also have about thirty students who have volunteered to be on one of many production crews! We are looking forward to a wonderful next month and a half rehearsing for this show. We hope to see you there!

The following is a list of our cast members:

Nanny: Victoria K  
Louise: Lindsay J  
Helen: Christina H  
Jody: Kristaps B  
Dixie: Ferron G  
Alice: Allysa S &  
Laurysa H  
Bill: Jamie V  
Malcolm: Tyler Y  
Ruby: Stephanie J  
Cop #1: Chris U  
Cop #2: Tyler G  
Cop #3: Ryan S  
Announcer: Ian D  
Older Helen: Karley B

**Check Out The Miles Macdonell Website! [www.mmc.retsd.mb.ca](http://www.mmc.retsd.mb.ca)**

The following websites have up-to-date information for parents/guardians about pandemic H1N1 flu and the activities taking place across the province to keep Manitobans healthy.

- For information on H1N1 flu and Manitoba's H1N1 flu prevention efforts, please visit the Manitoba government website at: [www.manitoba.ca/flu](http://www.manitoba.ca/flu).
- For information on H1N1 flu, flu prevention in schools and information for children and youth, please refer to the Manitoba Education, Citizenship and Youth website at: [www.edu.gov.mb.ca/k12/flu](http://www.edu.gov.mb.ca/k12/flu).
- The Public Health Agency of Canada also has a website which provides information on H1N1 flu. It can be accessed at: [www.fightflu.ca](http://www.fightflu.ca).

It is important to note that River East Transcona School Division has a pandemic plan which is designed to minimize the health risks to our students and staff and keep our division operational in the face of a severe influenza outbreak.

In the coming months, sharing information about H1N1 influenza will be very important. Letters will be sent home with students as necessary, but the division's main vehicle for sharing information will be our division website at [www.retsd.mb.ca](http://www.retsd.mb.ca). We will post new information as it becomes available, so please check the website regularly. If you do not have access to the Internet, please ask at the school office for printed copies of documents appearing on the RETSD website.

For personal health care advice, or if you are concerned that your child may need care, please contact your health care provider or phone Health Links–Info Santé at 204-788-8200 or toll-free at 1-888-315-9257.



## **Raising Resilient Children & Adolescents** with Dr. Robert Brooks

Where: Miles Macdonell Collegiate, 757 Roch Street

When: November 16, 2009 6:30–8:30 p.m.

Who: Parents, grandparents, teachers, community members

Admission: FREE!

RSVP to: Ruth German 667.7130 ext. 2206 or [rgerman@retsdb.ca](mailto:rgerman@retsdb.ca)

Free childcare available, please register with Ruth German.

***Dr. Brooks will discuss factors that help children and adolescents cope more effectively with stress and become resilient:***

- Why some children have a more difficult time developing resilience than others
- The importance of empathy in responding and communicating effectively with children and adolescents
- The need to identify and reinforce each child's "islands of competence"
- The significance of unconditional love and acceptance
- Specific strategies for reinforcing self-discipline, caring, responsibility and resilience in children and adolescents

	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>OCTOBER</b>	18	19	20	21 Citizenship Court TA Meeting Report Cards	22	23 SAG <b>NO CLASSES</b>	24
	25	26	27 Photo Retakes Gr10 IB Workshop	28 U of W Presentation (Slot4)	29 P/S/T Conferences 5:00-9:00pm Gr10 IB Workshop	30 P/S/T Conferences 1:00-3:15pm	31

<b>NOVEMBER</b>	1	2	3 TA Meeting	4 Staff Mtg (2:30pm Dismissal)	5	6 University Fair (PM)	7
	8	9	10 Remembrance Day Service	11 Remembrance Day <b>NO CLASSES</b>	12	13	14
	15	16	17	18 Red River College Presentation (Slot3)	19	20	21
	22	23	24	25 TA Meeting Report Cards	26	27	28
	29	30					

## Communication to Parents

We would like as much as is possible to send newsletters via Email to our community. At present, we have received Email addresses for approximately 50% of our student population.

If you are interested in receiving this kind of communication, we would invite you to complete the following form and return to the main office.

**Miles Macdonell Collegiate  
"E" Communication Request**

**Student Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent E mail** \_\_\_\_\_

**Guardian/Parent Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Guardian/Parent E mail** \_\_\_\_\_

Please return to MMC office to A. Barker