

Erickson Collegiate

VOLUME 2, ISSUE 1

THURSDAY,
OCTOBER 6, 2011

From the Desk of Mr. Lee....

Hello, everyone! Welcome to our new students and families, and welcome back to returning students and their families. I hope everyone had an enjoyable summer and, to our farming families, I hope that harvest is going well.

In terms of staffing, there are not many changes. I would like to welcome back Mrs. Bracommer – she is returning to the collegiate after spending a year at Tanner's Crossing in Minnedosa. She will be teaching Grade 7 and a Grade 12 Families Studies course in the second semester. Mrs. Melanie Henry, the new Career Preparation and Exploration coordinator, comes to us from Elton Collegiate. We will also be welcoming Mr. Brody Tegg beginning October 3; he is a teacher from Brandon and in addition to academics, he will be mainly work-

ing with students that need assistance – behaviorially and/ or socially. Mrs. Collyer's time has been increased this semester but will return to three quarter time next semester. Once again, we are also fortunate to have Mrs. Gray, the division's social worker/ behavioral specialist, with us on Tuesdays. And, finally, congratulations to Mrs. Davies, Educational Assistant, who got married this past June.

The school year is off to great start and Erickson Collegiate is an extremely busy place. Mr. Waterman has started volleyball with the senior and junior girls, and Mrs. McLaughlin spent time with the with the Grade 7 and 8 students to prepare them for divisional tournament,

Continued on Page 2

Treaty 4 Student Success Program

On September 28, Ms McKay, along with Jasmine, Farrah and Mary, attended the "United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous People" in Fort Qu'Appelle, SK. Craig Benjamin (pictured right) from Amnesty International was the presenter. Mr. Benjamin represented Amnesty International in the final years of negotiation of the Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples at the United Nations. They also met two elders from the File Hills Agency. Mary commented, "There was a lot of information on Human Rights of Indigenous People." Jasmine felt the presentation was, "intriguing and inspirational."



ERICKSON COLLEGIATE

Principal

Barry Lee

Vice-Principal

Tricia Robson

Phone:

636-2605

Fax:

636-2383

Webpage:

**[http://
www.rrsd.mb.ca/
schools/
erick-
son_collegiate/
index.html](http://www.rrsd.mb.ca/schools/erickson_collegiate/index.html)**



From the desk of Mr. Lee...

held on October 1st in Rapid City. Congratulations to the Players who came in third in the tournament. Mr. Allen has had his Grade 11 and 12 Physical Education classes out canoeing and Mr. Samson has been busy getting the hockey season ready to go.

We are excited about some of the new courses we are offering this year. Mr. Robertson is teaching Current Topic in First Nations, Aboriginal, and Inuit Studies, Mr. Cornish is offering Drafting,

Promotions is being instructed by Mr. Waterman, and Mr. Mathews is teaching Psychology in semester two. Mrs. Boyd has created an original course called Citizenship and Social Diversity. All courses offer new and great opportunities for our students.

I am proud of how interested our students are in taking interest in local or global events and issues. The school participated in the annual Terry Fox Run and raised \$450.00 – our highest total yet! And after the Grade 7 and 8 students successfully participated with Riding Mountain National Park last year in the Great Canadian Shoreline Clean-Up, we decided to partner with the park again this year by making it a whole school event. The feedback that we got from Cate Watrous is that our students did great; they appreciated our contribution to a national undertaking and research project. There was also a fantastic photo spread in the Brandon Sun (September 23) featuring some of our students. The school will also be taking part in the “Me to We” Conference in Winnipeg in November.

Mrs. Collyer has met with the Grade 12 students to review their credits, and Mrs. Henry is busy organizing the Grade 9's Take Your Kid to Work Day (November 2) and presentations from the Safe Workers of Tomorrow. She will also be meeting with the

Grade 11 students to plan for their work experience November 21 - 25. The Grade 12's will complete their work experience January 30 – February 3.

Activities and organizations are in full swing. This year, under the guidance of Mrs. Boyd and Mr. Mathews, the junior and senior student councils have been combined into one organization. They have been meeting to plan activities they would like to do with the students this year. The TADD group and Mrs. Collyer have also met to map out what they would like to accomplish this year. They will be definitely planning activities and events for Addictions Awareness Week in November. Mrs. Gray and the Students Making a Difference (SMAD) group are preparing some neat undertakings for our school. Encourage your son or daughter to join one of these groups — there is so much they can get involved in to contribute and make a difference. Mrs. Robson has met with the graduating class to begin organizing the different committees needed for graduation on Friday, June 23, 2012. She has also held a meeting with the parents and guardians.

Picture day was Tuesday, September 27. If you daughter or son missed the day – not to worry, they can get their picture done on retake day or call Lifetouch Canada, 1-866-457-8212, to order a package based on the picture taken on picture day. Watch and listen for the retake date.

Look for interim reports to be sent home about mid October. Students in Grades 7, 8, and 9 will be receiving them, as will any other students in Grades 10, 11, and 12 that are experiencing academic, social, or behavioral difficulties.

On Tuesday, October 18, the Grade 11 and 12 students will be traveling to Minnedosa Collegiate to attend presentations by various colleges and universities.

If you have been in the school, you will have noticed the second phase of our new flooring plan (the cedar room) was completed over the summer; it looks great!

A reminder to families: you may have on-line access to your child's attendance, assignments, and reported marks. If you are interested in being able to do this, please contact Mrs. Coulson to provide her with the

Continued on Page 4

*ECI
participants in
the annual
Terry Fox
Walk/Run
raised over
\$450 for cancer
research this
year. Thanks to
all who took
part!*



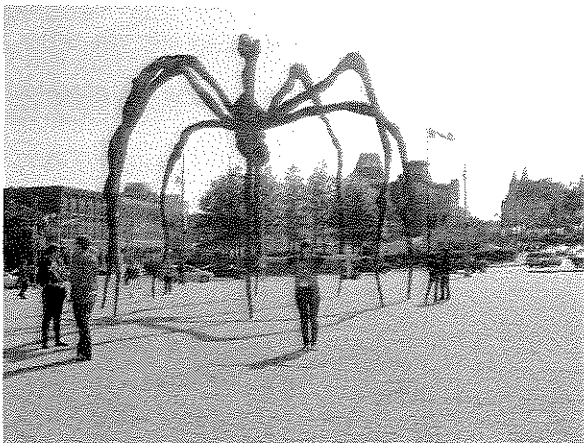
Encounters makes an impact..

Earlier this month I attended a one week Arts & Culture program in Ottawa with Encounters With Canada. I could say I had a good, entertaining week if I wanted to be brief about it, but it was so much more than that!

During my stay at the Terry Fox Youth Center I met some amazing people from across Canada! It was a really unique, diverse, and comfortable atmosphere. I made tons of new friends which I still keep in close contact with and plan to for a long time.

Now, to focus on the more historical part of the trip and the parts where I learned a lot. We visited Parliament Hill, took a tour, and sat in during Question Period in the House of Commons. It's always fun to watch the Liberals and Conservatives argue; Stephan Harper came up with some pretty laughable remarks. I saw lots of historical pieces of art, learned about them, and attended a ceremony in which I lit a candle for the grave of a Veteran at Beechwood Cemetery. I came back a very proud Canadian.

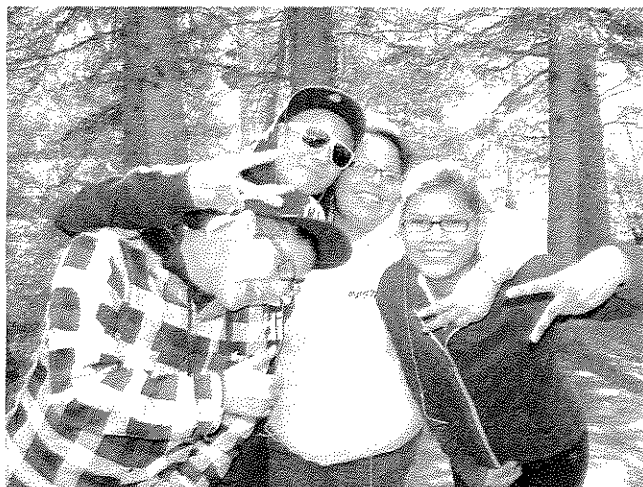
For the fun part of the week I saw multiple interesting performances from music to "inspirational" speakers



(the cool kind), and I attended workshops for dancing, art and literature. I also visited the National (art) Gallery of Canada, and attended a fun banquet and danced until 4 A.M. at the end of the week. And that's not nearly all the things I got to do!

Going to EWC was an experience I'll never, ever forget, so I **highly** recommend other students to go! There are plenty of themes for everyone and I can guarantee no matter what mood you're in when you get there you'll leave with a huge smile on your face...or bawling, like me! *By Skylar Cathcart*

Congratulations to the Junior High soccer players who placed third in the Divisional tournament held recently in Rapid City. Thanks to Mrs. McLaughlin for your hard work



Happy participants in the Shoreline Clean-up

From the office of Mr. Lee...

information she needs to be able to give you a password. Also, if your son or daughter is going to be away, please notify the school.

This year we have established a room at noon hour for students that have incomplete work. Each morning, Mrs. Robson checks an updated list from teachers that indicate which students have incomplete assignments. Those students are expected to be in Mrs. Robson's room at noon hour to complete the work.

School work takes precedence over intramurals, group meetings, or any other activity/ event being held at noon hour.

If your son or daughter needs to bring medication to school, please send a note or notify me explaining the circumstance. It will be stored in a safe place and given to the student as per instructions from the parent or guardian. Medication is not to be kept in a student's locker. If you require the school to administer the medication, there is a form that needs to be completed.

Students are encouraged to get a lock for their locker. They are not to leave valuables and money in their lockers or the change room. The school will provide a lock for any student requiring one.

Thank you to those parents and guardians that completed the URIS and other forms and returned them to the school. If you have not returned the forms, please do so immediately; the forms are important and provide us with necessary information regarding health and contacts, and they are also needed in order for your son or daughter to attend sporting events and field trips.

Parents and guardians and students are reminded that when they sign the division's Internet Acceptable Use form, they are agreeing to use our computers and the

Internet for educational purposes only. If students are on inappropriate sites, they will lose their privileges. Please encourage your son or daughter to use the school computers and internet for appropriate educational reasons. If students want to use their own personal electronic devices for school/ academic purposes, they may complete an application on their FirstClass account.

In our continued efforts to keep our school safe, drug sweeps may be conducted this year. Students, parents, and guardians are reminded that the lockers are the property of the school and may be searched at any time.

Only Grade 11 and 12 students have sign out privileges during the school day. Grade 7 – 10 students are only allowed to leave the school grounds at noon break. If your son or daughter is a smoker, they are allowed to smoke in the designated area prior to school beginning, at noon break, and after school. Students are not permitted to smoke during their work periods/ spares.

Our division is part of a southern Manitoba consortium that promotes and invites international students to study in our schools. A major key to attracting foreign students is the host family. If you are interested in hosting an international student and would like more information, you

can call me or you can visit www.studymanitoba. It would be great for our students and community to have a foreign student attend Erickson Collegiate.

As a school we are moving towards becoming more sustainable. In an effort to reduce paper usage, staff and student handbooks were made available through FirstClass and on the website, respectively. We will also not be sending home paper copies of newsletters; they will be posted on school webpage. Families will be notified via phone messages when monthly newsletters are available.

I encourage you to be involved in your daughter or son's education. If you have any questions, concerns, or comments, please phone or stop in to see me. Please support our Parent-Teacher Conference days; your attendance would be greatly appreciated. I look forward to working with the Southquill, Erickson, Onanole, and Sandy Lake communities to strive to continue to make Erickson Collegiate a great place for our students.

Have a great year and I look forward to seeing you at various ECI activities.

Barry Lee
Principal

ECI Student Council Report

We are excited about this year's Student Council; we have so many great ideas. Our Student Council this year has two student reps from each grade. In Grade 7, we have Maia and Megan; in Grade 8, we have Emily and Emma; in Grade 9, we have Kegan and Skye; in Grade 10, we have Ashaya and Katherine; in Grade 11, we have Brandy and Rebecca, and in Grade 12, we have Shane and Breanna. Rebecca is our Student Council President. We are having a "Back To School!" dance on Thursday October 6th and on the 7th we are having a fun afternoon in the gym.

By Kegan Maduke and Skye Rees, Grade 9

Meet Mrs. Henry...

My name is Melanie Henry and I am the new Career Preparation and Exploration Coordinator for Erickson and Minnedosa Collegiate. My time will be split between the two schools. I will usually be at Erickson on Monday, Tuesday and every second Friday. If you need to reach me on those days you can call me at 636-2605 or you can send me an email at mhenry@rrsd.mb.ca.

The Career Preparation and Exploration Program offers a wide variety of learning opportunities for students in high school. Students participate in:

- Take Our Kids to Work Day – November 2
- Safe Workers of Tomorrow – October 25
- Grade 11 Career Placement – November 21 – 25
- Grade 12 Career Placement – January 30 – February 3
- Brandon Career Symposium – March 5-7, 2012
- And various other presentations and workshops throughout the year

Over the next month I look forward to meeting with all of the high school students to discuss their plans for high school, career placements and life after graduation. The

Grade 11 students will have forms going home in early October. Please keep an eye out for these. The Grade 9 students will have forms for "Take Our Kids to Work" day by early October as well.

Apprenticeship is an exciting option for students who are interested in a skilled trade. Apprenticeship not only provides the student with a great opportunity to learn, earn money and gain experience but apprenticeship also offers the employer a variety of benefits. Employers may be eligible for tax incentives, funding assistance and the ability to train future employees to your company's standards.

I am excited for the 2011/12 school year. It will be a busy year full of learning and new adventures. Please call or drop by my office if you have any questions, concerns or suggestions for the program.

Library Links

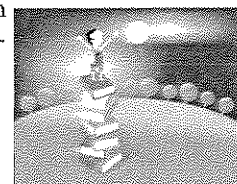
Several new books are arriving this month. Come by

the Library to check out the new titles. October Scholastic book catalogues are in and available in the folder above the water fountains or in the Library. Orders go in every Friday.

Reading Club will continue this school year in the Library on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Students are welcome to come into the Library from 12:45 – 1:15 and read.

"Breaking Dawn" is coming out in the Theatres in November! Mr. Mathews and I are planning a fieldtrip to attend the movie. Sign-up sheet is in the Library. This field trip is for Grades 9 – 12 and some fundraising is needed to attend. We will have our first meeting at 12:45 on Friday, October 14 in the Li-

~Mrs.
McInnes

***Notes from Mrs. Robson...*****Caution Fees:**

Several students have outstanding caution fees that must be dealt with as soon as possible. If there are outstanding caution fees, students may not be able to participate in some extracurricular activities and events. See Mrs. Robson if you have any questions.

Reminder to return your registration forms, URIS health forms, student fees, and computer usage forms ASAP.

Grad:

The first parent and grad meeting of the year was held on Wednesday September 21st. This meeting was to start the organization of grad. Grad this year is being held on Friday June 22nd at 3pm at the ECI gymnasium. Topics discussed that evening included finances and fundraising, venue, roles of the student committee members, and other general information. The next parent and grad meeting is scheduled for Wednesday October 19th at 7pm at the ECI library. If you have any questions about grad please contact Mrs. Robson at trobson@rrsd.mb.ca or 636-2605.

From the Guidance Office...Mrs. Collyer

Sexual Health Presentations: The ARHA Nurse Practitioner has been invited to present to the grade 10 and 11 students on STI and pregnancy prevention. Please contact Mr. Lee or Mrs. Robson if you have questions or concerns about these presentations.

Grade 11 and 12 students will be attending the Career Consortium in Minnedosa on Tuesday, Oct 18th. The Career Consortium offers students the opportunity to explore a variety of post-secondary programs. Students will be asked to attend 2 sessions of interest. Please watch for permission slips and return to the school to ensure your son or daughter's participation in the consortium.

Grade 11 and 12 students will also be registered on the **Career Cruising** website. This website provides access to an interest assessment, in-depth occupational profiles, multi-media informational reviews, comprehensive college, apprenticeship and university information, online portfolio, labour market information, and an Annual Education Plan. Please see the website at www.careercruising.com for more information. I have given each of the students a wallet sized card to record their password. Feel free to ask your son or daughter to take you for a tour on the website.

Grade 12 students have met with me to review their credits and discuss post-secondary plans. I will be assisting students to register for on-line scholarship opportunities in the next few weeks. **Students** are responsible for applying for scholarships although I will make them aware of any new opportunities that maybe available to them. I will also be sending home letters to parents regarding their credits and graduation requirements.

IMPORTANT DATES:

***if your son and/or daughter is interested in attending the following programs you maybe interested in attending the following information sessions.**

University of Winnipeg: Evening For Outstanding Students

Description: You are invited to attend The University of Winnipeg's Evening for Outstanding Students. With your parents or guardians, join us on campus for an evening of interactive faculty displays, campus tours and hands-on opportunities that will help you discover your future at The University of Winnipeg. Formal Presentations begin at 7:00 p.m. Campus Tours and booths open at 7:30.

When: Monday, October 17th, 2011, 7:00 PM - 9:30 PM

Where: The University of Winnipeg
Duckworth Centre - 400 Spence Street at Ellice
Winnipeg, MB
Canada

Contact: Student Recruitment
welcome@uwinnipeg.ca
786.9844
<http://www.uwinnipeg.ca/index/future-evening-for-outstanding-students>

The University of Manitoba: Evening of Excellence

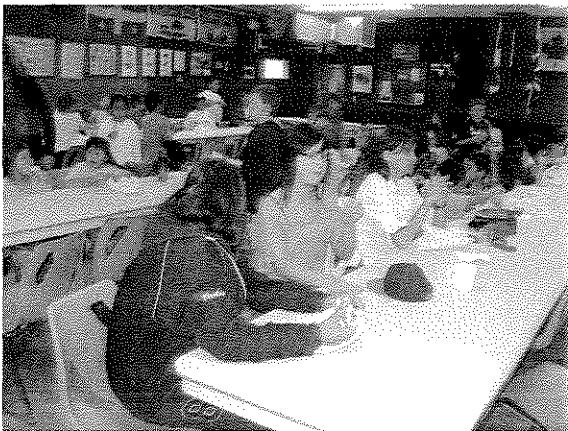
NOTE*Students with an average of 80% or greater are encouraged to attend this event.

Shoreline Clean-up a Success

By Breanna Waterman, SMAD president

On September 21 Grade 7 to 12 students, along with

Erickson Collegiate staff and students were welcomed to the Erickson Legion recently for a free hot dog and a drink in honour of Legion Day. Thanks to our local Legion Branch #138 members for the invitation!



Erickson and Onanole Elementary Schools took part in the Shoreline Clean-up. Shoreline Clean-up is an International program dedicated to cleaning up the shoreline of local lakes. Every piece of trash and recycling picked up was recorded and the data used for national research. SMAD (Students Making a Difference) organized the effort in coordination with Riding Mountain National Park.

Students spent the day hiking the shores of Clear Lake collecting garbage and recyclables including: 382 food wrappers, 233 beverage cans, 61 straws, several oil drums filled with cement, a toy slide, and 42 shoes, to name only some of the items.



From the Desk of Mrs. Gray...

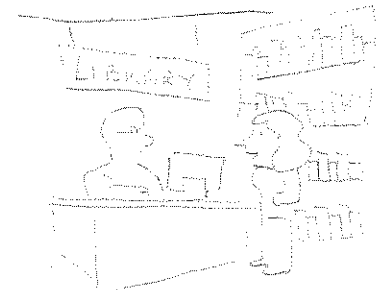
Welcome to a new school year! I'm excited to be back at Erickson Collegiate for my second year. Last year was a real learning year for me, as it was the first year I was based part-time in a school, as opposed to working as a Behaviour Specialist for the whole school division. Being in a school really allows me to get to know all the students and staff, and gives me the opportunity to support people in a different way than when I am flying from one school to another.

Since my area of expertise is in understanding human behaviour, my job is to provide support to people in trying to figure out why people do what they do, and how we can best deal with the challenges of living and working with others. For students, it may be questions like "Why does that kid keep bugging me?" or "What can I do to solve this conflict I'm having with my friend?" For staff, it may be "What can I do to motivate my students?" or "How can I help a student to feel more comfortable in our school?" or "How do I diffuse a tense situation?"

This year, my role is being expanded to provide this support to families as well. So, if you have questions about how to avoid homework wars, or how to keep the lines of communication open between you and your teen, or how to help your child deal with a difficult situation, give me a call! You can reach me by phone at 636-2605 or by email at rgray@rrsd.mb.ca. I look forward to this opportunity to partner with you at home to support our students in achieving their highest potential!

Have a great year!

Rebecca Gray



"I'm looking for something in a teen to English dictionary"

FCC FOOD DRIVE

- WHO: - GRADE 8 CLASS OF ERICKSON COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE
- WHAT: - COLLECTING FOOD FOR THE FCC FOOD DRIVE
- WHERE: - ERICKSON AND SURROUNDING AREA
- WHEN: - SEPTEMBER 26TH TO OCTOBER 13TH
- WHY: - TO COLLECT FOOD FOR ERICKSON AND SURROUNDING AREA LOCAL FOOD BANK LOCATED AT MINNEDOSA UNITED CHURCH

Call Erickson Collegiate for scheduled pick up at 1-204-636-2605

OR...You can drop off your non-perishable food items at the school between 8:30 and 3:30. Other places you can donate food or money are: CO-OP Grocery Store, Royal Bank, and Credit Union

Most Needed Items

- Pasta Products and Rice
- Canned Meat and Fish
- Dry and Canned Soups, Stews
- Canned Fruit and Vegetables
- Flour
- Breakfast Cereal
- Peanut Butter
- Canned or Powdered Milk
- Fruit Juices
- Pasta Sauce
- Beans and Legumes
- Infant Formula and Baby Food
- And non perishable food items

Items that will not be accepted

- Meat
- Milk and Dairy Products
- Fresh Vegetables
- And Perishable Food Items

