

MCI Newsletter

SEPTEMBER 24, 2007

Principal's Message

WELCOME BACK!!

The 2007-2008 year is well under way as we are already into our 4th week of school. Welcome to our new students, Dmitry Bayraktar, Yulia Senina, Kelsey Chambers, Melody Chen, and our grade 9's.

We also welcome our new staff members, Miss Forsman, who will be at MCI for the first semester, and Mrs. Soltys. Mrs. Soltys is our new half time Career Preparation & Exploration Coordinator.

We are looking forward to a great year with a number of academic, athletic, and school service opportunities for our students.

Communication

Please do not wait until Parent/Teacher interviews to find out how your son or daughter is doing in school. Call the school at 867-2794 or e-mail teachers directly (addresses are listed on the school webpage at www.rrsd.mb.ca/mci

If you would like to receive school information such as newsletters, upcoming dates, and school notices via e-mail, please email Genelle at the office: gbilcowski@rrsd.mb.ca or mc@rrsd.mb.ca

MCI OPEN HOUSE

Wednesday
Sept. 26th
7:00 pm-8:30 pm

Friday Sept. 28th
Inservice Day
no school

2006-2007 Yearbooks are in

Last year's yearbook "For MCI's Only" are in! If you have a graduate from last year who ordered one, would you please make arrangements for pick up at MCI. If your child did not order one and they would like one, a few extras are being sold on a "first come, first served" basis. The cost for last year's book is \$60.

This year's yearbook is now being sold. The cost for it is \$48, plus around \$2 for personalization (your name and icon). They are being sold at the office at lunch time, please get your copy reserved soon.

www.rrsd.mb.ca/mci

M.C.I. Daily Schedule

Warning bell	8:50 am
Homeroom	8:55-9:00 am
Period 1	9:00—10:01 am
Period 2	10:03—11:04 am
AM Break	11:04—11:11 am
Period 3	11:12 am—12:13 pm
Noon Hour	12:13—12:58 pm
Period 4	12:58—2:07 pm
PM Break	2:07—2:15 pm
Period 5	2:16—3:25 pm

POINTS OF INTEREST:

- **Parents/Guardians:** Please remember to call the school if your son or daughter will be late or absent. **867-2794**
- **school clothes**
MCI sweatshirts, T-shirts and shorts will be available for ordering in now through the Credit Union Youth Board. Listen for announcements or see Mrs. Barrett to order.
- **student fees**
student council is collecting a \$10 student fee from each MCI student to help fund their activities this year—receipts will be issued for each fee paid
- A big congratulations goes out to **Mrs. DeMontigny** who has finished her Master's Degree in Special Education this summer. You've worked hard to achieve your goal and we are very proud of you. Congratulations!

Student Council Report

Our year here at MCI started with a busy "freshie" week that included:

- 3 spirit dress up days
- Grade 9 blind folded pudding "eating"
- Pillow jousting
- Freshie dance with 131 students in attendance
- Crowning of the freshie king and queen
- Kangaroo court

Student council members traveled to Killarney on Sept. 20-22 for the Provincial Leadership Conference.

Everyone is welcome to attend student council meetings held on Day 2 in room 5.

Career Preparation & Exploration

Hello everyone,

My name is Marlies Soltys and I have been hired as the new Career Preparation and Exploration Coordinator. I am very excited to be coordinating this program and am looking forward to meeting all the students and getting to know them. I would like to make this program available to all of our students as the benefits to it are fantastic.

We have been offering the Career Preparation and Exploration program for a number of years and it is beneficial to both the students and the workplaces they choose. I would like to get as many students involved in this program as possible. We will be participating in "Take Your Kids to Work Day" for our grade 9 students on November 7th. Information and a date for an informative evening for parents will be set up shortly.

I welcome any input or ideas that anyone has to offer on this program therefore please feel free to contact me. I am available every morning in my office which is located at the west end of MCI. You can also phone me at the school at 867-2794, or email me at msoltys@rrsd.mb.ca

Through the Career Preparation & Exploration Program, we can make a huge difference for our youth and community. Together we can make it possible for our children to attain their goals and dreams!!

Marlies Soltys

Universal Student Accident Insurance School Newsletter Information

The Board of Trustees of the Rolling River School Division is pleased to provide a Universal Student Accident Insurance Program covering all students registered in the Rolling River School Division.

The insurance provides coverage for all full time students registered in the Rolling River School Division while:

1. in or on school buildings or premises by reason of attending classes on any regular school day;
2. in attendance at or participating in any school activity approved and supervised by a proper school authority, whether at school or elsewhere;
3. traveling directly to or from any regularly scheduled and approved school activity under the direction or supervision of a proper school authority;
4. traveling directly to or from their residence and school for the purpose of attending classes or participating in any school sponsored activity.
5. participating in physical education activities taking place as part of the grades 9 to 12 Physical Education Curriculum as approved by proper school authority;
6. engaged in the performance of the duties assigned to the Insured Person while he/she is participating in a school approved work experience program.

Please note that the coverage provided by this plan compliments but does not replace the voluntary student accident insurance that is offered and available through Reliable Life Insurance each fall. The coverage is excess of benefits provided by Manitoba Health and excess of benefits available to the student under any group benefits program

The benefits of the Universal Accident Insurance Plan and information and the Voluntary Accident Insurance plan are listed in detail on the Rolling River School Division website at www.rrsd.mb.ca under the Parents heading at Student Accident Insurance link.

Congratulations Candice!

Next time you are passing by the office, have a look at the Student Council white board at MCI's talent and hard work. A HUGE congratulations goes out to our artist, Candice Wright. Candice's UCT safety poster placed first at the regional level and then was sent on to nationals. She then placed third at nationals in Columbus, Ohio.

Candice chose Railroad Safety as her theme. She worked very hard at painting her poster, using very little computer generated pictures.

Way to go Candice!!!



Upcoming Assembly

Mrs. Roberta Galbraith will make a brief, on Thursday September 27th at 9:00. She will discuss Rotarian Exchanges and upcoming leadership workshops and camps. Following this, there will be a brief demonstration from students regarding our "Reach for the Top" team.

Post Secondary Opportunities

On Tuesday October 16th, Minnedosa Collegiate will be hosting a Post Secondary Symposium for grade 11 and 12 students. Representatives from Manitoba universities colleges and technical schools will be providing information on: programs, enrolment procedures, application deadlines and scholarships, as well as answering questions about continuing education. In addition, representatives from Manitoba Education and Training Apprenticeship Program and the Armed Forces will also be presenting information on career/trade options. Erickson students will be joining us. See Mrs. McNabb if you have any questions.

Gym Blast

MCI will be hosting a Gym Blast on the afternoon of Wednesday, October 24th. This is a jam-packed, fun-filled, 2 hour afternoon for students and staff alike. The event is designed for fun and team co-operation. Participation is key! The school will be divided into four teams, dressed in four different colours. Each team will go to one corner of the gym and compete with the other three teams in various fast paced activities. We encourage all students and staff to participate.

Fair Warning

As part of our school's Crisis Response protocol, our Code of Conduct and Crisis Response Manual include process for dealing with high risk behavior. In light of extremely violent situations that occur in schools each year (i.e. Columbine, Taber, Virginia Tech) schools must be prepared to deal with threats and violence. The purpose of this article is to serve as "Fair Notice" to students and parents that any type of threat will be dealt with by the Threat Assessment team which may include, but not limited to, school staff, RCMP, CFS, Regional Health Authority, specialists, and Probation.

The high-risk behaviours addressed in this protocol include but are not limited to:

- possession of weapons or materials and instruments which can actually or potentially inflict harm, injury or duress upon another person
- bomb threats
- verbal/written threats to kill or injure others
- internet website/email threats to kill or injure others
- gang activity

Threats may be written, verbal, drawn, posted on the internet or made by gesture only. Threats may be direct, indirect, conditional or veiled.

Any person in school having knowledge of high-risk student behaviour or having reasonable grounds to believe there is a potential for high-risk behaviour shall promptly report the information to the school administration and/or their designates.

It is important to consider the above statements as "fair warning" that these behaviours will not be tolerated. See Division policy at www.rrsd.mb.ca

MCI Sports

MCI Boys Golf Team Wraps Up its Season

Congratulations to the MCI Golf team who represented the school very well this year. Qualifying for the Zone 7 tournament on September 14th were:

Derek Cameron	Brady Ingenmey
Jon Kowal	Chris Krutkewich
Stephen Roche	Dustin Burgess
Brody Stone	Tyler Jury

Unfortunately, the team did not qualify for this year's Provincial tournament as they finished 3rd in the Zone.

Soccer

Both our boys' and girls' soccer teams are well underway with practice, league play (which began September 18th) and tournament. Both teams competed in Winkler's tournament September 15th, and Stonewall's tournament on September 22nd.

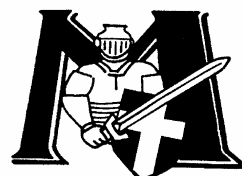
MCI will be hosting their own tournament this Saturday, September 29th.

Good Luck teams!!

Volleyball

All our teams are well underway practicing. League play begins the first week of October, with our Junior Varsity teams playing host to MacGregor on Monday, October 1st.

Good Luck!



September 2007

23/ 30	Day 2 24	Day 3 25	Day 4 26	Day 5 27	28	29
				Short Assembly 9:00 AM	Div. Inservice No School	

October 2007

	Day 6 1	Day 1 2	Day 2 3	Day 3 4	Day 4 5	6
7	8	Day 5 9	Day 6 10	Day 1 11	Day 2 12	13
	Thanksgiving Day No School					
14	Day 3 15	Day 4 16	Day 5 17	Day 6 18	Day 1 19	20
		Post-Secondary Workshop 1:00 pm Grades 11-12				
21	Day 2 22	Day 3 23	Day 4 24	Day 5 25	Day 6 26	27
			Gym Blast 1:00 pm			
28	Day 1 29	Day 2 30	Day 3 31			