



newsletter

November 2010

Minnedosa Collegiate Service of Remembrance

November 10, 2010

11:00 am

in the MCI Gym



MCI Parent-Teacher Interviews

Thursday Nov 18 – 5:00 -7:00

Friday Nov 19 – 9:00-12:00 & 1:00-3:30

Parent-Teacher Interview Notes:

Mr. Ridgen will be coaching our JV Girls Volleyball Team at Provincials in Souris on Nov 18-20. Due to this commitment he will not be available for interviews at the times above. However if you have any questions or concerns feel free to contact him to make arrangements to meet. You can contact him by phone (867-2794) or email bridgen@rrsd.mb.ca

Yearbook Sale!

2010-2011

Yearbooks are now on Sale

Purchase yours before December 3rd
to receive a \$10 discount—
only \$55 per yearbook

This year in your MCI Yearbook:

- More pages—now **80** full colour pages!
- See yourself at least 3 times in the yearbook—every MCI student 3x!

Order yours in Mrs. Enns' room during the lunch hour.

note: If you still haven't got your 2009-2010 yearbook there are a few extras for sale for \$70 each.

YIKES DAY 2010

MCI's third annual YIKES Day (Your Individual Keys to Ensure Success) was held on Wed. Nov 3. This year the theme was goal setting.

The day started with all the Grade 10-12 students in the gym for the keynote address by Jared Funk, wheelchair rugby Olympian. Jared shared his story and how his goals continually changed as his life changed. Jared was very inspiring, and fun to listen to. He also brought his completion wheelchairs out and let us have a try at playing his sport. Jared was with us for the entire day, and had break out sessions with the students to explain the importance of having goals set in life. Jared was brought to us by the Royal Bank of Minnedosa and we appreciate their continued support.

Student council then had some fantastic and fun activities for us to get us moving.

Kristy Findlay of Yellowhead Regional Employment Skills and Services was here for the day. Kristy taught us how to set SMART goals (S-Specific, M-Measurable, A-Achievable, R-Realistic, T- Time based). We all had to write down one of our goals and then we broke that goal down into smaller steps and figured out how to make it a smart goal. Finally we tried to think of any barriers to our reaching our chosen goal.

Also presenting at YIKES Day was Rebecca Gray, the social worker for our school division. Rebecca had us go through an auction process, where we were each given \$2000, to bid on goals such as Prime Minister of Canada, to Live a Happy Life, to Never be Sick, to be a Famous Rock Star and many more. We discussed how why bid on those items, if we got what we wanted and how we felt when we were outbid. Ms. Gray then related it all back to our own personal goals and how we had to work to attain them.

At the end of the day we all wrote down a Minnedosa Chancellor Goal, which were then posted on our Chancellor Pride wall. Looking at all of the posted goals, you can certainly see all the ambition of all the MCI students who attended YIKES Day.

This was a very worthwhile school day as it provided an opportunity for all of us to learn things in a different setting that was hands-on, fun and unique. All those that attended would agree that we all took something from the day that we will use in the future.

Career Preparation and Exploration

Things have been moving right along in the Career Preparation & Exploration Program. We had our Grade 11's go out into their first Career Placement on October 21 and 22. Students came back with many stories and I look forward to reading their assignments. With that in mind, if you are a grade 11 student, parent or guardian, please remind them to get their assignments returned to me as soon as possible.

Our Grade 10's will be going out at the end of this month, November 29 and 30. If you are/have a grade 10 student, please make sure your forms are handed in and if you have ideas as to where to go, please let me know.

This week we also had our Grade 9's participate in the national "Take Our Kids to Work" Day (Wednesday, November 4). All of our grade 9 students went to work with a parent, relative, or to a place that they found interesting. Students all across Canada participated in this day, and always get the ball rolling on conversations regarding future careers and such. Prior to this day, the students attended a presentation given to them by Safe Workers of Tomorrow, which showed all the students the dangers that they could face at a work place, and to always put safety first.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns you can always reach me at 867-2794. I am here every Wednesday, Thursday and every other Friday.

Marlies Soltys
Career Coordinator

J.V. Girls Volleyball

The Chancellor JV girls volleyball team is currently ranked #1 for Rural JV Girls in the province. This season has been very successful for the girls thus far. They have won two tournaments this year in Portage and Boissevain. More recently the girls defeated Elton in 3 sets to win the Zone championships. This gives the girls a birth in the Provincial Championships on November 18-20 in Souris. The girls have worked very hard to improve their skills over the course of the season including many 7 am practices and their hard work has really started to pay off. Best of luck to the following players and their coaches: Ms Muirhead and Mr. Ridgen on their quest for a Rural Provincial Championship:

Carlene Dmytriw
Shanea Murdock
Kaitlyn Burgess
Charity Marchischuk
Cassandra Cardy
Sydney Ingenmey
Emily MacDonald
Melissa Clark
Tayler McTavish



Boys Soccer Team attends Provincials in Swan River

Chancellor Soccer teams had a successful fall season. It finished off with our Boys Soccer team winning a wildcard spot to compete in Provincials October 15 and 16 at Swan Valley Collegiate. Throughout the season MacGregor was our rival, and we were unable to come out on top of our league. However, we were awarded a wildcard game based on our successful overall record, and travelled to Winkler to face Niverville. By winning handily against Niverville, we were off to Swan River with very short notice! Three games were played in Swan River, with one win against Hamiota, and losses against Stonewall and R.D.Parker of Thompson. While the team was very focused on the athletic side of Provincials, we also enjoyed the weekend away in the Duck Mountains. Special thanks to Daryl at Division Office, Bill Crooks for driving us, and the transportation department in Swan Valley for making it all work!

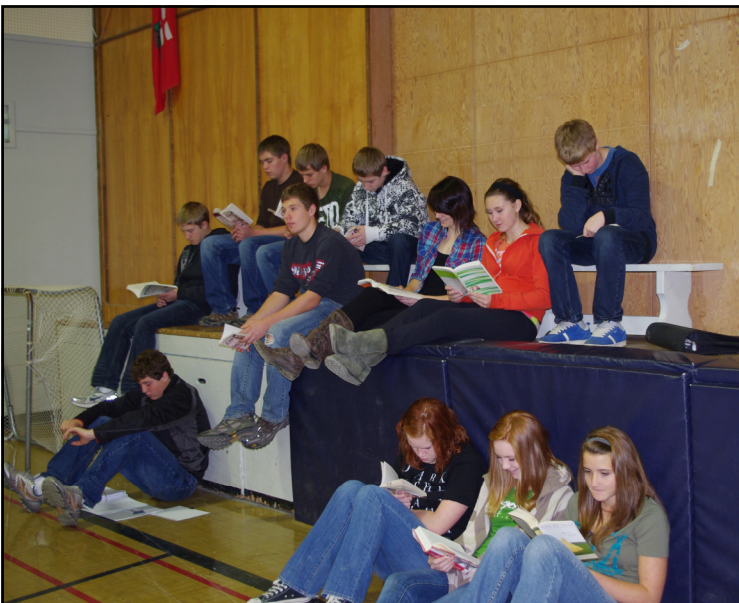
Cross Country Running Provincials

Cross Country running is a sport that is gaining in popularity at Minnedosa Collegiate. We had a number of students running the hills of the golf course and at the fairgrounds to train for this demanding sport. Girls run 3 km, boys run 5 km, but the challenges of the course at Spruce Woods lie in the constantly changing terrain and the many hills. Nine students competed at Zones in September, with five returning to compete against hundreds of students from across the province at Provincials in October. Congratulations to Breanne Morgan, Tyler Foy, Gordie Ross, Cassie Ross and Justin McKinnon for an excellent run.

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DROP EVERYTHING & READ!

To celebrate Manitoba School Library Day on October 25th, 125 students and staff participated in "Drop Everything and Read". For 20 minutes everyone met in the gym, read material of their own choosing, simply for pleasure of reading.





HOST FAMILIES NEEDED

The Rolling River School Division has joined a consortium of southwestern Manitoba School Divisions and formed a partnership to provide an international student program. The name of the consortium is
STUDY MANITOBA SCHOOL DIVISIONS.

A key requirement to accept international student to its schools will be the placement of students with host families in the Rolling River School Division.

STUDY MANITOBA SCHOOL DIVISIONS is the organization that will coordinate and manage the homestay component of the program.

The Rolling River School Division encourages any potential host families to contact and apply for a homestay placement through STUDY MANITOBA SCHOOL DIVISIONS.

Visit www.studymanitoba.ca for more information about this exciting initiative and how you can participate as a host family in the homestay program.

SCHOOL BUS CANCELLATIONS

R.R.S.D. Administration monitors winter weather conditions and makes decisions to run or cancel school bus service on a daily basis when required. This process includes the analysis of local forecasts, wind chill values, road conditions, and information available from area contact persons.

The School Division has adopted a wind chill value of -47° Celsius as a reference point that corresponds closely with the former 2300 watts. Although serious consideration is given to the cancellation of buses at this temperature, actually outside temperature is also considered prior to declaring a cancellation.

When the Division deems that weather conditions are not favorable for school bus transportation, school buses will be cancelled and communicated to Parents and Students as follows:

1. Division wide cancellation of bus service will be announced on local Radio stations by 7:30 AM. Parents will not be personally contacted in the event of a Division-wide shut down.
2. If bus service is cancelled in specific areas but not for all routes in the Division, Bus Drivers will contact each parent to advise them of the cancellation for their specific route. Buses cancelled in the morning due to weather conditions will not operate in the afternoon.

Parents are encouraged to ensure their children are properly dressed for winter travel conditions and are ready to board the bus when it arrives. Rolling River School Division will respect a Parent's decision to keep their children off the bus on days when they feel weather or road conditions are in question.

For more information contact:

Daryl Tesarowski, Transportation Supervisor at 867-2754 extension 1.

S.W.A.T.

On October 27th, MCI hosted a SWAT workshop. S.W.A.T. stands for (**Student's Working Against Tobacco**). The aim of SWAT is getting students actively involved as anti-tobacco control leaders in their school and in their communities. The foundation of this grassroots movement is in response to tobacco companies who actively recruit young people to become consumers of their products. To counter this we are actively recruiting young people to become anti-tobacco activists in their communities and schools.

S.W.A.T. is a grassroots student-led program that educates other young people about the health risks associated with tobacco use. It is interactive and a highly effective model which stresses student voice and student engagement.

It should be noted that this program is based on one of the cornerstones of tobacco control which is prevention and education. All presentations are done by the students for students this model is highly effective in connecting with students, supporting student voice and student learning in schools.

Participating schools were MCI, TCS, Elton Collegiate, Neepawa Collegiate, Neelin High School and West Kildonan Collegiate. The day was a great success and the students involved are excited to get started on their awareness campaigns. MCI and TCS students will be joining forces and working together to come up with creative fun ways to raise awareness in the schools and community. The members of the MCI SWAT team that participated are:

Tayler McTavish	Deanna Alexander
Emilie Desjardins	Ryan Mansell
Sydney Kartanson	Kristen Hedley-Brown
Kendall Prettie	Larissa Instance
Jennie Smith	Paxton Johnson
Destiny Burnside	Braden DeMontigny

The group is actively seeking other students who would like to get involved and help create a voice against the dangers of tobacco use.