

the lance & shield

www.rrsd.mb.ca/mci



School Plan

Each year, every school in Manitoba is required to submit a School Plan to the Department of Education. In June, schools are also required to report on how that plan went. It is our intent to have our June 2005 Community Report on our school web page so that more parents can access it. If you do not have Internet access and would like a copy, please call the school and we can provide you with one.

Our 2005-2006 School Plan will also be on-line very shortly. Our priorities include:

1. Improving student literacy
2. Improving technology use and access
3. Improving school climate and the MCI profile within our community

In our plan, we have detailed the strategies we intend to utilize in order to achieve our goals, as well as the data sources and indicators that will assist us in determining our level of success.

If you would like a copy of our school plan, please stop in and we will provide you with one.

If you would like to discuss the direction of our 2006-2007 school plan, please call or meet with me at your convenience.

Mr. M. Ingenmey

Communication

Each school year, we try to improve the way we communicate with parents and our community. Some of these methods have included our sign on Main Street and the resurgence of our M.C.I. newsletter. We are also trying to re-establish the "Eye on MCI" in the local newspaper. In addition, our school web page (www.rrsd.mb.ca/mci/) is an excellent source of information and a great way to access staff e-mail addresses in the event that you would like to communicate directly with our teachers.

If you are not receiving newsletters, annual community reports, copies of our school plan, or any other specific information, please let us know (867-2794). If you have e-mail and would like to be put on our distribution list, please let us know.

Finally, if you have any ideas of how we can better communicate please call me directly or e-mail me at mingenmey@rrsd.mb.ca

Mr. M. Ingenmey

Library News:

A brief reminder to students to return their library books in a timely fashion as other students would like access to the books. All lost books are charged to the student's caution fees. We have a wide variety of books and magazines for students to read so if you have spare time drop in and check us out.

The MCI Book Club has had its first meeting and will continue to meet on the last Day 3 of every month. There are 12 very enthusiastic members. The first book chosen by the members is Angus, Thongs and Full-Frontal Snogging by Louise Rennison. If anyone wants to join please come to our next meeting. **The next meeting is Wednesday October 26, in the library at 12:15.**

The Winnipeg Free Press is now available online in the library thanks to the Newspapers in Education program which provides free papers to schools for use in the classrooms.

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

Parents,

Crystal Methamphetamine is an incredibly dangerous drug that is ruining lives. None of us want to see the lives of young people irreparably damaged by drugs and schools are a logical place to try to prevent this from happening.

Although we do not feel that crystal methamphetamine abuse is prevalent in our region, we are not going to be naive and say it cannot happen here. The Saskatchewan Strategic Plan for Crystal Meth. says that, "Methamphetamine use in Saskatchewan is a serious concern and a significant public health and social challenge. It affects a diverse population particularly youth and adults."

The Rolling River School Division is developing initiatives to promote awareness of this drug and to educate students, parents and community members about its dangers.

Our first initiative is to have presentations for all of our Grade 7-Senior 4 students. These will be delivered by Mitch Dorge, former member of the Crash Test Dummies band. These presentations will be held during the week of November 28th and parents are welcome to attend.

Parents and community members will be informed of other initiatives as they are formalized.

Thank you,
R.N. Whitley
Superintendent of Schools

NOTE: the MCI presentation by Mitch Dorge will take place on November 28th at 9:00 am.

YWCA Conference

A Young Women's Conference, sponsored by YWCA Brandon, was held on October 15, 2005 at Neelin High School. Kayla Hudon and Rachel Nodding from MCI and Jessica Rapley and Jennifer Lohead from TCS, along with Counsellor Mrs. McNabb attended this daylong event.

Students were educated in an interactive manner in various workshops: Non-Traditional Careers, Assertiveness, Bullying, Healthy Relationships, Teens and Drugs, Leadership/Community Involvement, Tough Times for Teens, Body Images and Girls and the Internet.

To add to the fun, more than forty –five girls from Westman participated in both Belly and Latin Dancing. They wrapped up the day making their own journals and even came home with several door prizes.

Interviews with our "Freshie" Teachers

By: Aaron Hutton

Welcome to Mrs. Roche and Ms. Hamel who joined our staff in September. I spent a few minutes with each of them to bring you a bit of information about each of them.

Ms. Hamel

teaches: science and S2 computers

hometown: Pierson, Manitoba

school: Brandon University, where she majored in Zoology and minored in Mathematics.

favorite colour: blue

favorite movie: Fever Pitch

Mrs. Roche

teaches: english

hometown: Durban, South Africa

school: Cape Town University where she got her Bachelor of Arts in English and Geography, and a Masters in City Planning. She also got her graduate diploma in Teaching from Brandon University.

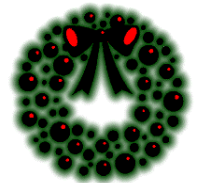
favorite food: Thai food

favorite book: No comment, only saying it was a hard question for an English teacher to answer

TADD – Teens Against Drinking and Driving

TADD is up and running again this year and we are spreading the word that Friends Don't Let Friends Drink and Drive. MCI TADD is a dedicated group of students and advisors who meet to educate and inform our community about the dangers of drinking and driving, and to remind each other that we always have a choice: Stay sober, have a designated driver, call a friend or parent, or take a cab...Never get in a vehicle with a driver who has been drinking.

Once again, we will be raising funds and awareness by selling Christmas Wreaths. These beautiful balsam wreaths make great gifts and smell like Christmas! Only \$25.00 each, they will arrive in plenty of time for the holidays. Just ask Mrs. Ross, Mrs. McNabb or any TADD member. Also watch for Candy Canes!



WE'RE NOT TRYING TO CHANGE YOUR LIFE, WE'RE TRYING TO SAVE IT!

Power Mechanics News

The automotive industry is undergoing a rapid change due to advances in technology. This involves a large expense in equipment and training to keep educational standards current and relevant. Over the past few years we have been updating equipment and training in our power mechanics program and have accomplished a great deal. This is by no means an inexpensive venture. The provincial government has realized the plight of the education system in this regard and has made an additional funding allotment for special equipment updates in the high school automotive programs. We were very pleased at Minnedosa Collegiate when our application for assisted funding under this program was approved for this year.

We were approved for an equipment and professional development grant of approximately \$32,000. This money has been earmarked for the purchase of a new diagnostic scanner with a lab scope and five gas analysers required for training in automotive service and diagnostics of the modern automobile. As well, some of the funds have been allocated for equipment to be able to offer training in the automotive air conditioning service field. We will also be able to purchase a new parts blast cabinet for the cleaning and refurbishing of aluminum and other sensitive parts.



MCI SPORTS

Junior Varsity Girls Volleyball Update

The Junior Varsity Girls volleyball season began with practices in early September and has almost come to a close with playoffs beginning the first week on November. The girls played incredible in the Killarney Tournament on October 22nd and placed 2nd, losing to Killarney in the final. The JV team will also be attending the Roblin tournament on November 4th and 5th.

MCI's JV volleyball team consists of the following 19 players: Karen Bailey, Alyssa McDonald, Angie Woloshyn, Stephanie Cook, Stephanie Kuby, Lisa Haynes, Amy Stevenson, Emily Hamel, Jacelyn Wahoski, Haley Foxton, Kayla Hudon, Julia Comrie, Jessica Glasgow, Kiersten McNabb, Margaux Kitsch, Mary Dal-

Senior Varsity Girls Soccer Update

by Brittany Abel

The Senior Varsity Girls Soccer season began in late August. The girls played their hardest in the Winkler tournament and finished in 2nd place, losing to Garden Valley in the final. The girls had a very successful season, making it to league play offs. In the semi-final, the girls defeated rivers and went on to the play off final where they were defeated by Neepawa. The girls played incredible in the 2005 Rural Soccer Provincials on October 14 and 15 and came out with a bronze medal.

We would like to give thanks to Mrs. Nylen for the time and dedication that she gave to the team as their coach and for organizing the 2005 Soccer Provincials. We highly appreciate her efforts and hope that she will coach next year!

We would also like to say farewell to the graduating players; Brandi Pollon, Elisha McLean, Courtney Collins, and Willeke Vanmeijl; good luck in the future, we will miss you!



2005-2006 Chancellors Hockey Home Game

Schedule

November	22	8:00	Rivers/ Elton
November	29	8:00	Major Pratt
December	2	8:30	Reston/Pierson
December	6	8:00	Birtle
December	13	8:00	Killarney/ Wawanesa
December	23	8:30	Boissevain
January	6	8:30	Hamiota
January	17	8:30	Neepawa
February	7	8:00	Vincent Masey
February	10	8:30	Souris Valley



2005-06 Golf Season

By Aaron Hutton

Congratulations to the boys golf team for another successful year. The golf team competed at the zone meet in Carberry and won beating Neepawa by only a few strokes. Steven Roche, Matthew Wahoski, Michael Coutts, and Brett McNabb moved on to the provincial meet in Killarney where they did well. Thank you to Mr. Ingenmey for his help this year.

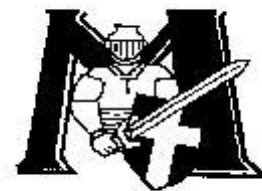
A reminder to the MCI student body that golf isn't just for boys. It would be nice to see a girls golf team out on the green next year since there are few girls teams that compete each year
Participants: Steven Roche, Matthew Wahoski, Michael Coutts, Brett McNabb, Tyler Jury, Chris Krutkewich, Brad Snyder, and Andrew Richards

Boys Soccer Team Wraps Up

The boys soccer team had a good season this year. Although few in numbers, they worked as a team. The boys competed in Provincials this year and played well against tough competition.

Thanks to Steven Smith and Mrs. Roche for dedicating their time and help this year to make the team possible.

Participants: Cory Butler, Rick Cooper, Michael Coutts, Daniel Davies, Hayden Donahoe, Sean Dyck, Ryan Galbraith, Thomas Harrison, Nicholas McKinnon, Sam Parish, Stephen Roche, Mac Ross, Sean Smith, Wynn van Meijl.



HAVE YOUR SAY

Before the end of November you will be receiving a survey from RRSB regarding school division programming and the school your child attends. It would be appreciated if you would take the time to complete the survey and return it in the envelope provided. Thank you.

November 2005 & Mid Term Exam Schedule

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Day 1	2 Day 2	3 Day 3	4 Day 4	5
6	7 Day 5	8 Day 6	9 Day 1	10 Day 2	11 No School Remembrance Day	12
13 MID TERMS	14 MID TERMS 9:00 am - 12:00 pm Applied Tech 21G Pre-Calc Math 40S ELA: Comp 40S Science 10F	15 MID TERMS 9:00 am - 12:00 pm ELA 10F Applied Math 20S Engine Fund. 20S Applied Math 40S Applied Math 30S	16 MID TERMS 9:00 am - 12:00 pm Science 20F Geography 20G ELA 30S Consumer Math 40S Physics 40S Power Mech. 10G	17 Day 6	18 No school Inservice Day Grad photos taken at MCI by appointment	19
20	21 Day 1 1:00 pm - 3:30 pm Basic Service 20G Retailing 20S Consumer Math 30S	22 Day 2 1:00 pm - 3:30 pm ELA 20F History 30S Biology 40S Alt. Math 10F	23 Day 3 1:00 pm - 3:30 pm CAPP 20G	24 Day 4 P/T Interviews 6:00 pm -8:00 pm	25 P/T Interviews All Day	26
27	28 Day 5	29 Day 6	30 Day 1 Report cards sent home	December 2 Deadline for course withdrawal for Semester 1		