

December arrives with holidays on the horizon...

As the days slowly get shorter and we reach this special time of year it's amazing to look back and see how far we've come so far. The RC MacDonald school community is truly a close knit and caring group of students, parents, staff and extended family members. The care and support you provide to your children is visible everyday here at school. Student engagement in all types of learning activities is keen, questioning, eager and inclusive.



As we wrap up Term 1 students are busy working on learning across the curriculum. The "Story of Us" project is now on display from Divisions 3,4 and 5. Please come in the school to have a look. The "Me2We" group made the trip to Roger's Arena for an exciting day. The Grade 5 Volleyball team is practicing up for the December tournament.



The PAC continues to work on initiatives to support learning in our school including School Skating Day, E Prep, Scholastic Book Fair, Purdy's Chocolates and Creative Kids Cards. The PAC has also expressed interest in school clubs and programs – see newsletter for details about Term 2 offerings. The next PAC event will be the Pancake Breakfast (with special guest!) on Friday December 21st.

Preparations are underway for our Christmas Concert which will have showings at 1:45 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 19th. We look forward to seeing relatives out for this terrific event.

Teachers and students have worked extremely hard academically through our first term. Report cards will be coming home on December 20th.

In the true spirit of the season we are working together to package up two wonderful Christmas Hampers for families in need- please sign up at the online link in this newsletter.

On behalf of all staff I wish you and your family a wonderful holiday season.

Sincerely,

Theresa Roberts, Acting Principal



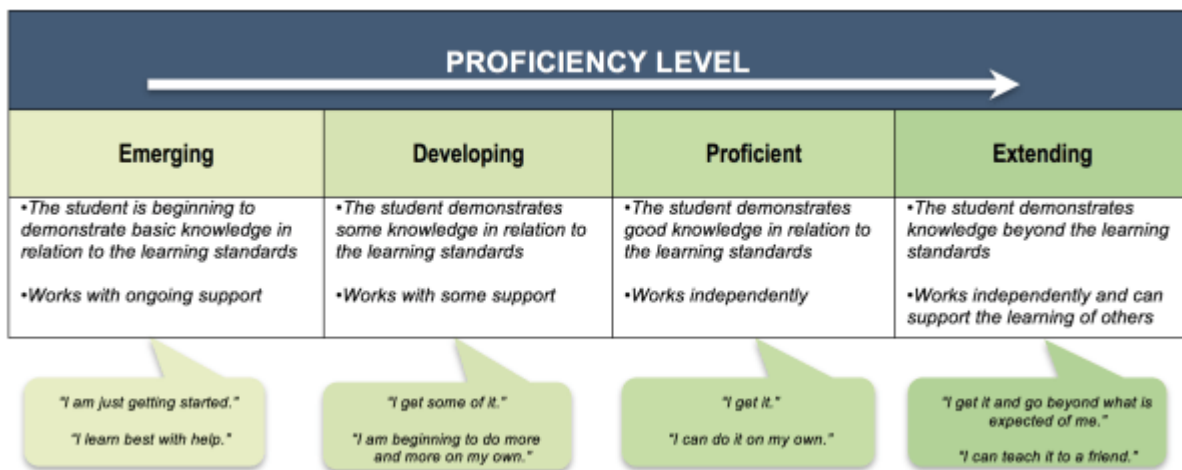


CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

RC Mac will be supporting Christmas Hampers for two needy families in the local area. The hampers will be put together with help from our Me2We students and then delivered by Mrs. Roberts on December 17th. Please click on the link to see what items are needed. Thank you in advance for your collective support. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0B4BA5AD2FA1FE3-christmas>

COMMUNICATING STUDENT LEARNING- Report Card Changes

School District 43 is in the process of updating the report card formats to more closely align with the revised curriculum and formatted to work within the MyEd computer platform. December's report cards will be much like those from the 2017-2018 year with some changes. One notable change is the words to describe student progress – please see the proficiency scale diagram below. Another notable change is that all student progress will be indicated using the proficiency scale – no letter grades. Please note: there continues to be a display posted on the rolling chalkboard in the school library showing the updates for this year and parents are welcome to ask questions at their convenience.





CLUBS AT RC MACDONALD:

Many thanks to School Trustee Jennifer Blatherwick for bringing an Odyssey of the Mind Maker Night to our school this past Monday. A tremendous number of students and parents have expressed interest in extra-curricular programs. For the Winter Term we are pleased to offer:

- **BOKs** – Grades 2/3 continues Friday Jan. 11, Tuesday Jan. 16, last day Friday Jan. 8th. Registration forms for Grades 4/5 will go out in January with a start date of Tuesday Feb. 5th.
- **Odyssey of the Mind** – Wednesdays 3:15pm-4:15pm – Mrs. Roberts will be confirming registration with families for this club for January- March. If your child would like to participate but has not yet had a chance to attend please email Mrs. Roberts directly. Thank you for your patience.
- **Brix4kids** – Thursdays 3pm-4pm ([CLICK HERE](#) for more information)
- **Grade 5 Basketball** – morning practices with weekly games (schedule TBA)

For our Spring term (April – June) students can sign up for Lunch Box Theatre and Brix4Kids.

COMING UP AT R.C. MACDONALD:

School Skating	Dec. 3	Monday
Grade 5 Volleyball Tournament – Charles Best Secondary School	Dec. 12	Wednesday
Purdy’s Orders Arrive (pick up in gym 3:30pm-4:30pm)	Dec. 13	Thursday
PAC Hot Lunch	Dec. 14	Friday
Christmas Concert (1:45pm and 6:00pm performances)	Dec. 19	Thursday
First Formal Report Card Goes home	Dec. 20	Thursday
RC Mac PAC Pancake Breakfast (7:45 – 8:45)	Dec. 21	Friday
 Last Day of School before Winter Vacation	Dec. 21	Friday
Schools Re-open after Winter Vacation 	Jan. 7, 2019	Monday
Healthy Hair	Jan. 16	Wednesday
Body Science Presentations	Jan. 18	Friday
MDI (Grade 4 students only)	Jan. 24	Thursday
Community Run and Treat Sale	Jan. 25	Friday
PAC Hot Lunch	Jan. 25	Friday
Professional Development Day (<i>no school for students</i>)	Jan. 28	Monday
PAC Meeting 6:30-8:00pm	Feb. 4	Monday
<i>School not in session</i>	Feb. 15	Friday
Family Day	Feb. 18	Monday
Professional Development Day (<i>no school for students</i>)	Feb. 22	Friday
Pink Shirt Day	Feb. 27	Wednesday
Community Run and Treat Sale	Mar. 1	Friday
Learning Fair 3pm-4pm	Mar. 5	Tuesday
<i>Early Dismissal @ 2:00pm</i>	Mar. 6	Wednesday
Learning Fair 2pm-6pm	Mar. 6	Wednesday

The RC MacDonald calendar is [online](#) – all events that have been confirmed are available for you to see at a glance. Please revisit our site as ***we will continue to add special event dates as they are confirmed.***

ATTACHMENTS:

- [Parenting Wisely Course](#) (free) Jan - Mar 2019

