

*Dear RC MacDonald Community,*

As the days slowly get shorter and we prepare for the holiday season I would like to take the opportunity to thank one special staff member – Ms. Sandra Dyrndahl. Friday December 20<sup>th</sup> will be Ms. Dyrndahl's very last day as she moves into a much deserved and anticipated retirement. Congratulations Sandra!



Ms. Dyrndahl is a remarkable person who wears many hats in our little school. As one teacher pointed out “she’s practically everyone’s mom”. With care and efficiency Ms. Dyrndahl keeps us organized, smiling and prepared for pretty much anything. Our students count on Ms. Dyrndahl for handing out tooth necklaces, ice and band-aids. She has a system for just about everything from borrowing a fork, to removing a splinter, to printing color photos for the many student projects. And course there’s Ms. Dyrndahl’s enviable lego mini figure collection for all to admire! If you have the chance to stop in this season and say hello and goodbye to our wonderful Ms. Dyrndahl please do.

In other news, students and staff are busy preparing report cards and rehearsing for the Winter Concert and numerous parent volunteers are planning a fun filled Pancake Breakfast.

In the true spirit of the season we are working together to package up two wonderful Christmas Hampers for families in need – details about the Hampers will be sent home in a separate letter.

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

Sincerely,

*Theresa Roberts, 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 17<sup>th</sup>. A Hamper letter will be printed and sent home to all families so you can support this initiative and the families in need can receive personalized gifts and household goods. Thank you for your kindness in the season of giving.

## **PAC is Awesome!**

Thank you to Tara and the John B Pub who generously donated the food and drinks for pub night, enabling us to earn enough funds to sponsor a school wide skating field trip! The folks in attendance had a great time socializing with our community (and not parenting). Thank you to all who attended and made this a fun night!

A special thanks to our active PAC members who make the school a better place every day.

PAC work this past month included:

- Booking Saleema Noon parent and student presentations
- E Prep organization of fresh water supplies
- Purdy's chocolates fundraiser
- Applying for Tree Canada Grant
- Treat Sales
- Hot Lunches
- Scholastic Book Fair
- Pancake Breakfast preparations and planning
- Movie Night

## **LOST & FOUND**

Please check the Lost & Found before the holidays. All remaining items will be washed and donated to charity. Every effort will be made to match children with jackets before the leftovers are donated.

## **ME2WE**

### **Craft Fair!**

This year's annual Me2We Craft Sale is coming to RC MacDonald just ahead of Santa! All proceeds will go to a charity chosen by Ms. Coomer and the Me2We Students.

### **Bottle Drive!**

Beginning in January the Me2We girls group are going to recycle bottles at the bottle depot on Fridays. Every dollar we get from the bottles will go to the SPCA across from Save on Foods and beside Mundy Park. We want to help the poor SPCA and the animals inside it. Thanks for your support. Please bring bottles for the first recycling trip by Friday January 17<sup>th</sup>.

### **Batteries!**

Me2We is participating in the "Zinc Saves Lives Battery Recycling Campaign". Please drop off your batteries anytime.

## **COMMUNICATING STUDENT LEARNING- Report Card Aesthetics**

Elementary schools across School District 43 are using the My-Ed platform to input the report cards This year the reports will be printed on paper and sent home as usual in the report card envelopes. The content of the report cards is the same as last year but the look will be different because it is now entered into the My-Ed system. Eventually reports will be paperless. In future years a parent portal will be available online for report card viewing. If you have questions about the report card format please ask Mrs. Roberts.

## **AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS AT RC MACDONALD:**


Do What U Love and Brix4Kids have registration open for January-March programs. Please see attachments for details.

## **KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION**

Kindergarten registration will be held throughout the district on **February 3-5, 2020**. Parents should register at the elementary school in their catchment area. New kindergarten students who have a sibling at a school outside their catchment will be accepted at the sibling's school (provided the sibling will still be in attendance in that school year).

Only those students who are five years of age on or before December 31, 2020 can be accepted for September 2020 enrollment. Parents may defer the entry of children into the program for one year from when they become eligible to start, at which time entry is mandatory. It is a requirement to produce a birth certificate and other documentation before the child is accepted. For more information, please check the [SD43 Website](#) at the end of December 2019.

### **COMING UP AT R.C. MACDONALD:**

<b>PAC Hot Lunch</b>	<b>Dec. 6</b>	<b>Friday</b>
<b>Christmas Concert (Matinee 1:45 PM, Evening 6:00 PM)</b>	<b>Dec. 18</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>
<b>First Formal Report Card Goes home</b>	<b>Dec. 19</b>	<b>Thursday</b>
<b>PAC Pancake Breakfast</b>	<b>Dec. 20</b>	<b>Friday</b>
<b>PAC Hot Lunch</b>	<b>Dec. 20</b>	<b>Friday</b>
 <b>Last Day of School before Winter Vacation</b>	<b>Dec. 20</b>	<b>Friday</b>
<b>Schools Re-open after Winter Vacation</b>	<b>Jan. 6, 2020</b>	<b>Monday</b>
<b>Healthy Hair Program</b>	<b>Jan 17</b>	<b>Friday</b>
<b>Body Science Parent Information Night (6:30 PM, Library)</b>	<b>Jan 20</b>	<b>Monday</b>
<b>Body Science Workshops (all grades)</b>	<b>Jan 24</b>	<b>Friday</b>
<b>Pro-D Day (school-based)</b>	<b>Jan 27</b>	<b>Monday</b>
<b>Kindergarten Vision &amp; Hearing Screening</b>	<b>Feb 3</b>	<b>Monday</b>
<b>Kindergarten Registration (for 2020/2021 school year)</b>	<b>Feb 3-5</b>	<b>Mon-Wed</b>
<b>School Not In Session</b>	<b>Feb 14</b>	<b>Friday</b>
<b>Family Day</b>	<b>Feb 17</b>	<b>Monday</b>
<b>Pro-D Day (District)</b>	<b>Feb 28</b>	<b>Friday</b>

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.*** Our website is: <https://www.sd43.bc.ca/school/rcmacdonald/Pages/default.aspx>

### **ATTACHMENTS:**

- [Body Science Parent Presentation – Parents Please Read!](#)
- [Do What U Love Winter Afterschool Programs](#)
- [Brix4Kids Winter Afterschool Programs](#)
- [BC RESP Information](#)
- [Parenting Wisely Winter Program](#)