



The Mclsaac Messenger



DECEMBER 2013

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- December 21st to January 6th- Christmas Break
- December 25th- Christmas Day
- December 31st- New Years Eve
- Jan. 6- Back to school
- Jan. 28- Divisional Heritage Fair

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Get Your Shovels Ready

On Wednesday, November 27, the Random Acts of Kindness LEAP group got out their shovels and cleared snow for Mclsaac neighbours on Princess and Parkway blvds.

A huge amount of snow had fallen overnight and most of the day so it was the perfect time to perform this Random Act of Kindness, or R.A.K as they call it.

A group of 8 students in grades 4-8 worked together to clear snow on walkways and in driveways. They dressed warm and brought their shovels from home to help out and spent the last hour of the day shoveling snow.

After the yard was done, the LEAP students left a

card in the mailbox saying, "You've been R.A.K'd (A Random Act of Kindness) by the Mclsaac LEAP group".



LEAP Students shoveled walkways and driveways in neighbor's yards.

These students should be very proud of themselves as they made many people very happy by their act of kindness.

LEAP teacher, Ms. Senyk said, "I have heard lots of great feedback from our neighbours. They have phoned in, sent letters, dropped off thank you's, and sent me messages on Facebook saying how grateful they were to have their snow shoveled."

Neighbour, Mrs. Reader, came out of her house to tell the kids she had been looking for someone to clear her snow and was so happy that it had been done for her. The students were very excited that they had helped her and everyone else along the way!

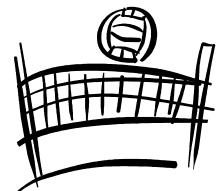
The LEAP group also delivered cookies and chocolates, and carried people's groceries at the Co-op.

Girls Volleyball by Sarah

To finish off the volley ball season all four Mclsaac teams went to The Pas for a tournament. The Snow Lake team won first place, but Mrs. Pomerenski and Mrs. Chrupalo's team

came close behind earning second place. Plenty of teams showed up for the tournament. Everyone played hard and tried very hard all day long. All Mclsaac teams were later

rewarded with a tasty treat of A&W before heading home.



K-3 Christmas Concert by Amasha



In the Christmas concert this year the students in Kindergarten to grade 3, as well as the Choir performed songs about Santa, gifts, and the traditional carols. Students in grades 6-8 from both Ecole Mclsaac and Ruth Betts Community

School recently performed in the Band Concert held on December 11. The Christmas concert was held on Thursday, December 19 in the gym. Mrs. Smith, the Music teacher, has been busy teaching us songs and getting ready for the

concert. Thank you Mrs. Smith for all of your hard work!



*I will honor
Christmas in my
heart, and try to
keep it all
year. ~Charles
Dickens*



Junior High Band Concert by Mikylo



It's Christmas concert time once again! All grade six – eight students from Ecole Mclsaac School and Ruth Betts Community School will perform in the band concert. Grade six students from each class will all play the same instruments and one song per class. The grade seven band

will play two songs in the concert. They will also play songs in their sectional groups. Grade eight band students are going to play four songs in the concert. The jazz band is grade eight students from both schools, and they will play three songs at the concert. In Jazz Band, some people play

different instruments than in concert band, so they can cover all the instrument parts. Everyone has worked very hard on practicing and perfecting their pieces for the concert.

Staff Favourite Holiday Traditions

Traditions are my favorite thing about Christmas. I enjoy Christmas carols, spending time with family, having appetizers, lighting our family's memory candles at the graveyard and opening presents on Christmas Eve. -Ms. McBratney

Opening one present on Christmas Eve. -Mrs. Lytwyn

Driving around on Christmas Eve looking at Christmas lights with my family. -Mrs. Williams.

My favorite tradition is going to Church on Christmas Eve then eating appetizers with the entire family afterwards. -Mrs. Beauchamp

When I was still in Quebec we always went to the 11 p.m. mass, went back home for a lot of good food (sugar pie,

meat pie, buns, donuts) and afterwards opened presents. On the 25th we slept in! -Mme Larouche

Apart from the joy that is Christmas morning, when my daughters open their stockings and presents, my favorite holiday tradition is family ice fishing on Boxing Day. -Mr. Wendlandt

The traditional Christmas meal and decorating the tree. -Mrs. Bedford

Playing board games with my family. -Madame Enns

Putting on our new pajamas and reading the night before Christmas. -Mr. McKay

Going to get the Christmas tree in the bush. We always take hot chocolate and cookies. Steven always gets all snowy from shaking the tree to see if it's the right one. We always find a deep part

of the snow to jump in! We don't really care what tree we get. It's all about the fun in looking for the tree. (But we always find the perfect tree.) -Mrs. Fisher.

My whole family goes to my grandparents on Christmas Eve for Grammie's seafood chowder! Yum. -Miss Heighton

Putting out reindeer food on Christmas Eve. -Mrs. Lee

I love everything about Christmas! Driving around looking at Christmas lights, decorating the tree together while listening to Christmas carols, and Christmas morning my family opens presents then the rest of my aunts, uncles, and cousins come over for brunch. -Ms. Senyk



Holiday Recipe— Sugar Cookies by Nathan

1 1/2 cups butter, softened
2 cups white sugar
4 eggs
1 tsp. vanilla
5 cups flour
2 tsp. baking powder
1 tsp. salt

1. Cream butter and sugar in a mixer.
2. Add eggs one at a time then add the vanilla.
3. In a separate bowl mix the remaining dry ingredients together.
4. Slowly add the dry ingredients to the wet ingredients, scraping down the bowl often.
5. Chill the dough for at least 20 minutes to make it less sticky.
6. Roll out the dough in small batches and cut out shapes with cookie cutters.
7. Bake the cookies for 8-10 minutes in a 400 degree F oven. Cool and ice with Royal Icing.



Newspaper Club by Amasha



In the new Newspaper Club there are: Jayden, Mikylo, Amasha, Sarah, and Nathan. Nathan wanted to be in the Newspaper Club because

he watches Gold Bug and Buggy Town, which is about a reporter, and he wants to do the same. Jayden wanted to be in the Newspaper Club because he likes writing articles and publishing them. Sarah signed up because it sounded interesting. Mikylo joined because he enjoys writing. Amasha wanted to be in the Newspaper Club because she likes writing. Ms. Senyk offered the Newspaper Club at Ruth Betts School first and the Ruth Betts students liked it so Ms. Senyk thought of giving the chance to Mclsaac School students. Everyone (students, staff, and parents) really seem to enjoy reading the newspapers!

Introducing... by Jayden

Mr. Trevor



Where did you teach before you came to Mclsaac?

I taught at many schools such as Hapnot for 2 years, 3 years at Ruth Betts and 2 years in Sandy Bay.

What do you like about Mclsaac?

Everything, the students have been very welcoming and also the students are really involved. And because I only live a block away, I can just walk to school instead of drive.

What's your main job to do?

Keeping things in order and helping Mr. Lytwyn, and getting to know all the students.

Do you like being the Vice-principal?

Yes because I get to see more of the school (neat things that teachers and students are doing) and I get to go out for recess.

Did you coach any afterschool sports teams in the past?

I coached all sorts of sports such as Volleyball, Basketball and Badminton.

What is your favorite subject?

Science, and my favorite part about Science is Chemistry

What is something that is very interesting about you?

I was born in Botswana, Africa (country in Africa). And I can juggle. And I love very hot spicy food.

Advice Column



Q. My crush is dating my BFF what should I do?

A. Well your friend will always be your friend but your crush won't be your crush forever. Don't be rude or jealous to your friend, just be happy for them.

Q. I want to ask my crush to the dance, but I don't know if he will say yes, so what should I do?

A. Talk to him more. Ask him if he is going. You never know until you ask. By Advice-o-naut 1

Q. In science class, I am stuck with a group who doesn't do anything for the whole year. What do I do?

A. First be sure to ask your teacher if you can switch groups. Don't be nasty to the group who doesn't do anything, because if you are nice, they might start to do some work. Try to ask your group to do some work if you cannot switch. If they still do not work, tell your teacher. They shouldn't get the same mark as you for group projects, because they didn't participate much in the group. I hope this helps. By Advice-o-naut 2