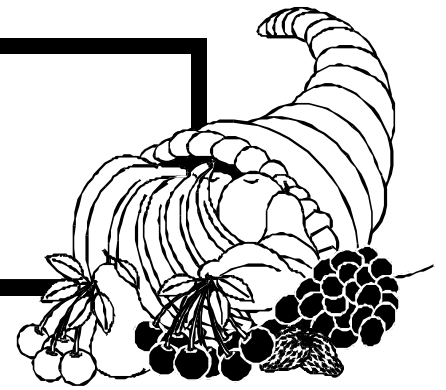


**MILK RIVER ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER #2**



October Events —

Terry Fox Run—Friday, September 13— It was a great day with all our students participating in the Terry Fox Run with Erle Rivers.

We had a “Toonies for Terry” collection container available at the school office and are pleased to report that we were able to donate **\$176.20** to the Terry Fox Foundation.

Thank you everyone for your support!!

Welcome Back BBQ—The Milk River Elementary staff hosted our annual “**Welcome Back BBQ**” on **Thursday, September 12**. We had a great turnout and would like to thank everyone that was able to join us for the evening. It was a fun night of food and visiting!

Fall Fair—The Milk River Elementary School Advisory Council has organized our “**11th Annual Fall Fair**” in conjunction with our “**Scholastic Book Fair**” on **Friday, October 4** from **11:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.** It takes many volunteers and contributors to host this event and we are so... thankful to all our parents and the community for their support! Everyone Welcome!

The School Advisory Council for the 2019/2020 school year consists of:

President—Stephanie McNeely

Vice-President—TBA

Secretary—Jodi Lippa

Treasurer—Connie Robertson

Hot Lunch Coordinator: Connie Robertson

Milk River Educational Society Representatives are:

President—Stephanie McNeely

Vice-President—TBA

Secretary—Jodi Lippa

Treasurer/Casino Chairman—TBA

Milk River Elementary School staff and students would like to thank these ladies for their time and dedication to the Milk River Elementary School Advisory Council!

Our School Council plays an important role in the education of ALL students at MRES. Last year our council donated thousands of dollars towards various items (Field Trips, Scientists in School, art supplies, etc.) that directly impact every student in our school. Working together, we can make a difference!

School Pictures—Thursday, October 3—

We will begin with Early Learning students at 8:15 A.M. followed by preschoolers and all other grades. Please pass on the word!

Hot Lunch—We would like to thank the Hot Lunch ladies for once again looking after the Hot Lunch program for the 2019/2020 School Year.

The Hot Lunch dates for October are **Thursday, October 10 & 24**. *Students are under no obligation to purchase hot lunch but if they wish to order, please return the forms and the money to the school by the requested deadline date!

School Holiday—Thanksgiving—Monday, October 14 is Thanksgiving Day and therefore is a school holiday.

Author Visit—Thursday, October 17—

P.M.—Milk River Elementary is pleased to welcome Children's Book Illustrator and Author, **Georgia Graham** to our school.

Georgia was born and raised in Calgary, Alberta and has been hooked on chalk pastels since grade four. She graduated from the Alberta College of Art in 1982 and first used her art to entertain children in her Sunday school class. Georgia Graham lives with her husband on a small farm in Central Alberta.

Georgia has a philosophy about children's books: "The illustrations in my children's books are much more time consuming than the writing. But the story must be a strong structure, like a skeleton, to hold the artwork. The illustrations are the fleshy, showy part."

SPOTLIGHT KIDS!!



Featured “**Spotlight Kids**” for **September** include:

Kindergarten: Kaleb Johnson

Grade One: Ella Court & Hailey Reese

Grade Two: Jude Lodermeier & Riley Sibley-Lodermeier

Grade Three: Liam Bangs & Brylee Wehlage

Grade Four: Joseph Patton & Meadow Putzi

Grade Five: Rebecca Smith

SCHOOL NEWS—continued

Welcome Back—We would like to welcome Ms. Kristi Somerville to MRES. She is back this year in a different role and will be taking on the position of our “**Family Connections Wellness coach**”. Welcome back Kristi—we look forward to seeing you on Mondays!

Milk River Extended Care—Grade 3—Readers and Grade 5—Grandpals—we will once again be taking part in these community projects to enhance student learning, understanding and compassion. The students look forward to their monthly visit at the Extended Care facility.

Upcoming Events:

Alberta Foundation for the Arts

Travelling Exhibition—October 2—30—“Plate Tectonics”. Since the late 1800’s the landscape has been an important subject for many artists in Alberta. There is a tendency when speaking of landscape painting or drawing to state the obvious: that landscape art works are about the land.

The exhibition “Plate Tectonics” explores the enduring legacy of the landscape genre in Alberta. Featuring a number of artists this exhibition investigates both the physical topography of Alberta as well as the different stylistic approaches and intents expressed by the feature artists. This exhibition expresses the beautiful diversity of Alberta’s landscape as well as the continued vitality of the landscape genre in visual arts.

Please feel free to come in and enjoy the art show that adorns our hallways!

Scientists in School—They are a science education charity dedicated to inspiring children’s interest and understanding in science, technology, engineering, math (STEM) and the environment.

We are happy to once again offer these workshops to each of our grades. The first workshop took place on September 17 with the grade 2/3 Science class—“**Don’t Take Rocks for Granite**”.

Be on the lookout for more classroom presentations—we are always looking for parent volunteers!

School Holidays—Please make note of the upcoming school holidays on **October 11, 14 and November 1**.

Professional Development Day—**Friday, October 25**—NO school for students.



Halloween Activities—

Thursday, October 31—2:15 P.M.

Be on the lookout for further information regarding Halloween events.

Parent/Teacher Interviews—3:30 P.M.
Tuesday, November 6.

Report Cards—Wednesday, November 7.



“Remembrance Day Ceremony”—

Thursday, November 7—10:30 A.M.—

Erle Rivers High School gymnasium. We are very pleased to once again share this memorable occasion with the staff and students of Erle Rivers High School in a combined effort to honor the veterans of past wars and to show how we “Remember Them”. It is our hope that we instill in our young people a belief that the freedoms and opportunities we enjoy today were achieved as a result of the efforts of our veterans. This is our opportunity to preserve their legacy and to encourage new generations to remember the important contributions so many brave men and women have made to our country and to the world. Please join us and “**Show You Remember**”.

Everyone is cordially invited to attend!!



Christmas Concert—We will

be holding our annual Christmas

Concert on **Wednesday,**

December 18 at 7:00 P.M. in the Milk River Civic Centre. This year under the leadership of Mrs. Karen Garber our theme will be “**The Wonder of Christmas**”.

PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT:

2019/2020—**Roller-skating Schedule:**

October 25	January 10, 17, 31
November 1, 8, 22	February 7, 14, 28
December 20	March 6, 13, 20

Admission: \$1.00 (helmets must be worn by every skater).

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