



## Middle News

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# École William McDonald Middle School

## Welcome from the Principal

It is incredible how the month of October or term 1 for that matter has flown by. We have had a busy October with students representing the school in 3 separate events: NWT Cross Country race in Behchoko, 29 students and 4 chaperones attending the Me to We WeDay conference in Vancouver and 5 teams played in the Junior Spike it tournament this past weekend. On November 15<sup>th</sup> your child will be coming home with their term 1 report. Please take the time to

go over it with them asking about the goals they have set for themselves. Parent/teacher conferences will be held on November 18<sup>th</sup>. Call the school to book an appointment time with your child's teachers. We will be hosting our Remembrance Day ceremony on November 10<sup>th</sup> at 11 am. If there are any parents who have dedicated their lives to serve and protect Canada as well as its citizens and would be willing to be part of our ceremony dressed in uniform, please

contact the school. The ME to WE group have 2 up coming fundraisers - a raffle with fantastic prizes and a wonderful cultural food evening on November 26. Please support us on our journey to changing the world one project at a time. Please stay tuned to more updates on our school WEB site.



## Quebec Trip

Continuing with the fundraising for the upcoming Quebec trip we have partnered with the bottle depot. If you would like to donate your bottles towards the trip mention this at the depot when dropping off your bottles and the money will go towards this event. If you have any questions or would like to contribute contact Mme Eve by email [eve.dessureault@yk1.nt.ca](mailto:eve.dessureault@yk1.nt.ca)

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### Important Dates:

- November 7-10  
first round of exploratories
- November 8 -  
School going to Sir John for the Lion King production
- November 15 -  
Report Cards go home
- November 14-17  
second round of exploratories
- November 18 -  
Parent/Teacher Interviews

## Student Nurses Visit William Mac

This past month we were lucky enough to have two sets of student nurses come in and teach health to all the homerooms. Topics they covered were nutrition, emotional well being, self esteem and hand washing.



## School Wide Feast

On October 27, 2011 our school was joined by Sandra Lockhart, Reanna Erasmus, Bernie Giacobbo and drummers Bobby Drygeese, Felix Lockhart, William Sangris and David Drygeese. As an entire group the school took part in a traditional feeding of the fire ceremony with drummers followed by a feast of moose stew and bannock. Also taking part in this day was the grade 5's from NJ Macpherson and grades 5-8 from École Allain St-Cyr. The wind was howling but the food and company were great. A special thanks to Jeff Seabrook who provide the moose, Pirjo Vanonen who prepared the stew and the 7/8 French immersions students who baked over 800 pieces of bannock. Also thank you to students Robin Walsh, Joy Head and Kane Marin who fed the fire on our behalf.

Mashi Cho





# Come to the Yellowknife Ski Club Snow Show

Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup>, 10 am - 2 pm

- \*Jackrabbits
- \*TrackAttack
- \*Frostbite 45
- \*Biathlon
- \*Ski Parents
- \*High Performance
- \*Adult Ski Lessons
- \*Coach Training

Bid on the **Silent Auction** items, enjoy some home baking from the **Bake Table**, get your skis waxed (\$25), sign up for waxing clinics and officials training courses, have a bite at the **Canteen** and see our renovation plans.

### New This year:

Significant discount on individual and family membership fees for early registration.

New or returning members who register before Nov. 12<sup>th</sup> will pay a **reduced** rate:

**\$50** for members under the age of 18

**\$90** for members over 18

**\$260** for family

To register come to the Snow-show or go to [www.zone4.ca](http://www.zone4.ca)

After November 12, the rates in each of these categories will increase by \$20.

**Ski Swap** - buy or sell used ski equipment - bring your equipment to be sold to the Club on Friday night (Nov 4) 7-9 pm;

Sale starts 10 am sharp on Saturday, Nov 5<sup>th</sup>.



Did you know...

**Wax and Wine on November 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm.**

**Did you know that your membership gives you access to the building?** Use the building to warm up, share a hot drink with your skiing buddies and use facilities. To get the **code**, get your skis waxed for this upcoming season or to just socialize with other members come to the Wax and Wine.

# Spotlight on Some of The Homerooms of École William McDonald

## 6A

In 6A, the students have had an opportunity to show off their artistic and advertising skills. Each student read a novel and presented an excellent summary of why we should read the book they had selected for their first Novel Project of the year. This has set up a great expectation for Novel Project number 2.



## 6B

Bonjour,

During term 1 we worked on the unit on diversity of living things. All students chose a living organism and created a project describing where it lives, who are its natural predators are, what it eats, in what type of climate it survives and what animal classification it falls under. They had to present their information orally to the class. Melanie



## 7/8A

## 8A



## Internet Safety Tips for Children

Don't give out personal information about yourself or your family

- Your real name or the names of your parents, brothers, or sisters
- Your address or phone number
- Where you go to school
- Where your parents work
- Your parents' credit card, PIN, or any other numbers that only your family should know

Don't think that people really are who they say they are. When communicating with others in chat rooms, remember that not everyone is who they say they are. You might think you are talking to a 10-, 11-, or 12-year-old boy but instead you might really be chatting with a 40-year-old man.

Don't send pictures of yourself online.

Never answer anyone who makes you feel uncomfortable or who is pushing you to give out personal information about yourself or your family.

## Internet Safety Guidelines for Parents/Caregivers

- BECOME MORE COMPUTER LITERATE
- KEEP THE COMPUTER IN A COMMON AREA WHERE YOU CAN SEE WHAT'S GOING ON
- SPEND TIME ONLINE WITH YOUR CHILDREN TO EXPLAIN YOUR RULES FOR APPROPRIATE USE OF THE INTERNET.

Frequently check your software's History folder to see what sites your child frequents. This will help you make sure that he or she is not receiving, accessing, or sending inappropriate material. You could also check your child's favourite's folder (on Internet Explorer) or the Bookmarks folder (on Netscape).

### CAUTION YOUR CHILDREN ABOUT GIVING OUT PERSONAL INFORMATION ONLINE

#### KEEP COMMUNICATION OPEN WITH YOUR CHILDREN

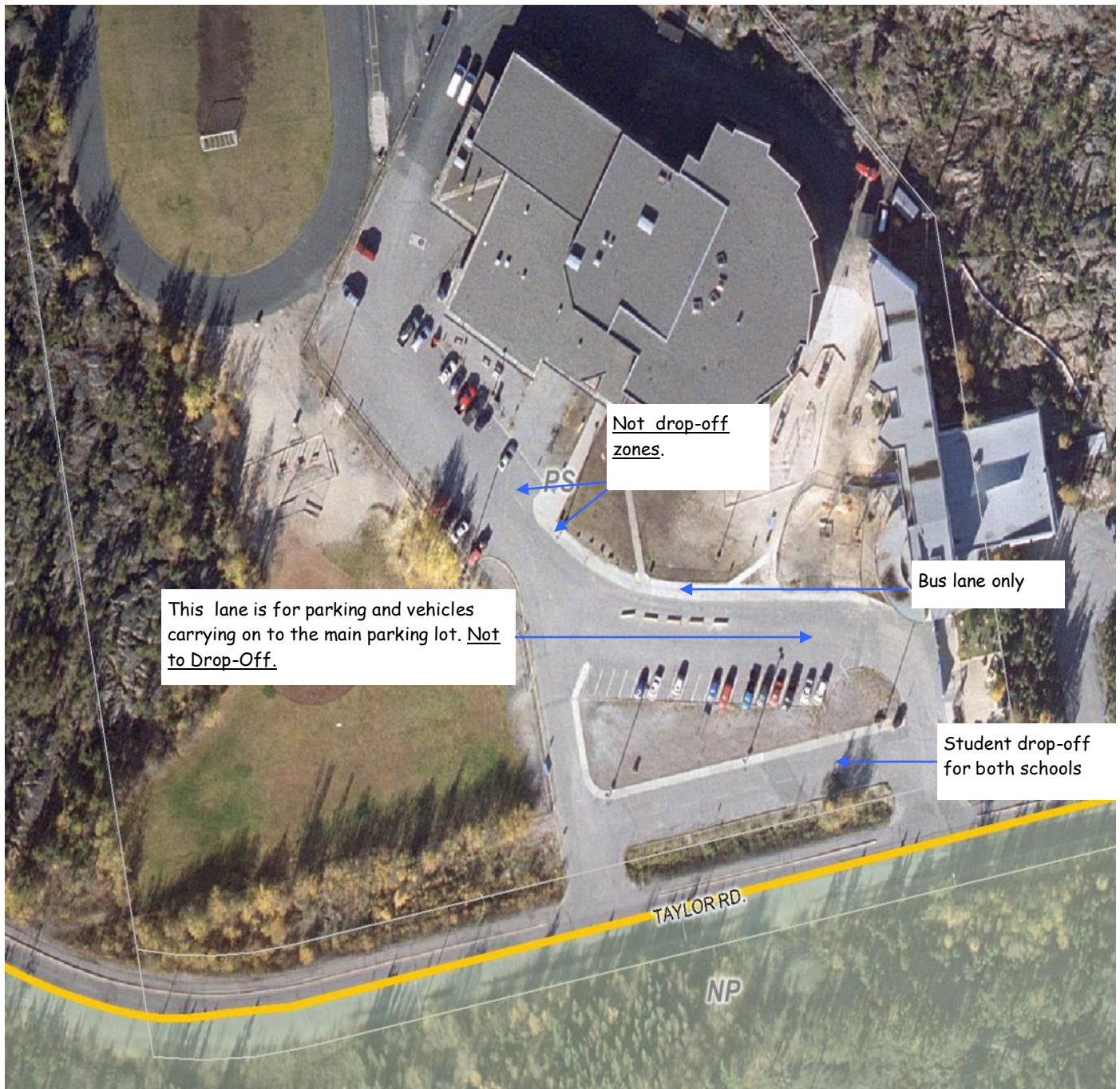
Talk openly about what material is inappropriate or obscene. Ask your children to inform you at once if they see or receive anything that is inappropriate or obscene.

- Restrict and monitor the time they spend on the Internet.
- Even if your children do not have access to the Internet in your home, they will have access at their friend's homes. Internet safety rules should apply no matter where they are when they are using the Internet.
- Almost one-third of the top 50 favorite Web sites listed by kids incorporate material that is violent (28 %) or highly sexualized (32 %).
- Bullying and Harassment on the internet 34% of students in Grades 7 to 11 reports being bullied while 12 % report having being sexually harassed.
- Of those young people who report being sexually harassed over the Internet, over half (52 %) say it was someone they knew in the real world.

Cst. Amanda McGillivray  
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## Student Drop-Off Information

On the way into the school there are some clearly marked yellow signs that show the routes for drop-off and parking. Please ensure that you are following these markers as it causes delays and dangerous situations if you don't. Please remember that the speed limit is 15km/hour while traveling through the school parking lot and drop-off zone. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact us. 873-5814



# NOVEMBER/NOVEMBRE 2011

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		1	2 PAC Meeting 11:30am	3	4	5
6	7 ←	8 Sir John-Lion King EXPLORATORIES →	9	10	11 Remembrance Day Jour du Souvenir	12 Santa Claus Parade
13	14 ←	15 Report Cards Go Home EXPLORATORIES →	16	17	18 Parent/Teacher Interviews 8:30am-4:00pm NO SCHOOL	19
20	21	22	23	24	25 SIP Day 11:45am Dismissal	26
27	28	29	30			



## Schedule of Events

- November 7-10 first round of Exploratories
- November 8 - School going to Sir John for the Lion King production
- November 15 - Report Cards go home
- November 14-17 second round of Exploratories
- November 18 - Parent/Student/Teacher Interviews (No School)

## Parent/Teacher Interviews

Report cards will be going home on November 15 with interviews to follow on the 18th of November. If you are interested in making an appointment with any of the teachers it is done on a first come first serve basis. So call Liz at 873-5814 or email her at [liz.west@yk1.nt.ca](mailto:liz.west@yk1.nt.ca) to make your appointments or if you have any questions.



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Please call if your child will be  
missing any school:  
873-5814

## Absences and Lates

There has been a large number of lates and absences this year. It is very important that if a student is going to be late or absent that you let the office know. This can be done by calling 873-5814 to leave a message or emailing the secretary at [liz.west@yk1.nt.ca](mailto:liz.west@yk1.nt.ca)

## Coaches Corner

### WMS X-Country Running Team Wins in Behchoko!!

WMS won the Banner for the MIDGET boys and girls division at the NWT Cross Country Running Championships in Behchoko on October 7, 2011. Congratulations to Coach Mr. Wicks and the team!

### WMS Badminton Team

The Willy Mac School Badminton team will begin practicing after-school on Thursday November 3 at 3:30pm. Mr. Sévigny will be coaching the team and Mr. Macintyre, Mme Eve and Mme Vero will be assisting Mr. Sévigny. The Jr. High Badminton Tournament is scheduled for December 3 and 4, 2011.

### Wildcats Intramurals Dodge Ball Champs

The intramural dodge ball season has concluded with the Boys Tigers defeating the Jaguars and the Girls Lynx defeating the Jaguars on October 25 during the Championship Finals. Below are the current standings as both the Lynx and Tigers look to pull away from the rest of the pack!

#### Standings

1st Place	Lynx	67 team points
2nd Place	Tigers	65 team points
3rd Place	Jaguars	56 team points
4th Place	Cheetahs	53 team points



If you are interested in submitting something for the student spotlight please see Mme Simmons or Ms West

## Student Spotlight—Poetry

Somehow, I have been fixed-up.

I no longer have a broken heart, a hole punched into  
My chest.

I thought that it would be impossible, but it wasn't.

That amazed me.

The person that fixed me, he has been a total gentleman to  
Me.

It's like there never was a hole or like I never had a broken heart.

But it only lasts when I am near him.

When I'm not near him it hurts a lot.

Sometimes I wish that it never happened, that I trusted

The one who hurt me.

Tisha Hammond 7/8A