



# November 2016

Dear Parents and Guardians,

November is here and what a wonderful beginning to our winter season, no snow! Time is going by very fast we are almost to the end of our first term! Report cards will be going home Thursday, November 18 and we will have parent teacher interviews November 21<sup>st</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> from 4:30-7:30 pm. Free babysitting is provided. Parents will be asked to sign up for appointment times. We are looking forward to seeing you. This is a great opportunity for your and your child to meet with the teacher and get to know how the school year is progressing!

A big thank-you goes out to all of our families who helped our students in some of our classes carving pumpkins for Halloween. We have had lots of parents completing the district volunteer requirements and we welcome other families to begin the process of having RCMP criminal records check. We encourage any parents who haven't done one yet to come see us in the office and we will get you started! If you had one done last year you are good to go!

Father Turcotte School Council will have their next meeting November 8, 2016 at 6 pm in the school staffroom. We encourage parents and guardians to come out and join our school council meetings.

Our Remembrance Day Liturgy is November 10<sup>th</sup> at 11:10 am led by 5A, 5F and 1L. All parents and guardians are welcome to attend and pay respect to our Service Members who live and have died to keep us safe.

As we move into our winter months we remind all families to dress for the weather. Warm hats, mitts, coats, snow pants and footwear are needed when we go outdoors for recess, please remind your children to bring them to school. If any of our families need support to get warm winter wear please don't hesitate to call us at the school. We are here to help!

It is time to think about Santa Anonymous for this year! Any family in need should let us know or complete the on line application form ASAP. The deadline for applications has moved up to Nov 16 and is firm and final. We do not want to see anyone go without!

Have a Blessed November and please feel free to contact us at school if you have any questions or concerns.

Leslie McPherson and Laura Dennis



Report Cards will be going home  
**Friday, November 18<sup>th</sup>**



Parent Teacher Interviews:

**Monday, November 21<sup>st</sup>  
4:30pm-7:30pm**

**Wednesday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>  
4:30pm-7:30pm**

\* Babysitting will be provided for evening  
Parent/Teacher Interviews \*

**Thursday, November 24<sup>th</sup>  
Day Interviews- EEP/Kindergarten only  
(EEP/Kindergarten do not have school)**

## November Hot Lunch Dates



*November 2<sup>nd</sup>- Jugo Juice*

*November 9<sup>th</sup>- Mr. Sub*

*November 16<sup>th</sup>- OPA!*

*November 23<sup>rd</sup>- Panago Pizza*

*November 30<sup>th</sup>- Pizza Hut*

## Turcotte Huskies are great Fundraisers!

We would like to thank everyone who brought in a food item for the Food Bank. As a school we collected over 800 items for families in need!



In the month of October we had several different United Way fundraisers and together we raised a grand total of \$1400  
Way to go!

## Santa's Anonymous



The deadline for applications has moved up to November 16<sup>th</sup> and is firm and final.

Any family in need should let us know or complete an online application right away.

[www.fmsantas.ca](http://www.fmsantas.ca)

**On Friday, November 4<sup>th</sup> students will partake in DANCEPL3Y at Father Turcotte School.**



DANCEPL3Y (dance-play) is the world's leading play-based physical activity program for Elementary and Middle schools. Designed by teachers, for teachers, the program focuses on developing PHYSICAL LITERACY and fundamental movement skills as students discover the Elements of dance through a variety of music and dance genres (Hip Hop, Bollywood, African, Country, Jazz, Top 40 and more).

Our High Energy programs foster positive social interactions and mental health through the 3 Rules of PLAY: Be Positive. Be Fun. Be Yourself. Students are motivated to move in their "Bubble of Awesome" as they leap, jump, skip, play and dance their way to healthy and happy living.

Our school will be having a scholastic book fair from **November 21<sup>st</sup> to November 24<sup>th</sup>**. Please check for book fair posters around the school. Students will attend the book fair during their regular library times and they may come home with a wish list. The book fair will be open during Parent Teacher Interviews, Monday November 21<sup>st</sup> from 4:30pm-7:30pm and Wednesday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> from 4:30pm-7:30pm.



### Photo Retakes

Lifetouch photo retakes are on **Tuesday, November 15<sup>th</sup>**

If a student was absent on our first photo day please make sure you get your picture taken! If you received pictures from our first picture day but would like a re-take done please send in the first photo package on November 15<sup>th</sup> so the photographer can take back the pictures you do not want.

If you need an order form, please see the office.



If you have any concerns with photos please phone Lifetouch Customer Service:  
1-866-457-8212

### FNMI Corner

**\*Miss. Kendell and Miss. Yvette will be at the school during Parent/Teacher Interviews on November 21<sup>st</sup> and the 23<sup>rd</sup> from 4:30-7:30pm. Please feel free to stop by and enjoy a warm piece of bannock. We look forward to seeing all of you.**

#### **\*Nistawoyou Youth Program**

All kids grades 4-6 are welcome to come join us for "Let's Make Art" every Thursday 3:30-5:30pm.

#### **Friday Youth Night**

Youth night varies with ages (7-13 & 14-20) from one Friday to the next.

All of the programs we offer include; Life skills in communication, cooking, team work and team building. Talking circles, smudging, creative thinking, various ways of encouraging cultural and social inclusion.

#### **\*Coffee chat**

Every Wednesday from 5:00pm - 6:00pm.

#### **\*Parent Café**

In partnership with Metis Local 1935, Hub and the Nistawoyou Association. Parent Café will be held this Thursday September 29<sup>th</sup> from 12:30pm - 2pm. Lunch is provided. Various topics on parenting will be offered by the Hub. The Parent Café is open to the public.

#### **\*Let's have some fun**

From Nation to Nation Indigenous people "Roc your Mocs." It was started in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Mission: We as indigenous people wear our moccasins on November 15<sup>th</sup>, standing together Worldwide, while recognizing our Tribal individuality.

2016 is the 6<sup>th</sup> year of "Rock your Mocs" is a worldwide Native American & Indigenous Peoples

movement held annually during November which is also National Naïve American Heritage Month in the USA.

It's easy to participate by wearing moccasins to school, work or wherever your day takes you. If you can't wear Mocs, wear a turquoise ribbon instead. Like Rock your Mocs on Facebook and share your Moc photos in the album. or #ROCKYOURMOCS It's like a great big fun Moccasin party.

Around the World, people have taken the initiative to organize; Moccason making workshops, round dances, Community fun walks, group photos and connecting youth & Elder events and school involvement. Have some Moccasins fun folks!!

Show off your pride at your school or workplace. This year it is a week long event, from November 13<sup>th</sup> - November 19<sup>th</sup>. The main event is November 15<sup>th</sup>.





### Father Turcotte Face Book Page

Our Parent Advisory Council has created a Facebook Page to communicate all the great stuff that is happening at our school this year. Please feel free to "follow" our page for updates, events, and other important information.

Below is a link to the Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/Father-Turcotte-School-1310112222374690/>

### Modular Classrooms

We are very excited to be moved into our modular classrooms. The homerooms that are in the modular classrooms are:

4B, 4P, 4T, 5AR, 5F, 6D

All combined classes are now in their own classrooms.

If your child was in a combined classroom and you are not sure where their classroom is now please see the office for our new map.

Thank you for your patience as we waited on the arrival and completion of the modular classrooms.



### Bus Loop/Parking Lot Reminder

**Reminder to all parents that parking in the bus loop is not permitted.** The bus loop is for buses, delivery vehicles and emergency vehicles ONLY. We are continuing to have issues with parents parking in our bus loop and it is a safety concern we need to resolve together.



We understand parking is limited in our parking lot with the increase in students and staff this year. Please make sure when you are in our parking lot you are watching out for students who may be walking behind your vehicle. We want to make sure all students and parents remain safe coming and leaving our school.

Thank you for your continued patience and support with this important issue.

### Volunteering at Father Turcotte School

We can always use an extra set of hands! If you are interested in volunteering in your child's classroom or maybe in the school for a specific event we would love to have you!

All volunteers need a criminal record check completed. Please stop by the office to get a letter to waive any fees associated with getting the criminal record check done at the Police Detachment.

If you have the process started and would like to volunteer prior to it being completed please inquire with the office.

