

# Machray School News

# December 2023

## Principal Message...

Dear Parents & Guardians,

December is upon us already and we have been busy at Machray. Many of our programs are in full swing, such as the Musical Theatre and various sporting events. We are looking forward to the sharing dance program starting in the new year. We enjoyed connecting with our community during parent teacher conferences and the book fair. We are very much looking forward to our Winter Concert on December 14<sup>th</sup>. The students have been practicing and are excited to perform. We want to remind our parents and guardians that December 22<sup>nd</sup> will be the last day of classes before winter break. Classes will resume on January 8<sup>th</sup>. We are also excited about some events planned for the new year. Starting in January we are hoping to have some family nights that will involve beading, Ribbon skirt and Ribbon Shirt making. I would love to start having some informal coffee chats with our community parents to communicate some school news and here some parental feedback. If you are interested in these “coffee chats” please let our Community Resource Worker Terri Chubala know.

As the weather becomes colder we’re reminding families to send students with warm clothing like jackets, mittens, scarfs and toques. Students are expected to be outside before school, during morning and afternoon recess breaks and the lunch hour if they are registered in the lunch program. We know that playing and running around outdoors is important for physical health and well being, so please make sure they are dressed warmly. Also, we want to remind our students to be careful while playing on snowbanks as they are often around high traffic areas. We have had some pretty erratic weather lately so please be aware of thin ice on water ways.

*From us here at Machray we want to wish everyone Happy Holidays and the very best in the new year. - Mr. Braga*

## November Patrol of the Month Congratulations Serenity!

Thank you for being respectful, responsible, and safe everyday!



## Parent Room News

Machray is looking forward to having some amazing family events in the new year. We are currently looking for parents who have experience in beading earrings and bracelets, making ribbon skirts and shirts and making medicine pouches. We are hoping to find someone that would be capable and willing to share their knowledge and teach us and other parents how to create these items. Some of these events will be held during school and some will be held in the evening. All supplies and snacks will be provided by the school. If you are one such parent and are willing to lend us your expertise please contact Terri Chubala, our Community Resource Worker. Give her a call even if you just want some more information. We hope to hear from you.

## Machray School Parking Lot

Our parking lot is paid parking only. We do have one space available for Disability Permit Parking. Please do not drop off or pick up students in the parking lot. If you and your child/ren are walking please use the playground entrance. It is dangerous for both the students and the driver to have any extra activity in the parking lot. *Your help in keeping our students safe is very much appreciated.*



## Severe Weather Conditions

The decision to close a school is made by the Chief Superintendent.

The decision to close ALL schools is made by the Metro Superintendents Group to ensure consistency across the Metro area.

If it becomes necessary for the schools to be

home early during a school day because of severe weather conditions, the school will be contacted by telephone by a representative from the Superintendent’s Department.

All staff and families are requested to listen carefully for the announcement. The announcement may be advertised on the following:

**Radio: \*CBC Radio**

**\*CBC French  
\*Power 97FM**

**\*CJOB \*  
QX104FM**

**\*92 CITI FM  
\*Q94 FM**

**\*Hot 103FM  
\*1290 CFRW**

**\*99.9**

## Cold Weather Conditions

Periodically, guidelines are requested by schools regarding when students should remain indoors during extremely cold weather. Guidelines from Environment Canada will assist schools in making

these decisions.  
- **Check the wind chill before going outdoors in the winter**  
- **Individuals are to make sure they are well prepared for the weather**  
Even moderate wind chill

values can be dangerous if individuals are outside for long periods. Students have indoor recess at -27, with windchill. Temperature is determined by the Environment Canada reading at the Forks.

**December**

Thursday, Dec. 14 - **Winter Concert**  
Friday, Dec. 22 - **Last Day of School**  
**Winter Break Dec. 25, 2023 - Jan. 5, 2024**

**January**

Monday, Jan. 8 - **First Day Back - School Open**  
Friday, Jan 26 - **Non-instructional Day, No Classes**

**February**

Friday, Feb. 2 - **Non-instructional Day, No Classes**  
Monday, Feb. 19 - **Louis Riel Day, No Classes**

**March**

Wednesday, Mar 13 - **Report Cards Home**  
Thursday, Mar. 14 - **Student Led Conferences**  
**4 - 7pm**  
Friday, Mar. 15 - **School Closed - Student Led Conferences**  
**9:00 am - 3:30 pm**  
Friday, Mar. 22 - **Last Day of School**  
**School Closed for Spring Break**  
**March 25th/24 - March 29/24**

**Machray Student's Terry Fox Walk raised \$408.16 for the Terry Fox Foundation!!!**

**Good Job Machray Families**

















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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat					
	<p><b>Remember!</b> Use the SafeArrival system if your child is going to be <b>Absent or Late</b></p> <p>- call 1-855-278-4513 - use the School Messenger app - visit <a href="https://go.schoolmessenger.ca">https://go.schoolmessenger.ca</a></p> 				1	Day 3	2				
3	4	Day 4	5	Day 5	6	Day 6	7	Day 1	8	Day 2	9
			<p>Family Fun Night !!! 4:00 - 6:00 pm</p> 				<p>Hanukkah Begins </p>				
10	11	Day 3	12	Day 4	13	Day 5	14	Day 6	15	Day 1	16
							<p>Winter Concert!</p> 				
17	18	Day 2	19	Day 3	20	Day 4	21	Day 5	22	Day 6	23
	<p><b>SPIRT WEEK</b></p>								<p>Machray Holiday Breakfast and Pajama Day!</p> 		
									<p>Last Day of School!</p>		
24	25	26	27	28	29	30					
<p>Christmas Eve</p>	<p>Winter Break</p>										
	<p>Christmas Day </p>	<p>Kwanzaa Begins </p>									
31	<p><b>School reopens Thursday, January 8th, 2024</b></p>										
<p>New Years Eve!</p> 											

## Reminders

 **Family Night!**   
**Tuesday, December 5th, 2023**  
**4-6pm**

 **Holiday Breakfast and PJ Day**  
**for students at Machray School**  
**Friday, December 22nd, 2023**  
**Grades N - 6**

Please join us for our  
**Machray School**  
**Winter Concert**  
**Thursday, December 14, 2023**  
**Doors open at 5:30 p.m.**  
**Concert starts at 6:00 p.m.**