



## Week Ahead January 30- Feb 3rd, 2023 Ma Murray Community School

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
30 Family	31	Feb 1	2	3
Literacy week	Book swap @ recess	Book swap @ recess	Book swap @ recess	Hang Out @ 3-5pm for grades 1-6
Book swap @ recess				Literacy afternoon for Family Literacy Week
Colour Team Activity Day 10:55 - 11:55				Book swap @ recess
				Dress like your favourite character for house team points
6 Assembly @ 9 a.m. Candy Grams on sale all week	PAC meeting @ 1:30 p.m. In the Bella Yahey Gathering Front Entrance	8	9	10 Mrs. Fehr/ Miss Jesperson Skating in the morning  Dress like your favourite "Super Hero" – house team points  Reading Pursuit Challenge due

The month of January is almost over. We appreciate that the days are getting longer and the weather is cooperating. Students will continue to go outside if the weather if cooperating. We ask that they bring appropriate winter clothing to head outside in.

<u>Family Literacy Week</u>: Fort St. John Literacy Society promotes family literacy week each year in January. As a school, we support their efforts to encourage literacy in families and have planned a few events. Students will be encouraged to bring a book for the book swamp (held all week), dress like their favourite book character to

earn house team points and complete the "Reading Pursuit Challenge". These forms have been sent home but are also attached to this newsletter. Barbara Reid, a well-known Canadian Children's author and illustrator has many suggestions on how to support literacy in your family. We have included this handout for your enjoyment,

Ma Murray P.A.C. Meeting: Our Parent Advisory Council has had very low turnout for meetings this year. In an attempt to have more families involved, the P.A.C. has planned a meet and greet/meeting for Tuesday, February 7th in the Bella Yahey Gathering space inside the school. Please join us for coffee and treats from 1:30-2:30 p.m. to meet the P.A.C. executive, find out some of the interesting things they would like to plan for the remainder of the school year. They are also looking for someone to step up to be the secretary of the P.A.C. for 4 months while the current secretary is unavailable. If you have an interest, please contact the school so we can pass along your name. We look forward to seeing you at the meet and great.

<u>Kindergarten Registrations</u>: We are accepting kindergarten registrations at the office. Please bring your child's birth certificate and your proof of address when you come to register. We have one full class registered already. As we begin planning staffing for 2023-2024, it is essential we have accurate numbers for kindergarten.

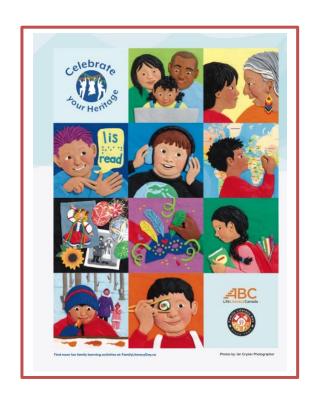
A reminder that Friday, January 27th the school is closed for a professional development day. Enjoy your weekend everyone!

Sincerely,

Kathy Scheck Principal Hunter Mackay
Vice Principal
Margaret Ma Murray Community School

Linda Gibos Secretary







# Family Literacy Day Honorary Chair, Barbara Reid

invites families to celebrate their heritage and learn about their family, together as a family! Barbara Reid is a picture book illustrator and author whose award-winning artwork is created using modelling clay.



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## 1. Research your family's place of origin

Go online together and research where your parents, grandparents, and other relatives were born. What interesting information can you find out?

## 2. Interview a family member

Speak to them about where they grew up and what it was like. Do they have any interesting facts about your family? Write a story about them.

## 3. Learn a new language

Check out books from the library or use free online tools to learn new words in another language. Be sure to practice every day!

## 4. Listen to traditional music

Many cultures have traditional music. Do some research and listen to different types of traditional music. What style do you like the best?

#### 5. Look at a map

Whether it be a map of Canada or another place your relatives once lived, you can learn a lot about geography by looking at a map.

## 6. Make a photo collage

Take out the family photo album or old magazines and newspapers to create a collage about what your family and heritage means to you.

## 7. Make a craft of traditional designs

Research traditional designs of your culture and replicate them in the form of a craft. Be as creative as possible!

#### 8. Read a story

There are lots of books about different places and cultures. Visit your local library and ask the librarian for books about your heritage.

### 9. Learn about where you live

Do you know about the history of where you live? Together as a family, learn about the culture and heritage of the place you call home.

#### 10. Cook a traditional recipe

Learn how to make your family's signature dish or look up a recipe for a famous meal from your culture. Yum!

Find more fun family learning activities at: FamilyLiteracyDay.ca









