



2020 Has Arrived!!!



From the Office

The big news from the office this month is the announcement that our **Principal, Mrs. Powell, will be retiring at the end of the school year.** Mrs. Powell has been the Principal for the past 7 years. Prior to her Principalship, she spent time at ÉMMS as a Classroom Teacher, Resource Teacher, and Guidance Counsellor before becoming the Vice Principal for two years. Mrs. Powell is a graduate of Queen's University and began her teaching career in 1986. She called Leaf Rapids home after her graduation, serving in a variety of roles in the school before moving south for the 2002-03 school year. It goes without saying that the school community is a little torn by this announcement. The knowledge that Mrs. Powell is set to enjoy a well-earned retirement brings joy to everyone but seeing such a strong advocate for children leave the school is tough. Her legacy will be her "children first" core values which have become the center of our culture at ÉMMS.

With the announcement that Mrs. Powell is retiring, the WSD Board of Trustees announced that Mr. Shindle, the current Vice Principal, has been appointed Principal beginning in the 2020-21 school year. Mr. Shindle is in his 4th year as VP in the school which will allow for a smooth transition. The search for a new VP will begin soon.

Student Illness Rates Return to Normal

Following a significant spike in student illnesses before the Christmas break, ÉMMS is happy to be back to normal rates in the new year. We would like to extend our gratitude to all families who tolerated extra questions from the school and remained calm during a strange time. We are also thankful for the support from Manitoba Health in dealing with the issue.

Let's Talk

Bell Let's Talk Day is on January 29th. During the week we are hoping to have some meaningful discussions about mental health in the classrooms. Every effort we make can help end the stigma and bring mental health into conversations with friends and family, so be sure to continue the conversations at home.

The focus this year is on preventative care, being more active, and taking care of yourself.



February FUN Fridays!

Friday, February 7 - Colour Day – Grade 5: black, Grade 6: green, Grade 7: blue, Grade 8: white

Friday, February 7 – Grades 5 and 6 Mini Dance from 12:25 to 12:55 in the gym. Cost is 50 cents

Friday, February 7 – Grades 7 and 8 Dance from 7:30 to 10:30 in the gym. Grade 8s are in charge of parent chaperones. Cost is \$4.00. Enter through the gym doors. Let Mrs. Powell know if you are going to be late.

Friday, February 14 – Red or Pink Day for Valentine's Day

Friday, February 21 – Whiteboard Shirt Day: wear a shirt that can be written on

Friday, February 28 – Character Day – dress as your favourite book, movie, TV show, or cartoon character



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2020 Youth Programs

Registration & All Program Info:
mymorden.ca/recreation
 204-822-5431 ext.206
sdueck@mymorden.ca

Kids Camp
 PD Days
 @ ACCESS EVENT CENTRE
 Ages 6-12
9:00-4:00PM
 JAN 31 APR 13
 MAR 9 APR 24
 MAR 20
\$25/day
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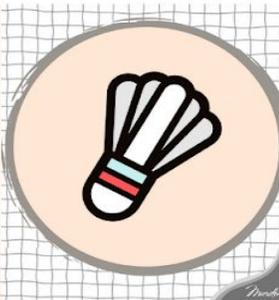
Babysitting Course
 Ages 11-15
 WITH LOIS THIESSEN DERKSEN
 @ ACCESS EVENT CENTRE

THU JAN 30 4:00-6:50PM	FRI MAR 27 4:00-6:50PM	SAT JUL 4 9:00-5:45PM
FRI JAN 31 (PD) 9:00-3:00PM \$60	SAT MAR 28 9:00-3:00PM \$60	SAT AUG 24 9:00-5:45PM

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Canadian Red Cross
Training Partner

Youth Badminton
 AT ECOLE MORDEN MIDDLE SCHOOL
FRIDAYS [FEB-MAY]
 GR 1-4 6:30-7:30PM
 GR 5-8 7:30-8:30PM
 11+ Sessions
\$50
 Register
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Stay Safe Course
 Ages 9-15 WITH LOIS THIESSEN DERKSEN
 @ ACCESS EVENT CENTRE

SATURDAY FEB 8 9:00-3:00PM \$55	FRIDAY APR 24 (PD) 9:00-3:00PM \$55
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Canadian Red Cross
Training Partner

Early Dismissal Art Attack
 AT MAPLE LEAF SCHOOL
 ALL SCHOOL AGE CHILDREN WELCOME
 JAN 15 APR 29
 FEB 12 MAY 20
 MAR 25
 PROJECTS AND RATES TO BE ANNOUNCED
 (\$10-\$18 DEPENDING ON PROJECT)
 Register
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Kickboxing
 teen girls
 WITH AMANDA REMPEL @ ACCESS EVENT CENTRE
 Ages 13+
TUESDAYS 5:00 - 6:00PM
 JAN 14 - FEB 18 [\$50]
 FEB 25 - MAR 31 [\$50]
 APR 14 - MAY 26 [\$50]
 Register
mymorden.ca/recreation
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Programs for Everyone

- Fitness Classes**
 Cardio Drumming, Kickboxing, Restorative Yoga, Hatha Yoga + more
 - Cooking Classes**
 Adult Drop in Sports
 - Public Skating**
 - Subsidized Ice Programs**
 Parent & Tot Skate, Seniors' Skate, Breakfast Club + more
 - First Aid Courses**
- Details & Schedules:** www.mymorden.ca/recreation

Kids World Dance
 WITH AMANDA REMPEL @ ACCESS EVENT CENTRE
TUESDAYS
 AGES 3-5 - 2:45-3:15PM [\$30]
 AGES 5-8 - 4:00-4:45PM [\$35]
 JAN 7 - FEB 11
 FEB 18 - MAR 24
 MAR 31 - MAY 19
 Register
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**Morden Collegiate
Gymnasium**

February 26

7:00-8:00 p.m.

You're invited to a casual and informative evening showcasing some of the amazing students, staff members, and key programs that our \$22,000,000 budget supports.

The Budget Exhibition (think tradeshow) is your chance to see how education is changing in Western School Division.

We hope to see you there!

Budget Exhibition

WESTERN
School Division
Morden, Manitoba

*"Rooted In Caring;
Committed to Learning"*

Segment Color	Percentage
Dark Blue	77.64%
Light Blue	8.71%
Green	5.54%
Light Green	5.50%
White	2.61%

11th Annual Evening of Elegance



Graduation is getting closer and so is the 11th Annual Evening of Elegance. This year the Evening of Elegance will be held on Tuesday, February 25th. It will run from 4:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at a new venue: The Warehouse has generously offered to provide their space for this event. Caring & Sharing, Morden Collegiate, and volunteers have once again been working together to provide an evening where graduates can enjoy choosing a dress, suit, or accessories for their big day! This is only made possible by volunteers and support from the community through donations and time helping with this event. Those who would like to contribute may feel free new or gently-used items, with drop-offs accepted by Betty Peters at EMMS or Rosemary Zahn & Angie Muggridge at Morden Collegiate Institute. We anticipate an evening where students, parents, and friends can delight in the atmosphere, dainties, and company as you prepare for the upcoming Graduation Day!

Calendar Available at <https://www.westernsd.mb.ca/school/mordenmiddle>

MORDEN'S 12TH ANNUAL MULTICULTURAL

Winterfest

FREE FAMILY FUN!

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15TH

1:00pm - 4:30pm

ACCESS EVENT CENTRE

(111 GILMOUR STREET)

Outdoor Activities

Horse Drawn Sleigh Rides

Boot Hockey

Bonfire and Marshmallow Roasting

Snowshoeing

Polar Plunge in support of Special Olympics

Cheese soup provided by Flatlander Catering, and Loaf & Honey

Girl Guides - making Bannock on an open fire

Indoor Activities

Multicultural Table Displays

Multicultural Stage Entertainment

Hot Chocolate and Multicultural Snacks

Fit Kids Activities

Free Skating & Skate Lending at Co-op Gold Arena

Photo Booth

Stay after!

Enjoy a Canadian themed
6 course dinner provided by
Kevin at Flatlander Catering!
Cost is \$50.00 per person.

Tickets are available by contacting Kevin at
204-822-3981 or by email at
flatlandercatering@gmail.com
Limited tickets available!

Thank you to our many community sponsors and volunteers!

For up to date information, visit



www.facebook.com/mordenwinterfest



[morden.multiculturalwinterfest](https://www.instagram.com/morden.multiculturalwinterfest)

Catering provided by



Canadian Parents for French (CPF) -Morden Chapter

CPFMorden@outlook.com

Find us on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram!



Next Meeting

Our next CPF meeting will be Wednesday Feb 19 at 7pm in the staff room at Maple Leaf School. All parents are welcome to attend. Meetings are held in English and childcare is available for a suggested donation of \$1/child.

Come see us at Winterfest!

Grade 4 French Immersion students will be demonstrating how a loom works to make a traditional French-Canadian ceinture fléchée at this year's Winterfest. Winterfest is a free multicultural celebration held at the Access Event Centre on February 15 from 12:30-4:30.

Concours d'art oratoire

Once again, all French Immersion students from Grade 5-8 will participate in Concours d'art oratoire, which is a French public speaking competition. Students will soon begin writing their pieces for the school level competition that will take place in March. Winners from the school level will move on to the Provincial Concours competition at Université de Saint-Boniface on May 2, 2020.

Festival du Voyageur

Are you looking for a great way to expose your child to French language and culture? Make sure to check out the Festival du Voyageur in Winnipeg from Feb 14-23. More information is available at www.hehe.ca/en/

Parent Advisory Council

PAC held the monthly meeting in the Library on January 20th. The meeting included a short presentation on the current Education System in Manitoba in anticipation of the release of the Education Review Report in the coming months. Other topics included a discussion of “Keyboarding” and “Cursive Writing” as instructional topics and continued growth of the school, which is projected at 650+ students for the fall of 2020. The next meeting will be **TUESDAY** February 18th at 7:00 pm in the Library.