

Dear Parents & Guardians,

As we begin this last month of school, I wanted to highlight some accomplishments from this last quarter and provide some information to finish off the school year.

Coffeehouse - "Through our Eyes"

Our 11th annual Coffeehouse and Art Auction was a huge success this year! We had numerous reports from long time attendees that the art and entertainment was the best yet! I want to say a huge thank you to the staff members for working hard to make sure that everything ran smoothly and to our amazing students for all the hard work they invested in creating the works of art and preparing for their outstanding performances. Our gross revenue from the event was **\$21,250!** That will certainly go a long way in paying for our music and art instruction for the year to come!

Maverick School Community Council – Another Successful Year

Our School Community Council held their Annual General Meeting on May 10th over the noon hour. A review of council activities was presented and we celebrated the success of the book drive! Elections were held to ensure the executive is in place for fall start up! Your executive and council members for the 2017-2018 school year are as follows:

Joey Thiessen – Chairperson 2nd term
Cheryl Ginter – Vice Chair 1st term
Leanne Halbert – Secretary 1st term
Connie Wiebe – Parent Representative
Tracy Funk – Parent Representative

I want to thank the above members as well as outgoing members Addie and Erroll Stuart for their commitment to the SCC. Also thank you to Patrick Thiessen and Jack Tonner for being our student representatives this year and to Kayla Myers and Colin Smith for being the staff representatives.

Heart of Maverick Celebration

On May 26th we were delighted to have our **founding principal, Steve Small**, return to Maverick to share his wisdom and present the Heart of Maverick Award. In 2010, when Steve retired, we were having difficulty summing up Steve's contribution to Maverick. We gave the students a journal, so they could write their heartwarming memories about Steve. Repeatedly the students voiced their feeling that Steve is "The Heart of Maverick".

To honor Steve's legacy and his 18 years of contributions to the school we wanted to create an annual award. Steve and wife Shannon had decided to create an annual award also. So... we did what we always do. We handed this idea over to the students and they then created the Heart of Maverick award criteria and process! Students nominate peers based on the characteristics that students felt best described Steve! Five top nominees are chosen and each student and staff member has one vote to determine the overall winner. The award is presented at a special class meeting during May or June. Steve and Shannon donate a \$300 cash prize consisting of 1 one hundred dollar bill and 40 five dollar bills encased in an engraved money clip. In other words what the students wanted was a big wad of cash. A wall plaque is displayed in the school to indicate each year's recipients.

I would like to congratulate all the **nominees: Patrick Thiessen, Griffin Funk, Kassidy Kotyk, Aisha Silzer and the 2017 recipient of the award, Desiree Leonard!** These individuals have been recognized by their peers for their outstanding contributions to the Maverick environment and we are grateful for their presence and immensely proud of their achievement!

Driver Education Students Highly Successful

Congratulations to all the Driver Education students who successfully completed their course work and passed their exams. It sounds like there will be a whole new group of highly proficient drivers taking the road this summer! Special thanks to instructor Tamara Quintin who returned from retirement in order to ensure that Maverick students had the opportunity to receive the training!

Outdoor Education Trip

A huge thank you to our Outdoor Education Leaders: Scott Hunter, Krista Erickson and Tanner Lange for all of their work in planning and preparing for the trip to Cypress Hills West Bank! Fourteen students enjoyed an event packed week of activities in this beautiful park. Here is a summary submitted by Scott! It sounds like an amazing week!

The Maverick School Outdoor Ed. Club travelled to the Cypress Hills Interprovincial Park in late May to camp under the stars, and enjoyed the great weather, the beautiful landscape, and the breathtaking sights for another successful adventure in the wilderness. Setting up camp along the infamous Battle Creek in the Westblock Wilderness Area, our group of intrepid campers stayed for a week in the wild, and at the end of it all, left more knowledgeable of some of our long history, more awestruck by the beauty in our own province, and more appreciative of each other. We spent the week hiking to some of the most breathtaking vistas this side of the Rocky Mountains; being invited to explore the Gaff Ranch and seeing the aptly named "Mystery Rocks;" scanning the immensity of the night sky at the Cypress Hills Observatory; learning some of the local history at Fort Walsh, and generally enjoying ourselves while roughing it in one of the province's most overlooked and beautiful locales. We hiked, explored, and enjoyed the late spring thundershower that cooled us after a blistering week in the sun. And as we laughed and warmed ourselves at our nightly fire, we shared our memories of another great trek into the wild; we look forward to our return to this alpine oasis on the Prairies.





Graduation Celebration - Thursday, June 15th



Maverick celebrated the Class of 2017 at the iPlex Auditorium on Thursday, June 15th. The evening began with a delicious banquet prepared by Country Hills Catering. Following the banquet guests and graduates heard from Mr. Kyle McIntyre, Acting Director of Education, Mr. Larry Caswell, Chairperson of the Chinook Board of Trustees, and Mr. Rod Siemens, Superintendent. The graduates' photo story provided a glimpse into the lives of the graduates from infancy to present. Thank you to all the parents and graduates for taking the time to choose and submit the photos! This was followed by a School Year in Review Photo Story.

Tynan Skeoch-Allison was presented with the Governor General's Bronze Medal Award for obtaining the highest academic average from the previous year's graduating class. Scott Hunter read the beautiful message that Tynan had prepared for the occasion. Parents Renee Skeoch and Kirk Allison accepted the award on Tynan's behalf.

Additional awards included: The Innovation Credit Union Spirit Award (\$300) presented by Craig Ekstrand to Desiree Leonard; The Ron Thurbide Memorial Bursary (\$500) presented by Ed Doyle to Nic Adamson; The Maverick School Control Theory Award (\$250) presented by Colin Smith to Dakota Leonard and the Living Sky Casino Persistence Award (\$1,000) presented by Trevor Marion to Jack Tonner. Thank you to our award sponsors and congratulations to our deserving recipients!

Following the presentation of awards, Maverick teachers delivered insightful speeches about each individual graduate and made the diploma presentations! It was a very emotional and joyful evening for graduates and guests. I closed the program with my principal's address to the graduates and final message of congratulations!

*Nic Adamson, Morgan Erickson, Hunter Fuchs, Ryder Jackson,
Dakota Leonard, Desiree Leonard, Matt MacDonald, Kourtney McIntyre,
John Merrett, Dustin Messenger, Jack Tonner & Kendall Wilson*



From all of us at Maverick, we want to extend our congratulations to the Class of 2017!

Thank you for all that you brought to Maverick! We will miss you!

IMPORTANT DATES

- June 23rd – Last day to submit assignments for Cyber School courses
- June 23rd & 26th – Departmental Challenge Examinations
- June 27th & 28th – Staff planning for next year
- June 29th & 30th – Administrative Days



- Aug 29th – Local Administration Day
- Aug 30th – Chinook Opening Day for Teachers
- Aug 31st – Convention
- Sept 1st – In School PLC Day
- Sept 5th – Students return to school**

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