

MCADAM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

The following is a list of the activities that go on at McAdam Elementary School, as well as some of the partnerships we have within our community.

To begin with, some of the sports and activities McAdam Elementary School have hosted in the last year are as follows;

1. Mini Soccer Base
2. Power Hour for Youth
3. Youth and Senior Karate
4. Walking Club for Community Members
5. Youth Floor Hockey
6. Mini Dodge Ball
7. Mini Soccer

MCADAM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL also has developed many community partnerships over the years. Listed below are some of these partnerships.

Partnership with Community

- Individuals from the community – Partner Reading Volunteers/ Enrichment activities
 - Sarah Flynn
 - Sandra Munn
 - Margaret Laking
 - Jennifer Basham
 - Judy Roberston
 - Jean Eales
 - Bonnie Beck
- Community volunteers to help practice musical pieces and play the piano for Christmas Concert & Spring Concerts, visit McAdam Elementary School over a seven week period, usually twice a week.

As well, MCADAM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL has many ties with the **Village of McAdam-**

- The village provides the up keep and performs safety inspections of The Community Playground Equipment located beside the elementary school.
- Town crew moves the risers and piano to and from the gymnasium for every special event we hold. i.e. Christmas Concert/ Spring Concert
- McAdam Volunteer Fire Department provides a fire safety presentation to students and staff of McAdam Elementary School each year. They also observe Fire Drills and often participate in Safe Schools Week Activities.

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- Yearly Remembrance Day Program is held at McAdam Elementary School. A program is presented by the students and is open to the public. Remembrance Day postcards are written and delivered by elementary students to thank a veteran.
- McAdam Community Library – students of McAdam Elementary School visit the town library and the Librarians visit the school and read with individual classes weekly. The Library also promotes Literacy Programs through the school year and in the summer with Reading Programs and Literacy Contests for students.
- Village provides access to the community Skating Rink for elementary students to access during January and February for grades K-2
- Village provides upkeep/safety of HS Scott Park, which the K-5 McAdam Elementary School students use during their Terry Fox Annual Walk.
- Access to the Lion’s Club and Pentecostal Church is made available as an alternate site should an evacuation from McAdam Elementary School be required in an emergency situation. Three ladies from the community have volunteered to provide food during such an event if it is needed. (Donna Currie, Joan Blair, Rose Clifford)

Wauklehagan Manor

- Students go to the manor and perform for those people who can’t get out to enjoy our school Christmas and Spring Concerts. The manor provides students with a snack or a treat for performing for the residents.
- Two Grade 5 students and the Principal represent McAdam Elementary School by attending an Appreciation Night sponsored by the Manor. The Manor shows it’s appreciation to McAdam Elementary School and provides a luncheon, certificates and words of thanks for all they do for the residents.
- McAdam Elementary School children often make cards for seniors – such as Valentines or Christmas cards.
- All McAdam Elementary students make hand- made Christmas Tree Ornaments for community trees. The gr 5 students decorate the Christmas trees, and then deliver them along with the Principal, to Community Members who might not otherwise have a Christmas tree to enjoy.

McAdam Health Centre

- Health Nurses and staff from the Health Centre visit the school and present information about keeping yourself healthy. They focus on proper Hand Washing. The nurses/staff bring activities for students to learn about germs and they also have students use a black light to view the germs.
- Nurses from Harvey visit McAdam Elementary School to give a special presentation to Grade 4 students about Bone Health.
- Staff from the McAdam Health Centre often visit the school or provide information to the school in May or June to help promote Summer Safety for students.

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DNR

- A representative from DNR visits to discuss Safety & New Brunswick's Natural Wealth and Resources – for Grade 4.
- A Rabies Safety Presentation was provided to all students due to a confirmed Rabies Case in McAdam .

Lakeland Industries

- McAdam Elementary School has partnered with Lakeland Industries for numerous things;
- Lakeland has partnered with MCADAM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL to provide monthly donations to support our Milk Program here at school. This program provides milk to students in need. All classrooms prepare thank you cards for donors.
- McAdam Elementary School holds two Food Bank Drives for Lakeland Industries (usually at Christmas & June) to support the Food Bank. Each class collects nonperishable food donates prior to Christmas and in June to support this program.
- Lakeland Industries also delivers school supplies, books, book bags to students in need.
- WE'VE GOT YOUR BACK PROGRAM is organized through Lakeland Industries and a committee to provide food bags for students in need for the weekend who have food scarcity issues.
- Lakeland Industries and MCADAM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL partnered to provide an opportunity for our Lakeland Client who is visually impaired to read Braille to the Grade 1-2 and Grade 2-3 classes.
- In conjunction with Lakeland Industries and the Village of McAdam, McAdam Elementary School staff serves in a committee for providing for students in need at Christmas time. This committee is called The Santa's Helpers Committee.

RCMP

- There is a strong liaison with McAdam RCMP Detachment members & Lisa Williams – The RCMP provides Anti-Bullying Presentations, Internet Safety, Halloween, Bike and Cross Walk Safety. They also Observe Fire Drill and Lock down Procedures, and work with the school to enhance our Comprehensive School Safety.
- The RCMP visits our school on numerous occasions throughout the year and supports us during Safe School Week activities.

Community Support for Student Raised Donations

- The community of McAdam supports McAdam Elementary School every year during Christmas and Spring Concerts with generous donations at the door.
- **Terry Fox Run** - Each year McAdam Elementary School participates in this worthwhile cause. McAdam Elementary School students walk together to raise money and donate to the

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foundation. The community supports the students and this cause through their continued donations. The community has done so for more than 15 years.

- McAdam Elementary School students collect donations for **Jump Rope for Heart**. For the past 27 years the community has supported the students at McAdam Elementary School in this endeavor by giving generously every year.
- For more than 20 years students at McAdam Elementary School have collected donations for the IWK. The community supports the students by giving generously for this worthwhile cause every year.

Community visits to Businesses in the Village

- The K Class visits many businesses and organizations around the village. They open their doors and welcome the K class in for a learning session. They visit such places as the Fire Hall, Independent Grocer, Post Office, Norton's Green House, Library, Bank, Village Hall, Pharmacy, Train Station, Water Treatment Plant, Hospital and RCMP Detachment. Each business provides a learning time and/or a treat for the students to come back to the school with. For example, if the students visit the Health Care Center the staff might treat them all to a finger cast activity. Another example would be if the students were visiting the Pharmacy the staff would explain about their job and medicine and might provide each student with a medicine dispenser to take home.
- The Grade 2/3 class visited A. Leblanc's vegetable garden this fall, to learn about plants and habitats. Mr. Leblanc gives his time to the students by sharing his love and skills of gardening. This ties in with their Science and You and Your World Curriculum and is an authentic learning opportunity for McAdam Elementary School students.
- Grade K- 5 students participate in a Spring Cleanup around the Village. Classes, depending on their age and abilities, work with school staff to clean up a specific route near the school and around the village.

School Based Enrichment and Project Volunteers

- Volunteers David Blair – visits with Kindergarten class for several weeks, for a Science Enrichment. He helps to display this and the K class gets to showcase it for their parents and school students.
- Volunteer David Blair offers to assist with Science Enrichments projects in the Grade 5 class for several days each year.

Palfrey Lake Lodge

- The Village sponsors a trip to Palfrey Lake Lodge for grade 2 students each year in December. Students explore and learn firsthand about animals, animal tracks and their habitats. Even a homemade meal is provided at the Lodge for students and staff by Jean Day. Another authentic

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learning opportunity sponsored by the Village along with Community support from John Smith acting as a liaison. This program has been in place for more than 15 years.

- Ralph Annis donates money each year to McAdam Elementary School students for Grade 4 to participate in a Ducks Unlimited educational wetland trip. Through his generosity students are able to attend another authentic educational experience in a Wetland. Mr. Annis visits the school and donates his Wetland “furbaby” to the Grade 4 class and the students “name” it as their wetland mascot. When students return from their trip they provide a thank-you and a poster sharing what they loved/learned on their educational trip. Mr. Annis has supported this initiative with McAdam Elementary School for more than 15 years.

McAdam Train Station (Village partnership)

- Elsie Carroll, and other Historical Society Members lead Grade 5 on an educational tour of the Historical Train Station.

Connections with McAdam High School

- McAdam Elementary School hosts Leadership and Co-op students at our school. Often we host two or three students for a period of 6 to 8 weeks to help students gain leadership skills in an elementary school setting.

Community Guests, Speakers and Visitors

Several parents /guardians/& community workers – volunteer time at McAdam Elementary School to share their experiences students regarding their work and educational path. Some volunteers last year were:

1. Trevor Flynn
2. Cheryl Copp
3. Lisa Williams
4. Pricilla Blair
5. Ashley Sullivan
6. RCMP Constable Smith

For example Constable Smith spoke to students about safety and then allowed them the opportunity to see inside the police vehicle, hear the sirens, and look at the computer console and handcuffs.

During Literacy Week Parents, Guardians and Family Members support students as McAdam Elementary School by giving their time to promote literacy by reading to individual classrooms.

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MCADAM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL also has a huge List of Community Partners who support our Year End Awards, School Achievement and School Barbecue. Through these donations, the community supports and recognizes achievements of all students at McAdam Elementary School. With their generous contributions all students at McAdam Elementary School receive recognition at the end of the year. This support has been provided by the Community to McAdam Elementary School for more than 20 years.

Below are several of our community sponsors. Please note that annually, many hundreds of dollars are provided to McAdam Elementary School to support this initiative.

1. Royal Canadian Legion Branch 7
2. Ace Hardware /Gun Dealer
3. McAdam Insurance Services
4. Village of McAdam.
5. Ace Hardware / Gun Dealer
6. CertainTeed Gypsum
7. Granite Industries
8. Ladies Auxiliary Royal Canadian Legion Branch 7
9. McAdam Home & Building Centre
10. McAdam Insurance Services
11. NBTA
12. Rockland Mudrunners
13. Royal Canadian Legion Branch 7
14. Soleno Maritimes
15. Terry's Footlong
16. Village of McAdam Bank of Nova Scotia
17. Family Café
18. Home Concepts
19. Independent Grocer
20. JH Cook & Sons
21. JM & CW Hope Grant Insurance
22. MacKay's Garage
23. McAdam Auto Repair
24. McAdam Lions Club
25. McAdam Pharmachoice
26. St. Paul's United Church
27. Thunder & Lightening Motor Sports.