

MR. MCD'S NEWSLETTER

Welcome to Mr. Darren Jacobs. Mr. Jacobs is a student teacher from the U of A. We hope you learn as much from the students as they will from you!

Also, congratulations to Kristina Cousins, the Ny-man's Artmark's "Student of the Day" in March!

Further accolades will be going out at our next Town Hall meeting, noting accomplishments in Term II for first time (**gold cards**) and second term honors (t-shirts will be awarded), 5% increases in weighted averages (**silver cards**), and teacher recommendations (**red cards**).

We will also be recognizing three students for their work during Remembrance Day.

- Congratulations to:
- Katelyn Rowland
- Ian Carlton
- Breanna Black
- Sally Stuart
- Beth Prieland



John McCrae's Sketch of Flander's Field

Electronic CMS Newsletter

If you'd like to save a tree and have the CMS newsletter sent to you at home. Please email Mrs. Obst in the Main Office with this request and she will add you to her email list. The newsletter will be sent to you in pdf



format. You will require [Adobe Acrobat](#) to view the file. Mrs. Obst can be reached at gobst@rdpsd.ab.ca.



Language Arts & Social Studies

In LA, students have been writing their own Greek Myths, creating their own stories about how something came to be. As well, we are compiling our own version of an Ancient Greek newspaper by writing articles that cover physical, social and psychological needs we have been learning about in Social Studies. Furthermore, students are complet-



ing an entire booklet on comma use, which also centers around our Ancient Greece/Myths & Legends theme.

Science

We have just concluded our Sky Science unit. Wow, what a great deal of info there is to know and learn. Students have just begun the Evidence Investigation Unit and we will be turning them into little CSI agents!! We will be learning about fingerprinting and other types of printing,





foot prints, tire tracks, hand writing analysis and chromatography, just to mention a few things. We will (time

permitting) wrap this unit up by investigating a crime scene. Also, 30 lucky students will have the opportunity to participate in a crime science tour during our Odysium field trip. This activity will basically take up the entire day in Edmonton!! Stay tuned for more details. Don't forget to check out my Blog (<http://edit302dwinter2011.blogspot.com/>) for classroom events and information.

Don't forget that Mr. McDiarmid offers mark and behaviour updates every two weeks (or so) for his core classes. If you'd like them more often from him, he will gladly email you your Cyclone's progress. Just send him an email requesting electronic updates and you'll be added to his email list. Mr. McD.'s email address is [brad.mcdiarmid@rdpsd.ab.ca!](mailto:brad.mcdiarmid@rdpsd.ab.ca)

General Happenings

On May 28, Mr. McDiarmid has finalized plans for our annual field trip.



Students will be taking advantage of programming at the Odysium in Edmonton. Stay tuned for more exciting details. We will also be looking for chaperones. So if you'd like to get your name in early, let Mr. McDiarmid know either by phone or by email at: brad.mcdiarmid@rdpsd.ab.ca.

Renaissance's

Spring Fling starts April 1st and students will have the whole month to earn "Barrie Bucks" and be able to bid on silent auction items



throughout the month. Stay tuned for more de tails and watch the showcase by the Library for the prizes.

Don't forget that April 2nd is the next Cyclone Day. Wear something Renaissance or Cyclone to show your school spirit and the Renaissance Action Team will have a small treat to show our appreciation.

Don't forget that April 6th is when we "spring" forward for Daylight Saving time!! April 14th is the next report card date. Watch for your Cyclone to bring his or her report card home.

April 18th is Good Friday and the beginning of our Easter Break. Classes resume, April 28th.

Don't forget to take advantage of the CMS website for loads of Cyclone info and also for the latest calendar of events. The site is located <http://www.rdpsd.ab.ca/CMS/>.

Math



The students have just finished up Unit 4 and 5 in Math and are beginning Unit 7. We will be challenging students with the addition

and subtraction of proper and improper fractions. As well, we will be reviewing the addition, subtraction, multiplication and division of decimal numbers.

Students are generally doing a great job in their classroom work, but need to remember to get all their homework done as well as study for tests.

