

MECCS

A newsletter for Mother Earth's Children's Charter School to share its successful traditional and innovative programming.

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MECCS Welcomes MLA Mark Smith

We were pleased this fall to welcome MLA Mark Smith to the school for a lengthy visit with students and staff.

Mr. Smith, who represents the constituency of Drayton Valley-Devon, was elected to the Legislative Assembly of Alberta on May 5, 2015.

MECCS is in an unusual circumstance when it comes to its provincial political representation. Physically the school is located just inside the boundary of the Drayton Valley-Devon constituency.

However, only one of our school's families resides in that riding. The bulk of our students and their families reside in the Stony Plain constituency. The majority of our school staff either



MLA Mark Smith playing a learning game with the MECCS kindergarten class. Mr. Smith also serves as the Education critic for Alberta's Official Opposition's shadow cabinet.

The 2018 Christmas Concert and Dinner

As it is in every school, the Christmas concert is a special day for MECCS students, staff and parents. Staff and students spent days learning their lines and rehearsing for the show.

This was the first year that we used the 108-year-old restored church on site for the concert. It belongs to Company of the Cross, our mortgage holder.

We had the best parent, grandparent and community attendance we have had for several years. By consensus it was the best Christmas concert we have ever had. The smiles on the faces of everyone in the photos tells you all you need to know in terms of understanding what a special day it ended up being.

As usual, Janet House and her kitchen crew prepared a wonderful Christmas dinner for a standing-room crowd of students and relatives. These are the days that make everyone realize what a special place MECCS is.

Clockwise from top:

- 1. Elaine Boe surrounded by MECCS students at the Christmas concert.*
- 2. Shawna Bird, Erika Bull-Yellowbird and Breyana Naistus.*
- 3. Ayasha Bull, Samuel Bird and Leland Letendre.*
- 4. Folks enjoying the show.*
- 5. Inside the 108-year-old church.*





An especially wonderful tradition at MECCS is the big holiday meal put on for the children, their families and community members.





Clockwise from top left:

- 1. Elijaah House-Alexis.*
- 2. Lawrence (Poppy) Bird, Arrazola Bird, Mariah Mustus-Bull and Gabriella Nelson.*
- 3. Elias Yellowbird, Elijaah House-Alexis, Ayden Bird and Hans Aartsen.*
- 4. Theresa Bird, with a number of community members behind her.*
- 5. Francis Brown, Adrianna Bull and Teanna Paskemin.*
- 6. Lily Bird, Adam Paul and Elias Yellowbird.*

