

October 31, 2025

# Principal's Pen

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HOME OF THE BRONCS

McLurg High School

November's theme is *well-being*, and it's one that connects to every part of school life. Well-being is about more than just feeling good — it's about creating a positive environment where everyone feels safe, supported, and challenged to grow. Each day brings opportunities to push through hard things, take risks in learning, and discover what we're truly capable of. At the same time, it's important to slow down when needed, care for yourself, and find balance. Whether it's checking in with a friend, taking a break to breathe, or celebrating small successes, those moments of care build the foundation for lasting resilience and happiness.

As a school, we will be working on our goal of developing critical thinking skills so that all students can construct meaningful knowledge and make connections between what they learn and how it applies to life beyond school. We are committed to pursuing this goal with integrity, rigor, and purpose — encouraging students to think deeply, question thoughtfully, and engage in learning that challenges and inspires them. This aligns with our mission of helping every student achieve their full potential by empowering them to discover their passions and find purpose. By approaching learning with curiosity and determination, our students are building the skills and character needed to thrive both inside and outside the classroom.

As we move further into fall, please remember to *dress warmly* for the chilly mornings and unpredictable weather. A cozy jacket, hat, and gloves go a long way in keeping you comfortable and ready to learn.

Mrs. Nett

## Saige Veit

Saige, a hard-working Grade 10 student, is known for the genuine relationships she builds both within her class and beyond. Always kind and approachable, she goes out of her way to offer a helping hand to those around her, whether it's a classmate needing support or a friend facing a challenge. Saige earns the trust of others through her honesty, empathy, and consistency, and she's just as willing to trust in return—creating strong, respectful connections that truly matter. She treats everyone with kindness, no matter the situation, and never compromises who she is to fit in. Saige approaches everything she does with a positive attitude, working hard and staying true to herself, all while wearing a smile that inspires those around her.

Ms Braun

*Genuine Relationships*

## Brynn Hawkins

I am excited to recognize Brynn Hawkins this month! Each day, Brynn comes to school with a smile and kind words to share. She notices the good in every situation and in the people around her. The stories she tells showcase her optimistic outlook and her strong communication skills, which are evident in how she listens to others, shows empathy, and responds with honesty. Brynn is authentically herself and encourages others to do the same.

She is always willing to lend a helping hand to peers and staff. Whether that is by filling up a water bottle for someone, spending time chatting, or helping someone with an assignment, she makes times for everyone throughout her day.

Brynn's ability to build genuine relationships embody what it means to be a Bronc. We are lucky to have Brynn as part of our McLurg family and I look forward to watching her continue to show her optimism everywhere she goes!

Miss Loewen

*Genuine Relationships*

# *Genuine Relationships*

## Zaia Ramos

Zaia is the epitome of a student working hard to create genuine relationships. She has stepped out of her comfort zone and started creating relationships with people who will do absolutely anything for her. This is a reflection of who Zaia is as a person. She is the kindest and funniest person, who cares so deeply for her people. I am so proud of Zaia for opening up her life to contain more and more people that care for her.

Zaia, you are a fantastic person who we are all better for knowing. Your sense of humour, your kind heart, your strong sense of morality, among all of your other amazing qualities prove that you are a person worth knowing and a person worth having on your side.

Thank you for being such a great example of a Bronc.

-Mrs. Anderson

*Genuine Relationships*

## Tatumn Hewison

Tatumn is a very giving and caring person. Her willingness to create genuine relationships with those that she interacts with is exhibited through her actions and words daily, not only with her school community but with all those that she interacts with. Tatumn is more than willing to assist whenever needed and recently took the lead working with all parent volunteers at the juniors' home volleyball tournament. Tatumn is very open and honest displaying optimism on a regular basis. She always has a smile on her face, focusing on the positive and appreciating what is going well. Her eagerness to complete tasks to the best of her ability and ask questions when unsure of the task at hand will assist her in what her future brings for her. Tatumn approaches conversations in a positive manner, and regularly asks how others are doing, prior to putting herself first. You are truly a role model for your peers and school community, Tatumn.

Ms. L'Hoir

*Genuine Relationships*

# Taylor Bantle

I would like to acknowledge Taylor Bantle for the way she lives out the value of genuine relationships each day. She is quick to offer help when others need a hand, shows a quiet determination by challenging herself in her courses, and does it all with a smile that brightens those around her.

Her kindness and positivity set a powerful example of how connection, effort, and attitude can shape our school!

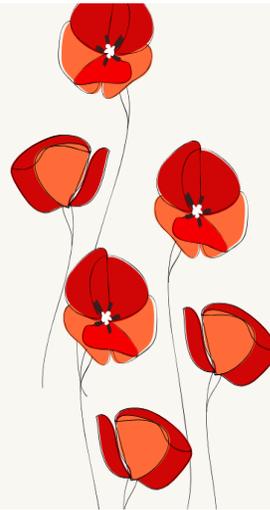
Mrs. Nett

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## McLurg will be hosting Student Led Conferences on

**Thursday, November 6 from 3:15 to 8:15**

**Report Cards will be published on Edsby November 12**



**NORMAN CARTER  
MCLURG**

# Remembrance Day Service

Friday, November 7 at 10:00 am

McLurg Gymnasium

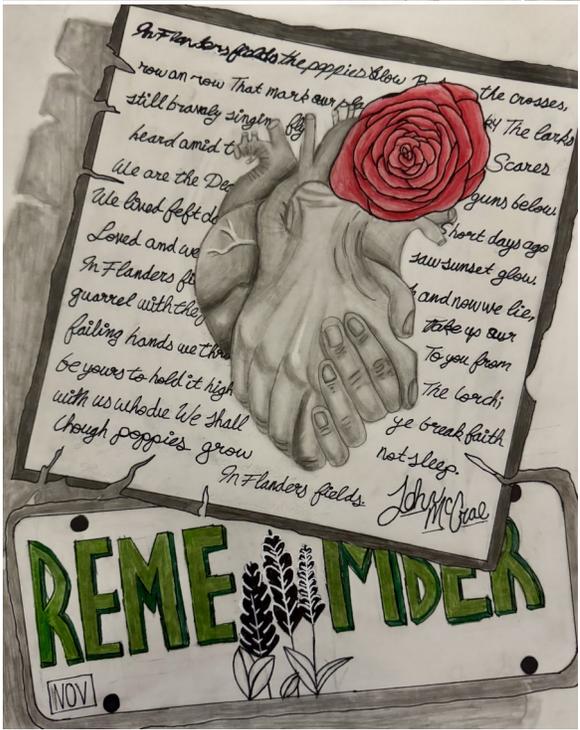
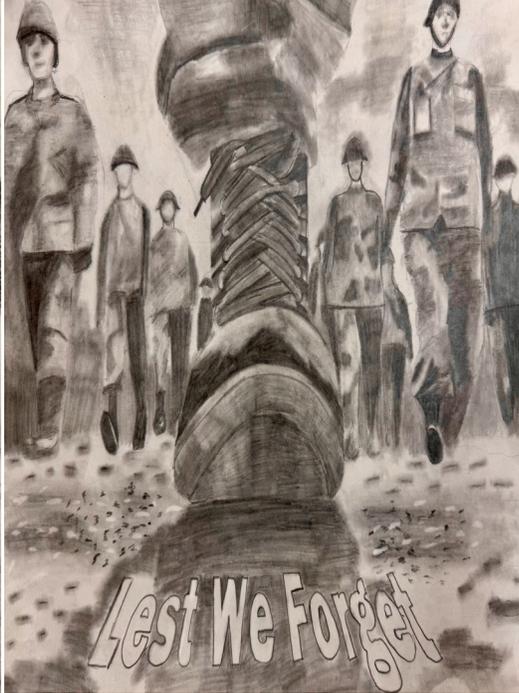
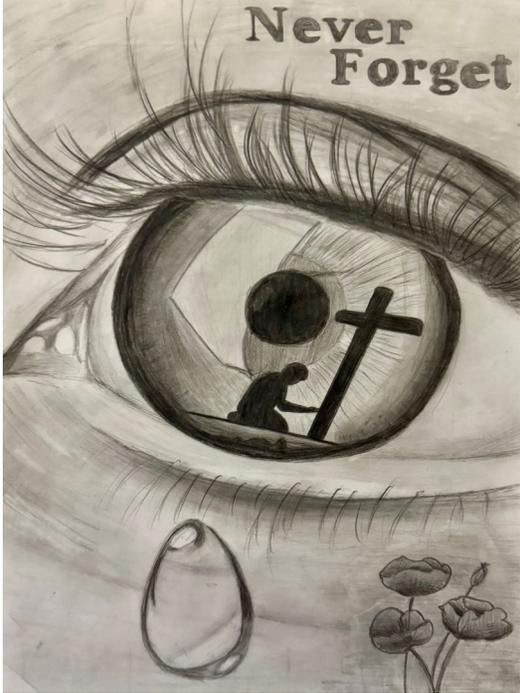
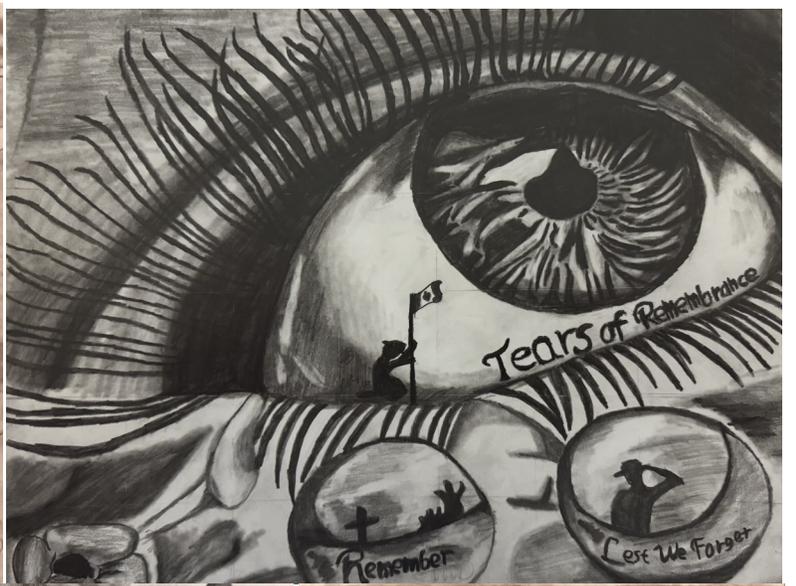
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Everyone Welcome



The Grade 11 ELA students created their own children's books then went over to Norman Carter to read to the grade 1s and 3s. They got into groups, or worked alone, brainstormed, wrote the story, illustrated or used Canva, printed, laminated, and bound their stories. The grade 11s were amazing and treated the elementary kids with such kindness and respect. Thank you to Mrs. Kowalchuk and Mrs. Sander for bringing their kids to spend the class with us. Thank you to the grade 1s and 3s for being such good listeners and for asking such good questions to the grade 11s. This was the most fun project they've done in a long time.





**LEGION  
POSTER  
CONTEST  
ENTRIES**

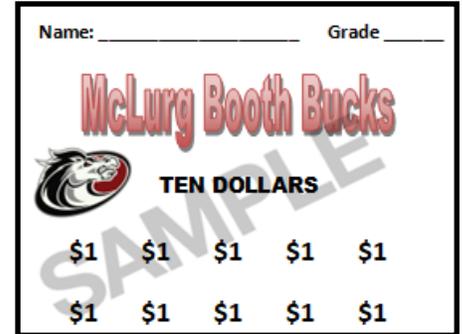


**The McLurg staff and students participated in the Terry Fox Walk on September 26, with Norman Carter school as well as some residents from Poplar Courts. Thank you to all the students for raising funds for this great cause. The McLurg family will be donating \$429.25 to the Terry Fox Foundation. The students and staff raised this money through hat days, sabotage jars, toonie toss, and some donations.**

# McLurg Booth Bucks

To help eliminate some of the cash flow at the school level, McLurg offers Booth Bucks, in denominations of \$10 or \$25. These punch cards can be purchased on School Cash.

Cards will be kept at the school and available for students to use at the booth during lunch. The cards are not available for use on hot lunches or during tournaments.



## November 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Sr. Girls Conferences @ Macklin  Sr. Boys @ Humbolt
2	3	4	5 Early Dismissal	6 Take Our Kids to Work Day - Gr.  Student Led Conferences 3:15 - 8:15	7 Remembrance Day Service 10:00 McLurg Gym  Sr. Girls Regionals @ Macklin Sr. Boys HOST Conferences 	8 Sr. Girls Regionals @ Macklin  Sr. Boys HOST Conferences
9	10 No School	11 Remembrance Day No School 	12	13  Picture Retakes	14 Sr. Girls Provincials Sr. Boys Regionals	15 Sr. Girls Provincials Sr. Boys Regionals
16	17	18	19	20	21  Sr. Boys Provincials	22  Sr. Boys Provincials
23	24 PD Day No School	25	26 Elementary Volleyball	27	28	29
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# Workplace & Apprenticeship Math 10

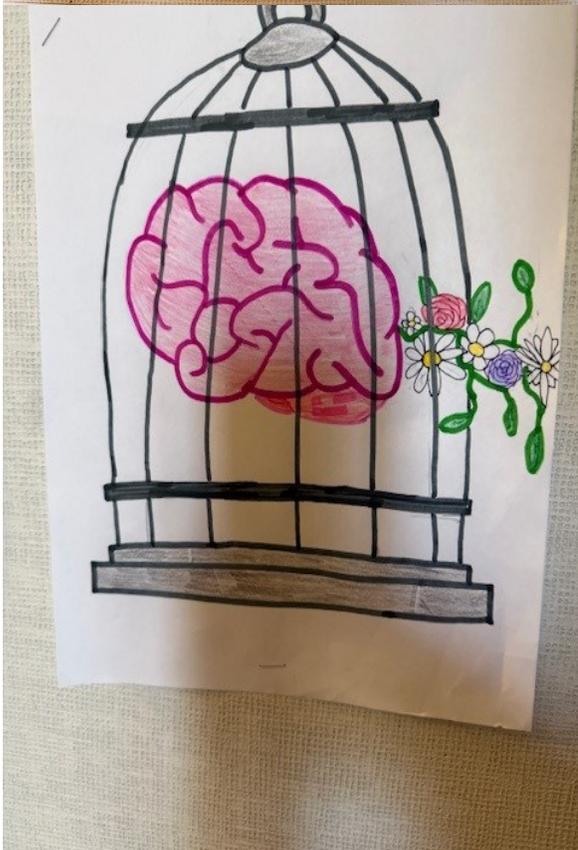


The W&A 10 class has been busy with projects this past month. At the end of last month, they completed a culinary competition to showcase their conversion knowledge. Each group brought their own cultural dish, with most groups bringing an array of food and drinks. The groups were judged on the taste of their food and presentation of their food and menu. A huge thank you to all our judges this year: Mrs. Nett, Mrs. T. Sittler, Mrs. Elder, Tayla, and Addisen! The winners can be found below. They also brought a ton of creativity when designing and building ice fishing shelters to end their surface area and volume unit.

Keep up the great work W&A 10!  
Miss Loewen

Category	Winning Team
Best Overall Taste	Joelle & Lexie
Best Overall Presentation	Ashlyn, Zaia, & Xander





The grade 10s created nonconformist art in ELA. They studied three poems about taking the road less travelled, about being different than everyone else. They then had to create a visual representation of the idea of nonconformity. This activity allowed the students to be creative and explore the idea of nonconformity, while, inherently, conforming to the requirements set out by Mrs. Anderson.



Crochet Club is still hoping to get up and running. We are looking for kids that want to learn how to crochet or knit, or students that are just looking for some interrupted crochet/knitting time. Please join us on Tuesdays in Mrs. Anderson's room.



Minecraft Club meets once a week at lunch. Unfortunately, we have not been able to meet at all yet this year because there is a low number of students wanting to join us. Please, if you want to play, let Mrs. Anderson know so that she can make sure she has mice ready to go.





### Charity in Action

This month found Charity in Action students back at Bethany Enhanced Living playing one of our longest games of Uno yet. The hour-long game brought lots of pick up four cards and visiting.

Next month, we will be switching to Wednesday's and may try our hand at baking. Stay tuned!

Miss Loewen



## JUNIOR BRONCS



The Jr. Girls Volleyball team was busy this month. They played some more league games and went to two tournaments. The grade 7/8 players went to Macklin where they placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in their pool and then lost the crossover earning them bronze. The grade 8/9 players attended the Medstead tournament where they placed 1<sup>st</sup> in their pool and won silver.

To end the season, the girls attended conferences this past weekend at JPll where they placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in their pool and then lost out during the crossover game.

As coaches, we are very proud of the growth these girls exhibited this season and how they came together as a team both on and off the court. Thank you for a great season!

Coach Toothill and Coach Loewen



This year, the Junior Boys grew both as a team and individually. Throughout league play, the boys won all of their games, except the first one. On Saturday, October 25th, the team went to conferences in Unity. They played hard; however it was not their day, and they were eliminated in the cross over game. Thank you to all parents and caregivers for your support over the season, as well as to Cooper and Cruz for assisting with running practices.



# JUNIOR BRONCS



Our Sr. Boys had a great weekend at LCBI last weekend. They head to Humbolt this weekend for their last tournament before playoffs. They will host conferences next weekend. Be sure to come out, cheer them on and watch some great volleyball.

Our Sr. Boys girls start their playoff run this weekend! Good luck in Macklin at Conferences ladies!

