

Macaulay Newsflash



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Principal's Message

We've had very busy February here at Macaulay – must have been the extra day because it was a leap year! ☺

Staff have been engaged in a number of Professional Development activities related to our goals in student learning and well-being. We are taking this time to consider how far we've come in meeting those goals and planning for the rest of the year.

We had another very successful Meet You At Macaulay night, hosted by the School Council. It was great to see so many families here supporting the initiative, learning about TLDSB's Feed All Four program, and experiencing some great physical activities.

Our grade 7/8 students finished off their Dragon's Den unit this past week. Some very interesting ideas that impressed the Dragons and some great feedback on what students can and should do moving forward with those ideas.

Finally this Thursday is parent interview night. If you want to meet with your child's teacher please contact them directly to confirm a time.

Make sure to enjoy March Break!

Peter Edwards
Principal

PD Day and March Break

Don't forget that Friday March 11 is a Professional Development Day for an extra long holiday this year.

March Break

Schools will be closed from March 14th-18th for the March Break. We hope you have the opportunity to enjoy some quality time with your child.



Pasta Lunch

In partnership with the Pasta Shoppe on Manitoba Street, we will be offering a hot pasta lunch to our students on **March 22nd**. Order forms are due on Monday March 7, 2016. Don't worry if you missed the due date – you can place your order for April and enjoy the delicious pasta!

Mrs. Thompson's class

We will be wrapping up our final elective on March 8 with the Grade 6s curling and the grade 5s doing snowshoe boot camp. We are continuing our learning about coding with our ICT consultant, Mr. Smith.

Snow Days

On Inclement Weather Days, please remember to sign out your children with the teacher on duty outside the office by the front door.

Is Your Child Ready for Kindergarten?

If you have a child entering Kindergarten for the first time this fall, you will want to attend a Ready for Kindergarten event near you this spring. You are welcome to attend any of the three open houses regardless of where you live and which school you have registered at for the fall.

- April 5th – Gravenhurst Public School
- April 20th – Huntsville Public School
- May 5th – Monsignor Michael O’Leary Catholic School, Bracebridge

At Ready for Kindergarten your child will have the opportunity to have their hearing and visions tested, as well as undergo screening for developmental milestones. You can learn about how to pack healthy lunches, sample healthy snacks, speak to a dental hygienist, learn about immunizations, talk to someone about library and recreation programs, and even go with your child on their first school bus ride. The event runs from 4 pm until 7 pm and you will need one to two hours to get through all the activities. For more information, contact Brenda Boothby 645-2412 Ext. 467 or email brenda.boothby@muskoka.on.ca.

Grade 7/8 news

Dragons Den - both classes had the opportunity to showcase months of hard work on Thursday March 3rd as they presented their sales pitch, for their new product or business idea, to a variety of community volunteers acting as 'Dragons' in a mock Dragons Den.

Public Speaking - both classes have been participating in a public speaking competition. All students have presented speeches in class, the top 3-4 students from each class will present to the grade 5/6 classes on Monday March 7th. The top 1-2 students will represent Macaulay at the Lions Club Public Speaking Contest on Tuesday March 8th at 6:30PM, at BMLSS. Well done grade 7/8 students!

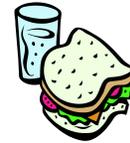
Scientists in the Classroom - scientists will be visiting the classes on Wednesday March 30th for a full day of hands-on Science learning.

VOLLEYBALL

The Boys volleyball tournament will be held on **March 23rd** at Gravenhurst High school and the public school. The Girls volleyball tournament will be held at Monck P.S..

Imitation Butters

Just as a reminder imitation butters (soya, sunflower etc.)



are not permitted at school or any school functions. Please be mindful that we are a “Peanut Free” school.

Cross-Country Ski Club:

We were very lucky to receive funding to purchase 19 pairs of new ski boots from our School Council. We are equipped for most students to ski from Grades 2-8. We are very thankful! It has been a good season. Hopefully we will have more students attend the ski race next year. Thanks, Mrs. B-Y and Mrs. Kamachi.

Macaulay Tree House School Age Programs

Macaulay Tree House offers quality, licensed **FULL DAY PROGRAMS** for P.D. days, Winter holidays and March Break. Fun activities, trips, crafts and active play are planned for each program which runs from 7:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. located at Monck Public School. Registration forms are available now through the After School Programs or Macaulay Tree House, 50 The Granite Bluff.



MARCH BREAK HIGHLIGHTS: Mad Science Visits, St. Patrick’s Day activities, Special Guests, Games and Crafts. Please call **645-1953** for more program information.

Meet You At Macaulay Wrap Up!

The **2016 Meet You at Macaulay** open house event was a resounding success! The doors opened at 6:30 on Thursday March 3rd and began with an entertaining Puppet Show from Guelph’s Jay Wilson. While Jay sang, played guitar and performed his puppets, the parents were engaged in a Feed All Four presentation. We also enjoyed demonstrations in martial arts, drum fit, zumba and dance. There was a drumming circle and an appearance by Dr. Seuss’s Cat in the Hat and Oh The Places You Will Go! We played Twister, stretched our muscles in Yoga and practised our planks! The fun continued outside with star gazing on snowshoes and biking on fat tires! We experienced art therapy alongside Elke Scholtz and added our kind thoughts to the Wall of Happiness. We also filled ourselves up with freshly made smoothies and snacks made by three

talented chefs outside the breakfast club room. If you would like extra copies of our materials from the evening such as recipe cards, bookmarks, Gratitude Kits and colouring pages, please feel free to stop by the office to take some home. **A special thank you to school council, staff, volunteers and families for making the 3rd annual event a success!**

Breakfast Club Delights!

As sampled at the MYAM event!

Macaulay's Breakfast Club Strawberry Banana Smoothie

- 2 cups frozen strawberries
- 1 fresh banana, peeled
- 1 cup milk
- 1 cup ice
- ½ cup yogourt
- 1 tablespoon maple syrup

Add all ingredients to a blender and pulse until combined.

Serve immediately.

Attendance

*Please remember to call the safe arrival line at 705-645-1918 (after hours) to let us know if your child will be away or late. The phone calls are essential for keeping our children safe and for reducing the amount of time required to contact parents if their **child is not in class**. This is especially important if there is an emergency. Please call each day unless you have given advance notice of your child's planned absence. **We thank you for your assistance and cooperation!***

GRADE 8 GRAD PHOTOGRAPHY

We have re-scheduled Grade 8 graduation photos for **Thursday March 10th** in the afternoon. This day is also Pajama Day and Pancake Day so remember to bring good clothes and grooming supplies for the camera!

Student – Parent Communication at School

Uninterrupted learning time is very important in the classroom. As you are aware, we try to keep the

students focused by limiting cell phone usage during school hours. We encourage families to make prior plans to prevent classroom disruption. We are happy to communicate with our parents and to receive last minute messages. If your child is leaving early, please write the plans in their agenda. Your child's teacher will dismiss your child from class and have them arrive in the office on time ready for you to sign your child out. Thanks!

Reminder

Boston Pizza's Dough For Schools is ongoing throughout the school year. It's simple! If you are dining at Boston Pizza be sure to mark your receipt "Macaulay Public School" and leave it in the receipt box by the door. At the end of the year, a percentage of our total receipts will be donated to the school

Breakfast Program

The Macaulay Breakfast Program continues to be well used by many of our students. All kids are welcome to enjoy the breakfast and snacks which are usually provided 5 mornings a week. The program does cost money and volunteer support to continue running. With your help we can continue to provide this worthwhile service to our students at Macaulay. Please consider donating to support this great program.

Veggie Plates

The veggie plates are going out daily and returning empty. The vegetables are being eaten very quickly in the classroom. Veggies make great snacks in lunches and at home during movie nights!

Dates to Remember:

- ◆ Meet You at Macaulay → Mar.3
- ◆ School Council Meeting → Mar.7
- ◆ Grad Photos → Mar.10
- ◆ PJ and Pancake Day → Mar.10
- ◆ Interviews 4:30-8:30 → Mar.10
- ◆ P.A. Day → Mar.11
- ◆ March Break → Mar.16–20
- ◆ Dental Screening → Mar.21
- ◆ Volleyball Tourny → Mar.23
- ◆ Good Friday → Mar.25
- ◆ Easter Monday → Mar.28
- ◆ Spring Book Fair → Apr. 26
- ◆ Hep B & HPV needles → May 11
- ◆ Victoria Day → May 23
- ◆ P.A. Day → June 3
- ◆ Last day of School → June 29
- ◆ P.D. Day – no school → June 30

