

Macaulay Newsflash

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Macaulay Public School, touching minds, hearts and spirits to shape our future

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Principal’s Message

A huge welcome back to everyone! I’d also like to extend a special welcome to our new students, staff and families.

Please be sure to come out and meet face to face at this year’s Meet the Teacher BBQ on Thursday, September 20th.

As ever, September is a time of promise - a new year filled with learning and fun. As usual, many parents are asking “What can I do to support my child’s learning?” I recently read an article from People for Education that reviewed thirty years of research on that very question and the answer pointed to four basic things. I am including the whole article below as I feel that it is worth the read.

Of course, our teachers are always asking themselves, “What can I do to support my student’s learning?” In answer to that, we at Macaulay, are continually seeking enriching learning activities to support your child’s whole educational experience. Whether it is supporting Math learning or learning to read with the latest reading programs, supporting a growing understanding of technology and computer coding to developing an appreciation of nature through our outdoor classrooms, we are continually looking at ways to improve. Please take time to read the article below and perhaps you might ask your child “What exciting thing is happening this year at school?”

David Crawford
Principal

Parents can make a difference in their children’s success (September 5, 2018)

As the new school year begins, one of the biggest questions for parents is “how can I help my child succeed?” People for Education, in a project that looked at **thirty years of parent involvement research**, identified four key things that parents can do to support their children. These four things not only support students’ academic success – they also support the development of the key competencies they need for success in school and in life. And, it can be done at home!

Competencies can be taught and learned

When students graduate, they will be faced with many challenges beyond the application of mathematics, reading, and writing abilities. Developing competencies in areas such as citizenship, health, creativity, and social-emotional learning is just as important to lifelong success as mastering multiplication or learning about essay structure. Some people believe that these competencies are qualities that people are just “born with”, but that is not the case. They can be taught, learned, and practiced throughout life. If students are given opportunities to develop and hone these skills, they will be able to apply them in school, work, and life.

Four tips for parents

Here are four things parents can do to support their children’s development, both academically, and in these vital areas of learning.

1) Have high (but reasonable) expectations

One of the key factors in a quality learning environment, both at school and in the home, is the expectation of success. When parents consistently communicate their belief in their children’s potential, students do better. This support can help students explore initial ideas more deeply, and challenge

MEET THE TEACHER NIGHT

Macaulay’s Meet the Teacher Night will be Thursday, Sept 20, from 5:30 – 7 pm. Please come on out and enjoy a hot dog with us.

assumptions – two competencies that contribute to a student's ability to think critically and creatively.

2) Talk about school

Talking about school activities and programs helps to engage students in their own learning, and shows that their parents are interested in their education. A study of over 25,000 grade 8 students in the US found that talking to children has a bigger impact than limiting TV time or restricting how often children go out during the week.

Talking about school not only communicates your interest in school, it can also support social-emotional learning. Questions like "When were you happiest today?" or "Was there any part of today that you thought was boring?" can help children identify their emotions and understand why they feel the way they do, two competencies that support self-awareness, an aspect of social-emotional learning. Asking questions like "Who is the funniest person in your class?" or "Was anyone in your class annoyed today?" can help children identify emotional cues and respond constructively to the mood of others. These are competencies in social awareness, another aspect of social-emotional learning.

3) Help students develop a positive attitude towards learning and good work habits

As children get older, many of the factors that directly influence achievement are out of a parent's control. However, parents can still support their children by helping to shape their attitudes towards school and their work habits.

Parents can support persistence by praising effort rather than achievement, so that the importance of *trying your best* is communicated. Some of the competencies integral to developing creativity, such as exploring complex ideas, defending your own solutions, and breaking conventions, are related to persistence.

Parents can also help their children by helping them to develop good work habits and routines. Being able to make healthy choices about eating and sleeping are vital competencies in the health domain. Being able to develop personalized learning strategies, monitor academic goals, and respond constructively to factors that have an impact on learning, are all competencies that contribute to self-management, an aspect of social-emotional learning.

4) Read together (in any language)

Reading is foundational to education, and parents can make a difference by reading and talking about books and stories with their children. While the

letter-sound correspondence that children learn at school is vital, the motivation, comprehension, and oral language skills children develop through reading and discussing stories with their parents creates the foundation for successful literacy. According to research, reading and talking in a child's home language builds comprehension and motivation just as effectively as reading and talking in the language of school. In order to develop skills such as the development of a voice, it is critical that young people not only know how to read, but how to comprehend texts. Reading with children can also help them understand aspects of other people's identities, articulate a personal position, and understand how perspectives can change over time. All of these are key competencies in the domain of citizenship.

All parents want what is best for their children. By doing these four things, parents can support their children's success, both in school and in life beyond the classroom.

Upcoming Events

- Parent Council Meeting → Sept. 10
- Meet the Teacher → Sept. 14
- Evan Luker → Sept. 21
- Hoya Run → Sept. 26
- Terry Fox Run → Sept. 21
- Soccer Festival → Sept. 26
- Orange Shirt Day → Sept. 28
- Bus Patroller Day → Oct. 3
- Picture Day → Oct. 3
- Thanksgiving → Oct. 8
- Mud Run → Oct. 12
- P.D. Day → Oct. 26
- SMDHV-Gr. 7 Shots → Oct. 24
- Halloween → Oct. 31

Macaulay Website

Please check out our website at <http://mac.tlds.on.ca>. Our website will be a great place for you to see any new updates. As part of our initiative to reduce paper use and help the environment, we will continue posting the newsletter on our website this year.

Respect and Responsibility

At Macaulay, we:

- Show respect for self and others
- Respect property and the equipment
- Refrain from using verbal and visual profanity
- Eat and drink in designated areas
- Dress in an appropriate manner
- Are punctual for all school activities
- Demonstrate effective work habits performing to the best of their abilities
- Set ongoing, realistic, personal goals

School Council Meeting

School Council meeting will be on **September 10, at 6:30 p.m.** in the school library. Newcomers are encouraged to attend. We welcome discussion and new ideas. Please consider joining us!



Messages for Students from Parents

Macaulay’s main mission is to provide a quality education experience for our students. Our teachers work diligently to plan and deliver their lesson plans. Our goal is to limit interruptions (of all kinds). Please make your plans before sending your children off to school for the day. In the event of a schedule change, we are happy to deliver messages to teachers and students at break times (10:45 a.m. & 12:45) and at the end of the day (2:50 pm.) We appreciate your cooperation.

Macaulay Staff

The teaching assignments listed below will start off the school year. Student population changes because of new enrolments may make some student or teacher assignment changes necessary.

- Principal - Mr. David Crawford
- Secretary - Ms. Jenny Rendall
- JK/SK - Mrs. Jerri Knight
- JK/SK - Mrs. Jenn Kamachi
- Gr. 1 - Mrs. B. Bound / Ms. Una Pape
- Grade 2 - Mrs. Heddy Lee
- Grade 1/2 - Mrs. Sharon Wagner-Chazalon
- Grade 3 - Mrs. Tammi-Lynn Tomassoni
- Grade 3/4 - Mrs. Megan Jones
- Grade 4/5 - Mrs. Amy Wheler
- Grade 5 - Mrs. Marcia Delgado
- Grade 6 - Mr. Matt Wolgemuth
- Grade 7/8 - Mr. Matt Hodges
- Grade 7/8 - Mrs. Laura Slein
- French - Mr. Stephane Lemay
- Phys. Ed. - Mr. Andreasen
- Special Education Resource Teacher - Ms. Jodi O’Donnell
- D.E.C.E - Ms. Nicole Lindner
- Ms. Abby Thompson
- Ed. Assistant - Mrs. Joanne Conrad
- Mrs. Sherri Clayton
- Library Tech - Mrs. Karen Lambert
- Custodian - Mr. Cam Hill

School Hours

- 8:25 a.m. Drop off (not before as there is no supervision on the playground)
- 8:45a.m. Bell rings
- 10:45 a.m. – 11:05 a.m. Nutrition Break
- 11:05 a.m. – 11:25 a.m. Outdoor Recess
- 11:45 a.m. – 1:05 p.m. Nutrition Break
- 1:05 p.m. – 1:25 p.m. Outdoor Recess
- 3:05 p.m. Dismissal



Peanut Safe

Macaulay Public School remains a “Peanut Safe Environment”. Several of our students are allergic to peanuts, peanut products, nuts and sesame. Allergies range from mild to very severe. A severe reaction can be tragic and we are doing our best to protect the safety of all our students. **WE ASK THAT ALL SNACKS AND LUNCHES NOT INCLUDE NUTS.** Please remind us if your child has sensitivities or allergies. We have students who do carry epi-pens with them to counteract allergic reactions.



Sign In / Sign Out

If your child leaves early or arrives late, they need to check in at the office, sign the In/Out book and get an Admit Slip before going to their class. Students must have a current note from parents to leave the school grounds for lunch.

Playground Rules/Expectations for All Students

1. No student is permitted to leave school property without office approval.
2. The treeline/bush areas are “out of bounds” for all students.
3. Sticks, stones and other foreign objects are to remain on the ground.
4. Articles brought from home (i.e. toys, balls, marbles, etc.) are the sole responsibility of the student. The school does not take responsibility for lost articles.
5. Respect, courtesy and fair play is expected from all students.
6. Report strangers, animals, etc. to the Yard Duty teachers.
7. Permission must be granted by a Yard Duty teacher before entry is permitted back into the school.
8. Respect school property and grounds.
9. Parking lot and front of school are “out of bounds” unless accompanied by teacher for school event.
10. Outside recesses are a privilege, not necessarily a right.

Safe Arrival – 645-1918

If your child is going to be absent from school or late for any reason, we require you to call the safe arrival number **705-645-1918**. Please leave a message on the answering machine indicating your child’s name and classroom, as well as an indication of how long they are expected to be absent. We check these messages between 9:00 – 9:30 a.m. each morning.



ALL VISITORS MUST CHECK IN AT THE FRONT OFFICE WHEN VISITING MACAULAY

Student Pick Up and Delivery

If picking up a student please report to the office for student to be called down.

A number of parents drive their children to and from school. At arrival and dismissal times we have a very busy driveway with bus arrivals and departures. Personal vehicles should drive through the designated bus area zone and drop off their children at the south/east area of the school.

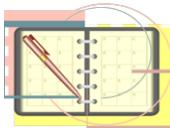
Personal vehicles may have to wait as buses unload – please do not try to pass the bus in the bus lane or leave your vehicle unattended in the bus lane. This will help to ensure the safety of all our students. Students are not to be dropped off before 8:25 a.m., as there is no supervision on the yard until that time. If students are being picked up after school, they must be picked up no later than 3:20 p.m. If this is not possible, please make appropriate child care arrangements at Macaulay Tree House.

Update Personal Information and Emergency Contacts

We have many children working and playing at school every day. As you can imagine, we have our share of bumps and bruises. Fortunately, we have very few serious injuries. We need to know if there are changes in your work or home numbers, address or if your emergency contact person from last year has changed. We would like to be able to get in touch with you or someone who will speak for you if your child does have an accident. **Please let the office know if there are any changes to your contact information.**

School Agendas

This year all students received an agenda. Please review these booklets daily and write notes in them for your child's teacher. The Board provides these agendas as a tool to enhance communication between our school and your home.

**Pizza at Macaulay**

Pizza will be starting up on Sept. 27. Forms will be sent home this week and are due back Thursday, Sept. 20. If you wish to pay online pizza is now available through our School Cash Online.

**Lunch Departures**

We would ask that parents submit to your child's teacher or to the office, a letter of written permission if you intend to permit your child to leave school premises during the lunch hour. Please write a note every day your child is planning to leave the school. Students must continue to use the Sign-In/Sign-Out procedure through the front office and

return in time for the beginning of afternoon classes.

Student Accident Form

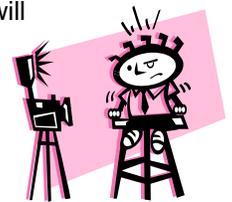
An application for Student Accident Insurance was distributed in September. This insurance opportunity is an **excellent** option for you to consider along with your other accident insurance. Forms should be **SENT DIRECTLY** to the **INSURANCE COMPANY**. **PLEASE DO NOT RETURN THE FORM TO THE SCHOOL.**

**Milk at Macaulay**

White/Chocolate milk will be sold daily, during lunch, for \$1.00.

**School Student Photos**

This year Edge Imaging will be handling our student photo packages. All student photos will be taken on October 3rd. Please stay tuned for the Picture Re-take Day date! Please have a look on their website to learn more details about their products!

**Head Lice Policy**

Periodically throughout the school year, we will be having school wide Head Lice checks. **We are recruiting parent volunteers to help us complete this task.** Although not glamorous, this is definitely one of the most important volunteer positions in the school. We appreciate the help from our current volunteers. If you can spare a few hours a month, please contact the office for more details! Thank you!

It is the Trillium Lakelands District School Board Policy that any child found to have active head lice you will be called to pick up your child from school until the first treatment has been completed and the **nits are removed**. If only nits have been found parents will be notified.

We will inform you if anyone in your child's class gets head lice. **Please help us by regularly checking your child's head for nits.** Finding and treating head lice early will stop the spread of head lice in children.

Lost and Found

Each year hundreds of \$\$\$ worth of clothing is left unclaimed at the school. In order to avoid the problem it would be very helpful for you to remember to take the time to **label your child's clothing and other school belongings**. This will greatly increase the chance of lost articles getting back to their owners.

A lost and found box is located in the hall outside the Computer Lab. Students and parents are encouraged to check this area for lost items on a regular basis. At the end of the school terms, items not claimed are donated to a local charity.

Breakfast and Snack Club

Macaulay volunteers work diligently to provide high quality, nutritious breakfasts to our school community. Our current menu includes homemade apple and blueberry oatmeal with fresh maple syrup, granola / yogurt parfaits, fresh fruit, smoothies and our version of the Macaulay scrambled egg and cheese muffin. Our cereal grains are gluten free for our grain sensitive students. We welcome every child whether they missed breakfast, had a long bus ride or are simply hungry again! To operate successfully we volunteers and welcome donations. If you are willing to assist, please contact the office. Thank you.



Macaulay Primary PE Department

Lots of exciting things have been happening in the PE world for our physical learners. Our learning goals have been focusing on Cooperation and Listening Skills. Both of these goals will lay the foundation of having purposeful physical education in a safe and fun environment. Each day begins with one of our themes to get our muscles ready (Music Monday, Tag Tuesday, Workout Wednesday, Thinking Thursday, and Fun or Four Corner Fridays for assessments). The grades 1 - 4s have been learning about finding appropriate exertion points for activities - the Five Finger Exertion Ruler, and locating our pulses to determine if we are working at the right level. All primary students have been training towards our Evan Luker Run, Tuesday September, 18. The primary students run from 12:30- 2:00 starting with the grade 4s. Coming up for September / October: the Kinders will continue with Introduction to PE for this month as routines are a big priority to enjoying success. Once we hit October we will spend a few weeks with Outdoor Play / Open space games and then when the weather turns we will start a unit on Jumping/Landing/Balance. The grade 1-4s will be focus ing on Evan Luker / fitness, and then Passport for Life to set up some goals for the year. In October we will move on to a few weeks of Target Games and then Jumping/Landing/Balance as well as some Drumfit! I am looking forward to developing a great intramural program for our students this year and getting us all enjoying being active.

School Cash Online

To make paying school fees easier, Trillium Lakelands District School Board is now accepting online payments through School Cash Online. This platform allows parents and community members to pay school-related fees online – safely, quickly, and easily. With School Cash Online, you can pay for items such as lunches, field trips, and sports fees. Anytime, anywhere. Visit <https://tldsbc.schoolcashionline.com/> to get started.

Reminder: Please ensure your child has a pair of indoor running shoes. Don't hesitate to call us if you need some help. Shoes are expensive, and you may have already purchased indoor shoes not knowing or realizing your child needs some indoor gym shoes.

Parents/Guardians: if you feel you have some areas of expertise (pilates, yoga, soccer, basketball, dance) please do not hesitate to contact the school. We'd love it if you could come in once, or sometimes, or even regularly to work with our physical learners at our AAA school!

After School Care

Macaulay Tree House Day Care Centre offers before and after school care at Macaulay Public School each day from **7:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m.** Registration forms are available at Macaulay Tree House (645-1956). **Children must be registered in advance in order to attend.** Macaulay Tree House also offers P.A. Day, winter break and spring break programs throughout the year at Monck Public School.

Terry Fox Walk

Our Terry Fox school walk will be Friday, Sept. 21. NEW this year is online donations by going to <http://www.terryfox.ca/MacaulayPSBracebridgeON>

Macaulay Concert Band

Macaulay concert band is forming soon! We invite any student who is in Grade 6, 7, and 8 to join to experience performing together in the band. We will have one afternoon practice a week which will run from 3:15 to 4:15. Students will need to be picked up at 4:20 at the latest! Thank you. Ms. Lee"

Evan Luker Run

Macaulay hosted the Evan Luker on September 18. Once again we had a successful event. Thanks Macaulay!