

# 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

I'm not sure that everyone is enjoying the wonderful winter weather like me, but I know the students have loved getting out on cross-country skis and snowshoes.

There is so much going on here at Macaulay right now. We have students involved in cross-country skiing, curling, skating, and swimming. Both boys and girls volleyball teams have been practicing regularly in preparation for games and the tournament with other schools. Our junior and intermediate students are working through their "Genius Hour" assignments – I'm looking forward to their final presentations. We also have our intermediates students heading off to St. Donat on February 22<sup>nd</sup> for a wonderful cultural experience.

In staff changes this month, we've had to say good-bye to Mrs. Tomassoni and Ms. Cushman, but have welcomed back Ms. Delgado from her personal leave.

First term report cards will be going home on February 20<sup>th</sup> – it's a great time for parents and students to sit down and identify goals for the remainder of the year. If you have any questions or concerns about your child's report card please do not hesitate in contacting their teacher.

Finally, Macaulay is very fortunate to have an amazing School Council. Again this year they have organized "Meet You at Macaulay" - a parent engagement evening. Hopefully all families will be able to attend on February 12<sup>th</sup>.

Enjoy the snow!

Peter Edwards  
Principal

## Legion Winners

Thank you to all our Macaulay students who participated in the Legion contest. Makayla Hemming's artwork placed first followed by Emma Topping, Autumn Mowbray and Justin Stewart. Congratulations!



## BUS ZONE: PLEASE NO PARKING

Please do not leave or park your vehicle in the bus zone. When using this lane, it is for drop off and pick up only. If parking is unavailable in the side lot, please use the lot across the street. Thank you for your co-operation.

## Report Cards Go Home

Report cards go home on Friday February 20<sup>th</sup>. Please take a moment to go over the report card with your child and set goals for the remainder of the school year.



## Family Day – February 16<sup>th</sup>

We hope you enjoy a special day with your family on February 16<sup>th</sup>.



## Arrowhead Nordic Ski Races

Macaulay Public School is pleased to be sending 24 students from grades 3-8 to the Cross-Country Ski Race at Arrowhead Provincial Park on Friday, February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2015. This race is organized by the Arrowhead Nordic Ski Club. Thanks to Mrs. and Mr. Evershed, Mrs. Wark, and Mrs. Janas for volunteering to transport our ski equipment and cheering us on. Thanks to the School Council for the past purchase of the ski equipment as it is being used for the race and for our classroom QDPA programs. - Thanks, Mrs. B-Y, Mrs. Allison, and Mrs. Kamachi

**Grade 7/8 Quebec Trip**

Many of Grade 7's and 8's are leaving for their exciting trip to Quebec soon. They will be away **Sunday Feb 22 - Wednesday Feb 25**. We wish them a wonderful and safe trip. **Bonne Voyage!!**

**Hot Chocolate Sales**

The Grade 7 and 8 classes continue to fundraise for their Quebec trip by selling hot chocolate on Friday's at the **1st nutrition break** in front of the office. The price is 50 cents with a reusable mug or 75 cents without. **Thank you everyone for your valued contribution!**

**Grade 8 Course Selection**

A guidance counselor from BMLSS visited our school on Jan. 26 with info packages for next year. The counselor presented pathways with options for our students to consider. The package included forms for course selection, registration and communication consent. The forms are due to be returned to homeroom teachers on Feb 20. September is just around the corner!

**Winter Watch**

The cold, unpredictable weather is here. Please ensure that you send your child with a hat, mitts, warm coat and boots. All children are expected to enjoy the great outdoors at recess.



Remember to check the radio for school bus cancellations. If the busses are cancelled on a pizza day, there will be **NO** delivery of pizza (it will be served the next school day). Also, if children are dropped off at school on a "no bus" day, parents are responsible to pick up their child by **3:15 p.m.**

**School Council Meeting**

The next School Council Meeting will be held on **Monday February 2nd at 6:30 p.m. in the Library**. Everyone is welcome to attend.



**Grad Photo's**

The date for the Grade 8 grad photos have been tentatively set for February 18-20. Please watch the website for date confirmation. Thanks!



**Meet You At Macaulay! – Thursday February 12, 2015**

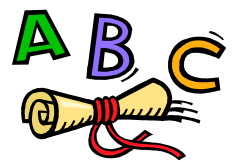
A school & community open house event at Macaulay Public School. The E-Flyer has been posted on the website; each family will have one sent home. Hope to see you there!

**Dates to Remember**

- ♦ Grade 6 Curling → Feb. 18, 25, Mar. 4
- ♦ Grade 3 Swimming → Feb. 4,11
- ♦ Grade 4 X-Country Skiing → Feb. 4,11
- ♦ Grade 2 Skating → Feb. 5,12,19,26
- ♦ Family Day – no school → Feb. 16
- ♦ Grade 8 Grad Photos → Feb. 19
- ♦ Pita Day → Feb. 17
- ♦ March Break → Mar. 16 – 20
- ♦ Dental Screening → Mar. 24
- ♦ Junior Battle of the Books → Mar. 31
- ♦ Inter. Battle of the Books → Apr. 1
- ♦ Good Friday → Apr. 3
- ♦ Easter Monday → Apr. 6
- ♦ Hep B & HPV needles → May 14 (a.m.)
- ♦ Victoria Day → May 18
- ♦ P.D. Day – no school → June 5
- ♦ Last day of School → June 26

**Cross-Country Ski Club**

Our cross-country ski club will continue through till the end February. We will be continuing with cross-country skiing for our students from grades 3-8 on Thursdays for the month of February (12:45-1:25pm). We have had a great amount of fun going on our trails and on the trail behind the school. Any parent volunteers that would like assist in this event are welcome. Please contact either Mrs. B-Y or Mrs. Kamachi.



**Kindergarten Registration Week**

Kindergarten registration will run from January 26 to February 6, 2015. **Students registering for Junior Kindergarten must be 4 years old by December 31, 2015.**

To register your child in Kindergarten, please bring:

- Proof of age for each child (Birth Certificate)
- Child's Immunization Record
- Proof of address
- Ontario Health Card Number






**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



# MEET YOU AT MACAULAY

Thursday February 12  
6:30pm - 8:00pm (Drop In)  
at Macaulay Public School

 <b>Mental Health &amp; Wellness</b>	✓ Feed All Four presented by TLDSB	✓ Mindfulness / Mindup	✓ OPP Cyber Bullying
 <b>Healthy Eating</b>		✓ Ideas for Healthy, Pocketbook Friendly Lunches	
 <b>Games &amp; Team Building Activities</b>	✓ Minute To Win It Games	✓ "Staff Picks" Board Games	✓ Inuit Games
 <b>Eco Schools</b>	✓ Eco Schools Activities	✓ Litterless Lunches	
 <b>Math &amp; Literacy Basics</b>	✓ Literacy Tips & Tricks	✓ Math Tips & Tricks	
 <b>Technology</b>	✓ Coding ✓ Learn to "Tweet"		✓ Sign our Electronic Guest Book ✓ SmartBoard Demos
 <b>Arts &amp; Music</b>	✓ Art Gallery Walk	✓ Family Photo Booth	✓ Drumming Circle

## COMMUNITY AND SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Refreshments • Snacks • Prizes

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# Macaulay's Valentine's day French Crêpe breakfast

FEBRUARY 14TH  
MACAULAY PUBLIC SCHOOL

Enjoy a delicious French style Valentine's day breakfast and support Macaulay's grade 7/8 trip to Quebec !



## Menu

### Crêpes

stuffed with your choice of ham, cheese, vegetables, jam, chocolate, or simply sugar and lemon juice.

### Fruits

### Beverage

coffee, hot chocolate, juice milk or tea

**\$5 to reserve ahead  
for 9am, 10am or 11am**

**Purchase your reservation at  
Northern Produce, 196 Ecclestone Dr**

**\$7 at the door**



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