

# Macaulay Newsflash



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### Principal's Message

During the holidays I was wondering if it was ever going to snow so we could get out and enjoy the winter season – and then “WHAM”, suddenly we had close to three feet of snow!

Our extended phys ed program will kick into high gear this month with students in multiple grades starting their activities. Please contact your child's teacher if you have questions about what your child will be doing this year and on what days.

We are very excited to purchase a class set of snowshoes for students in grades 3-8 to use as part of their phys ed program and QDPA. Students should be prepared every day to be outside in the snow which means having boots, snowpants, gloves/mitts, hat and boots at school.

There are a number of exciting student engagement opportunities going on right now. Our Jr/Int students are involved in a new initiative, *Genius Hour*, that parents should be asking about. Our Intermediate students are also participating in Dragon's Den with students from Monck and Watt Public Schools.

Finally, School Council has again organized a fun, informative *Meet You at Macaulay Night*. Hopefully all families will be able to attend on February 12<sup>th</sup> here at the school. More information will be coming home in the near future.

Enjoy the snow!

Peter Edwards  
Principal

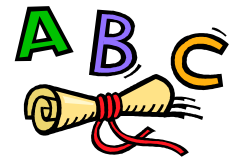
### Kindergarten Registration Week

Kindergarten registration will run from January 26<sup>st</sup> to February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

**Students registering for Junior Kindergarten must be 4 years old by December 31, 2015.**

To register your child in Kindergarten, please bring:

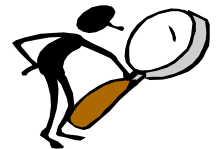
- Proof of age for each child (Birth Certificate)
- Child's Immunization Record
- Proof of address
- Ontario Health Card Number
- Name of family Doctor
- Doctor's telephone number



### Pediculosis (Head Lice)

This is the time of year to be extra vigilant with respect to head lice. “Head Checks” are conducted on a regular basis at the school through trained parent volunteers. How can you help?

- ◆ Encourage your child to have his/her own brush
- ◆ Encourage your child to keep their outdoor clothing on their own hooks
- ◆ Put hats/mitts/scarves in their coat sleeves when hanging them up at school
- ◆ Inspect your child's hair at home on a regular basis
- ◆ Treatment – select one of the many products used in the treatment of head lice (consult your pharmacist or physician if in doubt). Follow the directions carefully.
- ◆ **Only after treatment and REMOVAL OF ALL NITS may the student return to school.**



### Winter Watch

The cold snowy winter weather is here. Please remember to ensure that your child comes to school 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. Pizza will be served the very 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.**

**Cross-Country Ski Club Info:**

Each **Thursday** for the month of **January** we will be having a cross-country ski practice in our south yard or on the Mickey Mouse Trail from 12:45-1:15pm. All students from Grades 3-8 are welcome to join us. Students will have a chance to eat lunch in Mrs. Thompson's room from 1:15-1:25pm. The ski leaders will be Mrs. Allison, Mrs. Kamachi, and Mrs. Brandon-Yungblut. All permission forms need to be returned to Mrs. B-Y before students take part in skiing.



**Cross-Country Ski Team Info:**

Student team members will join the ski club members at the same time for practices. If Macaulay Students (Grade 1-8) want to take part in the Cross-Country ski race, it will be on **Friday, February 6th, 2015**. More information will follow for the race at **Arrowhead** Provincial Park. If you are a parents and your child wants to attend the race, we will need drivers. Please contact Mrs. B-Y if you would be willing to drive on the race day. The race is open to all students from Grade 1-8. There will be a special meeting for all interested racers in the next few weeks.

***Looking forward to some fun in the snow with all students. Parents are welcome to join us. Please be here at 12:35pm if you wish to join us. If the weather is below -20, we will not be heading outside.***

Thanks - Mrs. B-Y, Mrs. Allison, and Mrs. Kamachi

**Science North Visit**

We are happy to announce that Science North will be having a special visit with all the classes on Jan. 13 -14<sup>th</sup>. They will be presenting their very exciting and popular Planetarium - Wild Weather program. Each class will experience different (age appropriate) aspects of the event. It is an exciting opportunity for all!

**Extended Phys. Ed Program**

Our special winter physical activities will soon be underway. The following grades are participating in

various activities: grade 2's - skating, 3's - swimming, 4's - cross country skiing, 5's – snowshoeing and the 6's curling. Teachers will be sending home more information regarding days and times – please stay tuned for more details!

**Dates to Remember**

- ◆ School Council Meeting → Jan. 12, 6:30 pm
- ◆ Science North Program → Jan. 13, 14
- ◆ BMLSS Parent Information Night 6:45-9 → Jan. 13
- ◆ Gr.7 Males Hep B shots, Gr. 8 Female HPV shots → Jan. 19
- ◆ Neon Day → Jan. 23
- ◆ BMLSS Grade 8 visit → Jan. 26
- ◆ Pita Day → Jan. 27
- ◆ Meet You at Macaulay Night 6:30-8:00 pm → Feb.12
- ◆ P.D. Day – no school → Jan. 30
- ◆ Grade 4 X-C Skiing → Jan 28, Feb. 4, 11
- ◆ Grade 2 Swimming → Jan. 28 Feb. 4, 11
- ◆ Family Day – no school → Feb.16
- ◆ Grade 8 Grad Photos → late Feb.
- ◆ March Break → Mar. 16–20
- ◆ Good Friday → Apr. 3
- ◆ Easter Monday → Apr. 6
- ◆ Hep B & HPV needles → May 14
- ◆ Victoria Day → May 18
- ◆ Last day of School → June 25
- ◆ P.D. Day – no school → June 26



## School Bus Cancellations

TLDSB shares area-wide bus cancellations through Twitter, Facebook, and [tldsb.ca](http://tldsb.ca), **NOT** individual bus route cancellations.

Sign up to receive individual school bus route cancellations and delays at [www.mybustoschool.ca](http://www.mybustoschool.ca)

For more information visit: [tldsb.ca/inclement-weather-routines](http://tldsb.ca/inclement-weather-routines)



