

Macaulay Newsflash



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Principal's Message

We're definitely in the final stretch of the year – and it's going to be a busy month. Please keep checking the school web site for events; we wouldn't want anyone to miss out on something because they've missed the date.

When I think back to the start of the year and our goals as a school and then consider where we're at now... well, we certainly accomplished a lot. The amount of technology in the school and how it's being used is incredible. We've had open-ended extension activities that allowed students to really explore their own areas of interests and take more ownership in their learning. We've had our younger students seize the moment and really investigate something that has grabbed their curiosity. A tremendous amount of learning has taken place this year.

Another huge accomplishment at Macaulay this year was the additions made to the outdoor learning areas. Our kindergarten yard is second to none! The outdoor reading area, drum set, and the outdoor classroom are all being used constantly. Thank you School Council! Although we are working in challenging times, Macaulay will continue to be the great school we all know it is.

Finally we have to say good-bye to Mrs. Wood who is retiring at the end of the year – enjoy! We will also be saying good-bye to Mme Brophy who has accepted a position at HPS. Good luck at your new school!

Peter Edwards
Principal

Volunteer Luncheon

Macaulay Public School is hosting a special "Thank you" luncheon, Tuesday, June 9th from 12:45 – 1:25 p.m. in appreciation for all the assistance our parent volunteers have contributed throughout the school year.



Student Volunteer Appreciation Day

This fun and exciting half day event for our student volunteers will be from 9 – 12 on Monday June 22. We will be visiting the Sportsplex for a swim and then McDonald's for an ice cream cone. A bus will be provided for everyone. This event is meant to thank our dedicated student volunteers for all of their hard work and time commitments this year. You sure make Macaulay a better place to be! The date was chosen as it was one of the only times available that worked with the pool and our trip schedule. Thanks, Mrs. B-Y and Mrs. Delgado.

Bike Hike

The Grade 1 students will be going on a bike hike on Tuesday, June 19th to finish off their biking program.



Circle of Peace

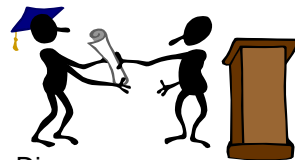
We are very proud of our Macaulay students who raised \$707.60 for the earthquake victims in Nepal. These funds were sent to the Canadian Red Cross. Our federal government will be matching the funds 100% for a total of \$1415.20. Way to go Macaulay!

Primary Book Explorers Event

On June 9th the Primary Book Explorers from Macaulay will be heading to the Muskoka Education Centre for a half-day am for Literacy and Character Education Stations with students from Gravenhurst Public School. More details will follow shortly.

Grade 8 Graduation – June 22

Our Grade 8 graduation will be held on **Monday, June 22nd** at Macaulay Public School. Pictures will be taken at **6:00 p.m.** The graduation ceremony begins at **6:30 p.m.** Dinner & dance will follow after photos at Club One (Riverwalk).



Track and Field Day – June 11

Students from grade 3 – 8 will be participating in the regional track meet held at BPS track on June 11.

Are you Moving?

If you are planning on moving out of the Macaulay area during the summer, would you please let the office know before the end of the school year. Thank you.

Camp Tawingo

The Grade Two Class in Mrs. B-Y's room will be heading to Camp Tawingo on June 16th. The day will happen if it is "rain or shine".

Over the Summer Reading

It is very important that students continue to "Feed All Four" (body, mind, spirit, and emotion) during their holidays. Helping students to be aware of the time that they are allocating to different activities in their day may help them obtain a diverse range of experiences. Planning time daily to do some reading/writing/math each day may assist your child in learning retention. For primary students, nightly reading should continue. There are so many community library programs being offered. Please see your local library to book summer programs.

Field Trips

There are many scheduled field trips happening in June. Please see the list below in "Dates to Remember" for events that are happening.

Congratulations to our Award Winners!

Congratulations to Mr. Andreasen, Mrs. Thompson, Mr. Hill and our school council chair Patricia Wark for receiving character awards at the TLDSB's Evening of Excellence recently. Thank you!

Welcome to Kindergarten

Our school's Welcome to Kindergarten event will be held on June 4th at 2:15. Parents and their children entering kindergarten in the fall are invited to attend the event. This will be an information session about the full day kindergarten program. Ideas and activities will be discussed about preparing children for their upcoming school year. If you know of any families that have a child that is not yet registered please let them know about this event.

Primary Book Explorers Books Club

This spring, the Primary Book Explorers Club have enjoyed learning about literacy and character education through the Howard B. Wigglebottom series. Thank-you to the school council for purchasing these books for the school! On Tuesday June 9th, over 40 primary students will be visiting the Muskoka Education Center and using the Macaulay Outdoor Classroom to enjoy a day of literacy celebration along with students from Gravenhurst Public School, who have also been reading the series.

Dates to Remember

- ◆ Golfing (Gr. 8's) → June 2
- ◆ Canoeing (Gr. 7's) → June 2
- ◆ Scientists in School Gr.3 → June 3
- ◆ Welcome to Kindergarten → June 4
- ◆ Bike Rodeo → June 4, 5, 11, 12
- ◆ P.D. Day → June 5
- ◆ Volunteer Luncheon → June 9
- ◆ Film Festival Gr.5,6 → June 9
- ◆ Primary Book Club → June 9
- ◆ Muskoka Ed. Ctr (9:30-1)
- ◆ Day of Gratitude → June 10
- ◆ Track & Field Regional → June 11
- ◆ Colour House BBQ → June 15
- ◆ Today We Play → June 15
- ◆ 11:25-12:45
- ◆ Camp Tawingo Gr.2 → June 16
- ◆ Camp Yearley, Thompson → June 16, 17
- ◆ Port Carling Gr. 7,8's → June 18
- ◆ Camp Yearley, Davis → June 18, 19
- ◆ Wax Museum → June 18
- ◆ Bike Hike (Gr. 1's) → June 19
- ◆ Amazing Race finals → June 19
- ◆ hosted at Macaulay
- ◆ Student Volunteer trip → June 22
- ◆ Santa's Village → June 19
- ◆ Graduation (Gr. 8's) → June 22
- ◆ Canoe Trip (Gr. 7's) → June 23, 24
- ◆ Pool & Park (Knight, Wood) → June 23
- ◆ Medieval Times (Gr.4) → June 24
- ◆ Pioneer Village → June 24
- ◆ Muskoka Heritage Place → June 25

- ◆ Report Cards Go Home → June 25
- ◆ Last Day of School → June 25
- ◆ P.D. Day for staff → June 26

**Have a safe
and happy
summer!**

**School
starts
September
8th!**