

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 heard on the news that this past February was the coldest in 115 years – I certainly can believe it!

Our students are still doing their best to get outside and be active. Classes have been out for QDPA engaging in a number of activities. We also have had our grade 5's snowshoeing, grade 4's cross-country skiing and of course our intermediate students spent 4 days on their trip to St. Donat, QC. The grade 6 and grade 2 extended phys ed activities have been great success as well.

In February we had our 2nd annual 'Meet You At Macaulay' night, which was organized by School Council. It was another resounding success; congratulation to all those involved in organizing this wonderful even!

The school and teachers are looking for feedback on how many families are following us on Twitter. If you're finding the Tweets informative please let us know.

March break is just around the corner; hope everyone has a chance to catch their breath and relax.

Peter Edwards
Principal

March Break

School will be closed from March 16th – 20th 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 31st and April 21st. There will be two options students can choose from at the cost of \$5.00. An order form will be going home immediately after March Break.

Mrs. Allison's grade 7/8 update

Thank you to all Macaulay students and families that helped in some way to support the grade 7/8 Quebec trip - from fundraising to chaperoning - we are all so grateful! Students were fully immersed in the French language and culture for 3 days. They progressed from the bunny hill to the summit of Mont Garneau, skated, snowshoed, and x-country skied in absolutely frigid temperatures AND had smiles on their faces the entire time! C'etait Magnifique!!

BATTLE OF THE BOOKS

Junior and Intermediate battles have been taking place in classes for the past 2 weeks. The top 2 teams from each division will be competing during a special assembly on Wednesday March 11th at 2:15pm. The winning team from each division will advance to compete in the Muskoka finals at the Rene M Caisse Theatre on Wednesday April 1st.

VOLLEYBALL

The tournament will be held on Monday March 9th.

GRAD PHOTO ORDERS

Due to homeroom teachers (Mrs. Allison OR Mr. Andreasen) by Wednesday March 11th.

GENIUS HOUR

The grade 5/6 and 7/8 classes have been participating in Genius Hour projects. Students have been provided with an hour a week to explore and investigate their passion and will share their passion with their classmates on Thursday March 12th from 1:25-3:05. Parents are welcome to attend presentations in classrooms if schedules allow for it.

GRADE 7/8 DRAGONS DEN COLLABORATIVE INQUIRY

The grade 7/8 students have been working online in collaboration with students from Monck and Watt on inventions. Groups will be presenting to education and business leaders from the community in a 'dragons den' style on Friday March 6th at the Muskoka Education Center.

Robin Allison
Macaulay Public School
Grades 7/8

**It's a Wrap!**

Are your children tired of the traditional bread sandwich? Stock up on a variety of whole wheat and multi-grain wraps, pitas, or tortilla shells - then let your imagination go! Tasty fillings include:

- Beans, salsa, and shredded mozzarella
- Hummus and grated carrot
- Egg salad made with chopped celery and green onion
- Salmon salad topped with shredded lettuce
- Sliced turkey with honey mustard
- Chopped chicken salad made with grated apple

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.

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!

On February 12, 2015 the Macaulay School Council hosted our second annual Meet You At Macaulay Community Engagement event. This year approximately 150 parents/guardians, students, staff and volunteers attended the drop-in event to learn, teach and play together!

The event hosted community, TLDSB and staff presenters who offered information sessions on topics and initiatives such as

- Mindfulness & Feed All Four;
- Math & Literacy Tips, Tricks and Take Home Resources;
- Healthy Eating;
- Health Unit Program;
- Waste Management;
- Smartboard, Padlet, Twitter and Coding Demos;
- Cyberbullying and Community Outreach with the OPP.

There were also a number of ways for parents/guardians and students to engage together through Family Board games, Drumming Circle, Minute to Winnit Games, Crafts, Making Mind Jars, Inuit Games, Eco Games, Photobooth, Macaulay Circle of Peace, Healthy Snacks. We had many lucky prize winners. The winner of our grand prize, the "Family Game Night" basket, is Natalie Ghikadis. Congratulations to all winners! Thank you to our very own Macaulay staff, TLDSB consultants and community members for being present! The event was a resounding success!

As sampled at the **Meet You At Macaulay** night:

GRANOLA

½ CUP OIL (GRAPESEED IS AWESOME!)
 ¼ CUP MOLASSES
 ½ CUP HONEY
 ½ CUP MAPLE SYRUP
 1 TABLESPOON CARDAMOM
 1 TABLESPOON CINNAMOM
 1 CUP ROLLED OATS
 ½ CUP KAMUT FLAKES (IF DESIRED)
 1 CUP SEEDS OF CHOICE (*PUMPKIN SEED WAS USED)
 2 CUPS DRIED FRUIT OF CHOICE (GOLDEN RAISINS, DRIED CRANBERRIES, BANANA CHIPS, DRIED TART CHERRIES USED)

DIRECTIONS:

-BOIL LIQUIDS TOGETHER
 -COMBINE WITH DRY INGREDIENTS
 -BAKE @ 330 DEGREES FOR 30 MINUTES
Enjoy!

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!***

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!

Dates to Remember:

- ◆ Gr. 6 Curling, Gr. 5 Snowshoe Boot Camp → Mar. 4th, 11th
- ◆ Gr. 5, 6 Pine Crest Outdoor Ed Day → Mar. 5th
- ◆ Battle of the Books finals → Mar. 11th

- ◆ Genius Hour sharing Grades 5-8 → Mar. 12th
- ◆ March Break → Mar. 16 – 20th
- ◆ 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 25

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 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.



