



Macaulay Newsflash



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MAY 2015

Principal's Message

I typically look at last year's newsletter as I write my principal message and tend to find that school life is very cyclical. Our students are again out on the fields running around during recess playing manhunt or rugby and the phys ed classes have been getting outside to use all the great resources here at Macaulay.

A number of events are planned between now and the end of the school year. There are several field trips and extended phys ed activities that will start up soon. Two of our junior classes have plans to go to the Yearley outdoor education center in June.

We are again in the process of confirming staffing for next year; based on preliminary student numbers we will likely have many split classes again. The staff and I will have a final proposal completed the first week of June. We are still below average in our Junior Kindergarten numbers – if you know of a family that hasn't registered please direct them to Miss Jenny.

Enjoy the sunshine and warmer weather!

Peter Edwards

EQAO Testing

Students in grade 3 and 6 will begin their EQAO testing on May 25th and end on June 4th. **We would appreciate your cooperation in ensuring that your children**



are here on time and ready to work and that no appointments are scheduled during the above dates.

Cardboard Boat Race

Two teams from Grade 8 represented Macaulay in the Cardboard Boat race held at the Sportsplex in Bracebridge in late April. Many teams in the Trillium Lakelands District School Board participated. Our Macaulay team had a fun day and all put in a successful effort. Congratulations!



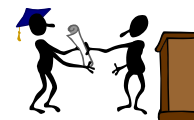
Macaulay Book Club

Macaulay has a primary book club, "The Primary Book Explorers." This club is for all students in grades kindergarten-grade 3. The club will last for 6 weeks and will focus on the Howard B. Wigglebottom series. In June, our book club will go on a trip across the street to MEC to meet their partner school, Gravenhurst P.S. and spend the day participating in literacy challenges and character development activities. All primary students are welcome to join! Meetings take place one recess each week.

Kindergarten Update

"Eggstra" Special News

Our Kindergarten classes are hatching eggs. Each class has an incubator. We are eagerly awaiting the arrival of our spring chicks that are due to hatch around the middle of May. The kinders will learn to care for their newborn chicks until they are ready to move to their new home at the Nichol's family farm where will they enjoy their free-range lifestyle!



Graduation Up-date

The Grade 8 graduation ceremony will be held on **Monday, June 22nd** at Macaulay Public School from 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. with a photo shoot occurring at 6:00 p.m. The post grad celebration will be held at Riverwalk – Club 1 from 8:00 – 10:30 p.m. with a buffet dinner.

Macaulay Staffing

We are in the process of organizing staff and classes for the 2015 – 2016 school year. If you know of any students who are planning to attend Macaulay Public School next year, would you please let the office know. Also, if you are one of our families that will not be returning to Macaulay, please notify the office as soon as possible. Thank you for your assistance.

Denim Day – May 12th

Macaulay Public School is collecting a loonie for the CURE Foundation on May 12th. We will all be wearing jeans on that day. Please help Macaulay support this worthwhile cause.



Track and Field

Macaulay track meet will be held on May 15th. The Regional Track and Field Meet will be held June 11th.

Canoeing – Gr. 7's

The Grade 7's will be doing canoe training on June 1 and 2 followed by a canoe excursion on June 23-24th.



TLAC

We have some of our grade 7 & 8 students heading to TLAC at Camp White Pine in Halliburton on May 18-22 with Mr. Andreasen.

Bike Safety

Please remember to walk your bike on school property and use the grass area to get to the bike storage rack. Please be mindful of both moving and parked cars in the lot.

Kiss 'N Ride

Parents please use the bus lane to drop off your children in the morning rather than the lot. It is a safer and often more efficient location than having to park, back up, etc... in the busy area. Please go slow and watch for bikers and pedestrians. Thank you!

Upcoming Events

- ◆ Mental Health Awareness Week → May 4-8
- ◆ Share the Music at School → May 14
11:30 a.m.
- ◆ Share the Music Event at Gravenhurst Opera House → May 10
2-3:30 pm
- ◆ National Denim Day → May 12
- ◆ Hep B (Gr. 7's) → May 14 (a.m.)
- ◆ HPV (Gr. 8 girls) → May 14 (a.m.)
- ◆ National Denim Day → May 14
- ◆ Boys Writer's Conference → May 14
- ◆ Macaulay Talent Show → May 14
1:30 pm, 6 pm
- ◆ Track and Field Meet → May 15
- ◆ Victoria Day → May 18
- ◆ Disney/Superhero Day → May 22
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- ◆ EQAO (Gr. 3 & 6) → May 25-June 4
- ◆ BMLSS (Gr. 8's) → May 26 or 27
- ◆ P.D. Day → June 5
- ◆ Regional Track Meet → June 11
- ◆ Amazing Race Finals → June 19
- ◆ Graduation (Gr. 8's) → June 22
- ◆ Last day of School → June 25

Community News

Macaulay Tree House

Summer registration for Macaulay Tree House programs will be offered on the evening of May 7th from 7:00 p.m. – 8:30p.m.

Registration forms are available for pick-up at each school's office, after school programs and at the Macaulay Tree House Day Nursery.

COPS CORNER

A safety message from our police partners

Road safety includes being respectful of the many bicyclists who use our roadways. The OPP would like to remind motorists to “share the road” and move over whenever it is safe to do so.

Bicycle helmets are a vital part of safety and should be worn by all riders. Bicyclists up to the age of 18 are legally required to wear a helmet when on a roadway and failure to comply could result in a \$70 ticket. Parents or guardians who knowingly permit cyclists less than sixteen years of age to ride without a helmet may be fined as per section 104 of the Highway Traffic Act. Stay safe – wear a helmet!

For more information on bicycle safety visit www.mto.gov.on.ca/english/pubs/cycling-guide/ or www.hkpr.on.ca/InfoSet/BabiesChildren/InjuryPrevention/HelmetSafety.aspx

Source: OPP Constable Carrie Lanning

