

# Macaulay Newsflash



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**November / December 2015**

### **Principal's Message**

Looking over last year's notes and comparing them to this year I realized what a difference a year makes. Some students were still coming to school in shorts this week while last year we'd already had 3 snow days!

Staff and I met last week to work on developing our school plan for the remainder of the year. I will be sharing the plan with School Council in early January. We will continue with developing students' attitudes towards math and working on the foundational knowledge students need at each grade. We will also be continuing our efforts in addressing the 'whole child' through opportunities in a wide range of activities.

Progress Reports will be going home on December 11<sup>th</sup>. Although there is not a formal interview night this year, parents are welcome to contact teachers to discuss the progress of their child at any time.

Finally, plans are well underway for our extended phys ed programs. I know the arena has been booked for our grade 2 skaters and the hills have been contacted for our grade 8 skiers and snowboarders. Looking forward to some winter weather soon!

Peter Edwards  
Principal

### **Extreme Fall Fundraising**

The Circle of Peace and the Macaulay School Community is proud to report we raised 812.65 dollars for Rylie's Rice Krispies charity event for SickKids Hospital (liver transplant research).

A big thank you to all of the surrounding schools who supported the cause on the Evan Luker Race day at Macaulay on Tuesday, October 27<sup>th</sup>. Way to go students, guardians, and staff members! Sick Kids hospital was very appreciative. Mrs. Smith sends her thanks to everyone involved in the event.

### **Scholastic Book Fair Returns!**

Great News! The Book Fair will be held on December 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>. This year families will be able to come after hours on Wed. Dec. 9<sup>th</sup> until 8:30 pm. Please copy and paste the link below into your browser which features great video information about the books that will be available for sale at our upcoming Book Fair!! Hope to see you there!  
<http://scholastic.ca/bookfairs/dvd1.php>

### **Holiday Assembly**

Several primary classes will be performing Holiday songs at our regular assembly on Tuesday December 15<sup>th</sup> or Friday December 18<sup>th</sup>. Please stay tuned for more details. We would love to have you join us for either or both assemblies, if you are available for our seasonal celebrations.



### **The Christmas Food/Toy Drive**

The Christmas season is approaching quickly. Again this year, Macaulay Public School will be supporting the Salvation Army and its Christmas Food/Toy Drive. Macaulay families have been so supportive of this project in the past and we thank you for your generosity.

We will be collecting non-perishable food items and toys beginning on **Tuesday December 1st** and continuing until **Tuesday December 8<sup>th</sup>**. Food and toys collected will be picked up on **Wednesday December 9<sup>th</sup>**. Items may be brought in and

placed in the large gift boxes in each classroom. Your donations are greatly appreciated and will help to make this holiday season brighter for so many.

**Holiday Bazaar**

School Council is hosting a **Holiday Bazaar** on **Saturday November 28th, 9 am-12 pm**. The Bazaar is a fundraising initiative in support of several school projects including music items, sports pinnies and (small size) cross country skis. The gym will feature crafts made by kids, for kids'. All items are under **\$5**. Grade 7/8 students will act as 'personal shoppers' to help younger kids find gifts for their family and friends. The library will feature 'a lounge and unique gifts' for parents to relax and shop while the little ones are in the gym.

**Boston Pizza**

Proud sponsor of Macaulay Public School! Simply enjoy a meal at Boston Pizza, leave your receipt in the Macaulay Sponsor Box and they will donate a percentage of the sales back to our school.



**Macaulay Pizza Lunch Program**

The Pizza program is back! Pizza forms are now posted on-line. Please visit the website to download a form and return to your child's teacher no later than **Monday November 23**. **Pizza will be delivered on Thursday November 26**.

Unfortunately, we cannot accept late orders.

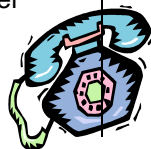
**Winter Watch and Cancellations**

The cold snowy winter weather has begun. 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 next regular 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.**

**Safe Arrival**

Just a gentle reminder that if your child is going to be absent from school or late for any reason, we would appreciate a call to the safe arrival number **645-1918**. Please leave a message on the answering machine indicating your child's name and classroom, as well as an indication of how long they are expected to be absent.



We check these messages between 9:00 – 9:30 a.m. each morning. Parents are also reminded that supervision on the yard does not begin until 8:25 – students should not be dropped off before that time.

**Weeks of Kindness at Macaulay:**

We want everyone to know that the Circle of Peace has been busy at work with our Weeks of Kindness. Part of The Circle of Peace's mission is to contribute to inclusive environments. Here are a few of the activities that have taken place and/or are in the process of taking place to grow our community:

**Large-Sheet Kindness Messages to Each Person in Class:**

Students will be taking part in writing kind words or drawing kind pictures to each other. Your child will be bringing home a sheet of paper that he/she may wish to keep in his/her special memory box.

**Bristol Board:** Students will write what kindness means in the front hall by the office.

**Small Kindness Notes** Students will get paper-bag mailboxes to decorate. They will send little notes of kindness to each other.

**Class Pairing** This is a chance to do a fun activity with students in another class. Could be a nature walk, reading buddies, or computer buddies (D2L etc.), or some art together.

Sincerely,  
Circle of Peace, Mrs. B-Y, and Mrs. Delgado

**TLAC 2016**

What is TLAC? TLAC is an arts camp for Grade 7 through 12 students that will take place during the week of May 22-27, 2016! TLAC offers specialized instruction for Music, Drama, Musical Theatre, Dance, and Visual Art within an exciting camp experience. The arts camp is set up as a typical high school day with four periods. There are evening concerts featuring performances from major artists, a presentation from a local visual artist, and art display. This enriched arts experience is enhanced by the summer camp atmosphere.

**Please check the TLDSB website for more info regarding the availability of applications. Due to job action, applications are delayed.**

Once available, application packages are typically available online. Applications are accepted on a first come, first served basis. A waiting list will be kept for any forms received over and above our maximum capacity.



Applications that are not complete will be returned, so time and complete all sections accurately!

We are very excited about the new programs in this

year's schedule! For more information, please contact Wendy Browne at 1(888) 526-5552 x22104 or [wendy.browne@tidsb.on.ca](mailto:wendy.browne@tidsb.on.ca)

#### **A Pirate Christmas Performance**

The Kindergarten and Junior classes will be attending A Pirate Christmas at the Rene Caisse Theatre on Friday November 27. Please ensure the permission form and show fee are returned to your child's teacher as soon as possible. Thank you!

#### **Basketball**

The boys and girls basketball teams have been practicing during their recess times and playing games after school in preparation for next week's tournament. Good luck to both teams on **Dec.10<sup>th</sup>**.

#### **Intermediate Update**

Mr. Andreasen's class is enjoying learning together and student-voice is often used in planning. For example the students were an integral part of planning and creating literacy work stations with flexible time schedules. The period allows students to focus on one task at a time or to work on multiple assignments (reading, writing, media, art, guided learning, etc.). Students have also been working on self-selected learning (Genius Hour, Project X, Inquiry Projects) and are soon due to be sharing what they have learned (Dec. 11). Mr. Dave Lyons (Healthy Active Living Consultant) came on Nov. 24th to launch Passport For Life as he has done with the other junior-intermediate classes. Both Mrs. Allison's and Mr. Andreasen's class enjoyed a walk to the Norwood Cinema to watch The Mocking Jay Part 2 (The Hunger Games series) and have also started playing an outdoor activity called The

Hunger Games as part of some daily physical activities. Mr. Andreasen is very excited to announce that both classes will be starting Dragon's Den in December!

Brian Andreasen

#### **Recent & Upcoming Events**

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| ➤ P.D. Day                 | ➔ Nov. 20          |
| ➤ Bazaar Crafting Night    | ➔ Nov. 20          |
| ➤ Gr. 7/8 Mocking Jay show | ➔ Nov. 25          |
| ➤ A Pirate Christmas       | ➔ Nov. 27          |
| ➤ Holiday Bazaar           | ➔ Nov. 28          |
| ➤ School Council Meeting   | ➔ Dec. 7           |
| ➤ Book Fair                | ➔ Dec.9,10,14      |
| ➤ Dragon's Den             | ➔ Dec. 15          |
| ➤ Holidays                 | ➔ Dec. 21-Jan.1    |
| ➤ Basketball               | ➔ Jan. 13, rain 14 |
| ➤ Grad Photos              | ➔ Feb. 24          |
| ➤ Volleyball               | ➔ Mar. 23, rain 24 |
| ➤ SMDHU Hep B/HPV/ MEN     | ➔ May 11           |
| ➤ Badminton                | ➔ May 11, rain 12  |
| ➤ Central Track Meet       | ➔ Jun 16, rain 17  |
| ➤ Relay Races              | ➔ June 23 PM       |
| ➤ Graduation Ceremony      | ➔ June 27          |

Wishing you a very  
Merry Christmas and  
a safe holiday!

