



Macaulay Newsflash

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Macaulay Public School, touching minds, hearts and spirits to shape our future

SEPTEMBER, 2014

Principal's Message

Welcome back! I hope everyone has had a fun, relaxing and enjoyable summer.

At the end of last year we once again said good-bye to a few staff members. We congratulate Mrs. Penny Maher as she moves on to her new post at BMLSS and Ms. Tina Morrow has moved to the central office at the Muskoka Education Centre. In other staff changes Ms. Marcia Delgado is enjoying a leave of absence from September to February and Mr. Matt Wolgemuth is our new Resource teacher. We have welcomed Mrs. Robin Allison as our new grade 7/8 teacher; Mrs. Tammi-Lynn Tomassoni, who will be covering Ms. Delgado's class; Ms. Sara Neal and Ms. Nicole Lindner as our ECEs in the Full Day Kindergarten rooms; Mrs. Cheryl Greenwood and Ms. Sherrie Pilger as Educational Assistants; and Jenny Rendall-Vasey as our new school secretary. When you are in the school please stop by and welcome the new staff members.

It was a bit of a scramble at the end of August, but all classes were ready for the first day. The new addition and the renovation to add washrooms both look great! Please take a look around the school during our meet the staff night on Sept 9th.

On behalf of the staff, we are looking forward to another great year here at Macaulay and working with parents as our partners in educating our students. Hope to see everyone at the BBQ!

Peter Edwards
Principal

Macaulay Website

Please check out our website at <http://mac.tdsb.on.ca>. Our website will be a great place for you to see any new updates. As part of our initiative to reduce paper use and help the

environment, we will continue posting the newsletter on our website this year. If you would prefer a “paper” copy, please contact the office and we will send the newsletter home with your child.

Meet and Greet Night – September 9th

Please join us on **Tuesday September 9th** from 5:00 – 6:30 p.m. for a “BBQ Meet and Greet” at Macaulay. Staff will be in and around the BBQ and we will be encouraging students to introduce their family to their new teacher and of course the principal, Mr. Edwards. Classrooms will be open for parents to stop in and see where their child's desk is.



First School Council Meeting – September 15th

Our first School Council meeting will be **September 15th at 6:30 p.m.** in the school library. We are looking for new parents with new ideas so please consider coming out!



Respect and Responsibility

At Macaulay, we:

- Show respect for self and others
- Respect property and the equipment
- Refrain from using verbal and visual profanity
- Eat and drink in designated areas
- Dress in an appropriate manner
- Are punctual for all school activities
- Demonstrate effective work habits performing to the best of their abilities
- Set ongoing, realistic, personal goals

MediAlert's No Child Without Program is at Our School

The **No Child Without** program offers a free MediAlert membership to students who attend our school and are between the ages of 4 up to their 14th birthday. If your child has a medical condition, allergy or is required to take medication on a regular basis then you should consider a MediAlert membership through this program. MediAlert is your child's voice in an emergency,

MedicAlert membership;

- Gives emergency first responders immediate access to a your child’s medical information on their MedicAlert bracelet or necklet
- Enables first responders to quickly obtain up to date medical information by means of the child’s Electronic Health Record through the **24 Hour Emergency Hotline**.
- Communicates with the parent or emergency contact upon activation of the **Hotline**
- Allows free updates of the child’s medical record as needed

MedicAlert identification can alert school staff, friends, coaches and others about your child’s medical condition should an emergency occur.

For further information come to the office for a brochure or go to www.nochildwithout.ca.

To register your child you will need a **No Child Without** brochure from the office.

If your child is already part of the **No Child Without** program and there have been changes to their medical condition, medications or emergency contact information, call MedicAlert at 1-866-679-3220 to update your child’s file.

Macaulay Staff

The teaching assignments listed below will start off the school year. Student population changes because of new enrolments may make some student or teacher assignment changes necessary.

- Principal - Mr. Peter Edwards
- Secretary - Mrs. Jenny Rendall
- JK/SK - Mrs. Beth Nichols
- JK/SK - Mrs. Jenn Kamachi
- Gr. 1 - Mrs. Wood
- Grade 1/2 - Mrs. Knight
- Grade 2 - Mrs. Shelly Brandon-Yungblut
- Grade 3/4 - Mrs. Sherry Bush
- Grade 3/4 - Mrs. Tammi-Lynn Tomassoni
- Grade 5/6 - Ms. Lisa Thompson
- Grade 5/6 - Mrs. Angie Davis
- Grade 7/8 - Mr. Brian Andreasen
- Grade 7/8 - Mrs. Robin Allison
- French - Mme. Kristy Brophy
- Phys. Ed. - Mr. Bush
- Resource Rm - Mr. Wolgemuth
- Prep Coverage - Ms. Jennie Milligan
- Early Inter. - Mrs. Becky Bound
- Instructional Coach - Mrs. Jenn Richter
- E.C.E - Ms. Nicole Lindner
- Ms. Sara Neal
- Ed. Assistant - Mrs. Sara Cornish
- Mrs. Dina Sundy
- Mrs. Joanne Conrad

- Mrs. Cheryl Greenwood
- Ms. Sherrie Pilger
- Library Tech - Mrs. Glynis Waters
- Custodian - Mr. Cam Hill

School Hours

- 8:45 a.m. Bell rings
- 10:45 a.m. – 11:05 a.m. Nutrition Break
- 11:05 a.m. – 11:25 a.m. Outdoor Recess
- 11:45 a.m. – 1:05 p.m. Nutrition Break
- 1:05 p.m. – 1:25 p.m. Outdoor Recess
- 3:05 p.m. Dismissal



Peanut Safe

Macaulay Public School remains a “Peanut Safe Environment”. Several of our students are allergic to peanuts, peanut products, nuts and sesame. Allergies range from mild to very severe. A severe reaction can be tragic and we are doing our best to protect the safety of all our students. **WE ASK THAT ALL SNACKS AND LUNCHES NOT INCLUDE PEANUT BUTTER, SESAME OR OTHER NUT PRODUCTS.**



Please refresh our memories if your child has any allergies that we should be aware of. Food allergies or allergies to bee stings are important for us to be aware of. We have students who do carry epi-pens with them to counteract allergic reactions.

Sign In / Sign Out

If your child leaves early or arrives late, they need to check in at the office, sign the In/Out book and get an Admit Slip before going to their class. Students must have a note to leave the school grounds for lunch.

Playground Rules/Expectations for All Students

1. No student is permitted to leave school property without office approval.
2. The treeline/bush areas are “out of bounds” for all students.
3. Sticks, stones and other foreign objects are to remain on the ground.
4. Articles brought from home (i.e. toys, balls, marbles, etc.) are the sole responsibility of the student. The school does not take responsibility for lost articles.
5. Respect, courtesy and fair play is expected from all students.
6. Report strangers, animals, etc. to the Yard Duty teachers.
7. Permission must be granted by a Yard Duty teacher before entry is permitted back into the school.
8. Respect school property and grounds.

9. Parking lot and front of school are “out of bounds” unless accompanied by teacher for school event.
10. Outside recesses are a privilege, not necessarily a right.

Safe Arrival – 645-1918

If your child is going to be absent from school or late for any reason, we need you to call 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.



ALL VISITORS MUST CHECK IN AT THE FRONT OFFICE WHEN VISITING MACAULAY

Student Pick Up and Delivery

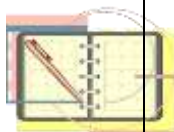
A number of parents drive their children to and from school. At arrival and dismissal times we have a very busy driveway with bus arrivals and departures. Personal vehicles should drive through the designated bus area zone and drop off their children at the south/east area of the school. **Personal vehicles may have to wait as buses unload – please do not try to pass the bus in the bus lane or leave your vehicle unattended in the bus lane. This will help to ensure the safety of all our students. Students are not to be dropped off before 8:30 a.m., as there is no supervision on the yard until that time. If students are being picked up after school, they must be picked up no later than 3:20 p.m.** If this is not possible, please make appropriate child care arrangements at Macaulay Tree House.

Update Personal Information/ Emergency Contacts

We have many children working and playing at school every day. As you can imagine, we have our share of bumps and bruises. Fortunately, we have very few serious injuries. We need to know if there are changes in your work or home numbers, address or if your emergency contact person from last year has changed. We would like to be able to get in touch with you or someone who will speak for you if your child does have an accident. **Please let the office know if there are any changes to your contact information.**

School Agendas

Student agendas have proven to be popular with most of our students and their families. Every student from Grades 1 to 8 will be provided with an agenda as a means of daily communication between home and school. This is



an excellent way to stay tuned to what your child is doing each day. Important school information is also included at the beginning of the agenda for your benefit. We encourage you to use this communication and organizational device with your child every day.

Please submit your child(ren)’s shared cost of \$6.00 for the agenda as soon as possible.

Milk

White or chocolate milk will be sold daily, during lunch, for \$1.00.



Macaulay Lunches

We will be offering **Pizza for \$2.00 a slice**, on **Thursdays** each week beginning the week of **September 22nd**. Order forms for the month of September and October are available online. There are copies in the office. Please return the form with payment by **Monday, September 15th**. Thank you.



Lunch Departures

We would ask that parents submit to your child’s teacher, a letter of written permission if you intend to permit your child to leave school premises during the lunch hour. Students must continue to use the Sign-In/Sign-Out procedure through the front office and return in time for the beginning of afternoon classes.

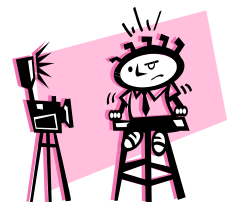
Student Accident Form

An application for Student Accident Insurance will come home with your child. This insurance opportunity is an **excellent** option for you to consider along with your other accident insurance. Forms should be **SENT DIRECTLY** to the **INSURANCE COMPANY. PLEASE DO NOT RETURN THE FORM TO THE SCHOOL.**



School Student Photos

Student photos are scheduled for October 8th and 9th. Please stay tuned for further details.



Head Lice Policy

Periodically throughout the school year, we will be having school wide Head Lice checks. Trained parent volunteers will be checking all students in the school, class by class.

It is the Trillium Lakelands District School Board Policy that any child found to have head lice will be excluded from school until the first shampoo treatment has been completed and the **nits are removed**. You will be called to pick up your child

from school if your child is found to have nits or active lice.

We will inform you if anyone in your child's class gets head lice. Please help us by regularly checking your child's head for nits. Finding and treating head lice early will stop the spread of head lice in children.

Lost and Found

Each year hundreds of dollars worth of clothing is left unclaimed at the school. In order to avoid the problem it would be very helpful for you to remember to take the time to **label your child's clothing and other school belongings**. This will greatly increase the chance of lost articles getting back to their owners.

A lost and found box is located in the hall outside the Computer Lab. Students and parents are encouraged to check this area for lost items on a regular basis. At the end of the school year, items not claimed are donated to a local charity.

Snack Club

As part of the Breakfast for Learning Program, our Snack Club welcomes every child whether they missed breakfast, had a long bus ride or are simply hungry again!

To operate successfully we need volunteers. If you are willing to assist, please contact the office or Allison Hotson at 705-645-6503. Thank you.



Upcoming Events

- Meet the Teacher Night → Sept. 9
(5:00 – 6:30 p.m.)
- Terry Fox Walk (1:35 pm) → Sept. 24
- Picture Day → Oct. 8 & 9
- P.D. Day → Oct. 10
- Hep B – Gr. 7 → Oct. 9
- HPV – Gr. 8 girls

Community News

Scouting Registration – 2014-15

Scouts Canada has programs for boys and girls aged 5-18 (Beaver Scouts, Cub Scouts, Scouts, and Venturer Scouts). Boys and girls can register with 1st and 3rd Bracebridge Scouting on Tuesday, September 9 from 4:00 - 7:30 at the Sportsplex. Call Diana at 705-645-2171 or Shawn at 705-645-2530 or go to www.facebook.com/CottageCountryScouting for more information. You can also register online at www.myscouts.ca



Girl Guide Registration – 2014-15

Parents can get Girl Guides of Canada Registration information for Girls aged 5-18 (Sparks, Brownies, Guides, Pathfinders & Rangers) on Sept 9 at the Bracebridge Sportsplex 4:00 - 7:30p.m. You can go to www.girlguides.ca to register your daughter or call Audrey Forth at 705-645-8331 for further information.

After School Care

Macaulay Tree House Day Care Centre offers before and after school care at Macaulay Public School each day from **7:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m.** Registration forms are available at Macaulay Treehouse (645-1956). **Children must be registered in advance in order to attend.**

Macaulay Tree House also offers P.A. Day, winter break and spring break programs throughout the year at Monck Public School.

Terry Fox Walk

Our school Terry Fox Walk will be Wednesday, September 24th at 1:35 p.m. Parents and families are invited to participate. There will also be a fundraising bake sale on Wednesday, September 17th from 12:45 – 1:05 p.m..

Muskoka Oldtimers Hockey Club

Manna Food Bank Drive

This year the annual, door to door, food bank drive occurs on Tuesday, October 7 between 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.. Please generously support the food bank by donating cans, powdered milk, nut butters, pasta, rice, cereals, sugar, flour, oils, baby formula etc.... You may also call the food bank at 646-0114 to arrange a pick-up. Donations are also accepted at Gagnon's Independent or the Bracebridge Metro. Your donation is greatly appreciated!

Bracebridge Breakers Basketball

House league basketball is available for children in grades 2 – 8. It is \$30 for 6 weeks of fun and it includes a free t-shirt. Girls: Tues. 7-8:30 pm; Boys: Thurs. 7-8:30 pm. Register in person Sept. 9th 4-7:30 at the Sportsplex. More info at www.bracebridgebreakers.ca – register online today.

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