



Macaulay Newsflash

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“Better Together”

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

SEPTEMBER, 2015

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 Mrs. Wood who taught at Macaulay for many, many years. We were able to increase Mrs. Bound's time with us and Welcome Mrs. Lee to our staff. They are sharing the grade 1/2 classroom.

Our student numbers here at Macaulay continue to be strong. We had a few more families register the last week of August and many of our classes are right at their maximum.

I know the teachers and staff have many new exciting learning opportunities planned this year as well as continuing along with some of the new programs that were introduced last year. One of our continued areas of focus will be on the whole child and the *Feed All Four* program introduced by TLDSB last year.

As a reminder, if there are any concerns with your child, the first step is to contact their teacher. Working together as partners, together parents and staff can usually resolve most issues.

We are all looking forward to another great year here at Macaulay!

Peter Edwards
Principal

Macaulay Website

Please check out our website at <http://mac.tlidsb.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

Macaulay's traditional Meet and Greet BBQ has been postponed. We'll be sure to let you know what the date is!



First School Council Meeting – September 21st

Our first School Council meeting will be **September 21st at 6:30 p.m.** in the school library. We are looking for new parents with new ideas so please consider coming out!



Messages for Students from Parents

Macaulay's main mission is to provide a quality education experience for our students. Our teachers work diligently to plan and deliver their lesson plans. Our goal is to limit interruptions (of all kinds). Please make your plans before sending your children off to school for the day. In the event of a schedule change, we are happy to deliver messages to teachers and students at break times (10:45 a.m. & 12:45) and at the end of the day (2:50 pm.) We appreciate your cooperation.

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

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	-	Ms. Jenny Rendall
JK/SK	-	Mrs. Beth Nichols
JK/SK	-	Mrs. Jenn Kamachi
Gr. 1	-	Mrs. B. Bound / Ms. H. Lee
Grade 1	-	Mrs. Jerri Knight
Grade 2/3	-	Mrs. Shelly Brandon-Yungblut
Grade 3/4	-	Mrs. Sherry Bush
Grade 3/4	-	Mrs. Marcia Delgado
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. Katrina Cotterchio
Phys. Ed.	-	Mr. Bush
Resource Rm	-	Mr. Wolgemuth
Prep Coverage	-	Ms. Jennie Milligan
Early Inter.	-	Ms. Benton-McAughey,
Instructional Coach	-	Ms. Lipskie
E.C.E	-	Ms. Nicole Lindner
	-	Ms. Sara Neal
Ed. Assistant	-	Ms. Deborah Gibbons
	-	Mrs. Dina Sundy
	-	Mrs. Joanne Conrad
	-	Mrs. Cheryl Greenwood
	-	Ms. Sherrie Pilger
Library Tech	-	Ms. Sue Dean
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.

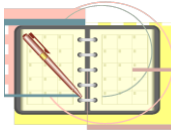
Personal vehicles may have to wait as buses unload – please do not try to pass the bus in the bus lane or leave your vehicle unattended in the bus lane. This will help to ensure the safety of all our students. Students are not to be dropped off before 8:30 a.m., as there is no supervision on the yard 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 and 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

Recently the Board conducted a survey regarding the use of agendas. Many participants conveyed the message that the preferred choice of communication is electronic. Therefore the Board is offering a different, free system this year. In the coming days, each family will receive both a TLDSB Handbook and a Calendar. Each primary grade student will receive a TLDSB notebook. Some teachers are also using additional materials to foster communication with the families. Please look for more information from your child's teacher. Also, please ensure your child's teacher has your email address so they can get important information to you on a regular basis including class events, calendars and newsletters. We encourage you to check your communication posts every day. Thank you!



Milk

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



Macaulay Lunches

All lunch programs are currently postponed until further notice. Sorry!



Lunch Departures

We would ask that parents submit to your child's teacher or to the office, a letter of written permission if you intend to permit your child to leave school premises during the lunch hour. Please write a note every day your child is planning to leave the school. 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.

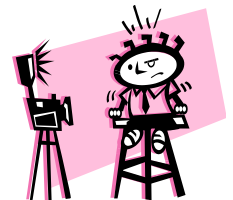
Student Accident Form

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

This year Edge Imaging will be handling our student photo packages. All student photos will be taken on Tuesday October 6th with retakes scheduled for Wednesday October 28th. Please have a look on their website to learn more details about their products!



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. **We are actively recruiting parent volunteers to help us complete this task. Please contact the office for more details!** Thank you!

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. Thank you.

**Upcoming Events**

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| ➤ Terry Fox Walk (1:35 pm) | ➔ Sept. 30 |
| ➤ Picture Day | ➔ Oct. 6 |
| ➤ P.D. Day | ➔ Oct. 10 |
| ➤ Thanksgiving Holiday | ➔ Oct. 12 |
| ➤ Hep B – Gr. 7 | ➔ Oct. 14 |
| ➤ HPV – Gr. 8 girls | |

Community News**Scouting Registration – 2015-16**

Scouts Canada has programs for boys and girls aged 5-18 (Beaver Scouts, Cub Scouts, Scouts, and Venturer Scouts). Boys and girls may register with 1st and 3rd Bracebridge Scouting by calling 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 – 2015-16**

Parents please call Audrey Forth at 705-645-8331 for more information on programs for girls aged 5-18 (Sparks, Brownies, Guides, Pathfinders & Rangers). www.girlguides.ca

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 30th at 1:35 p.m. Parents and families are invited to participate.

Muskoka Youth Volleyball Skill Development

Wednesdays 6:30-8:00, Sept. 23-Nov.11 at BMLSS for grades 7,8 (advanced grade 6's welcome), cost \$40, To register, please contact Head Coach Christine Mortimer c.mortimer@tdsb.on.ca, 705-644-1876.

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