

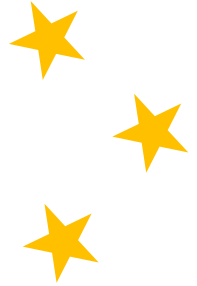


# MONCK PUBLIC SCHOOL

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## DECEMBER NEWS 2016



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December Character Education Theme  
Responsibility / la responsabilite  
The quality of behaving correctly; the duty to always do  
the right thing.



### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Hello Monck Families,

It is hard to believe we are into December and the holidays are around the corner! Our School Council did an incredible job ringing in the season with The Festive Fun Fair! The community event was held here at Monck on Saturday, November 26<sup>th</sup> ... with music performed by our band, new-to-you items and a silent auction, a virtual performance by our Monck choir, floral arrangements created by children, games played and gingerbread made, letters written to Santa, and chili to fill stomachs—it was a celebration enjoyed by all!

On the PA day, Monck hosted Dr. Greg Wells - a scientist, doctor, athlete and coach – who spoke with us about health and well-being and the power of small, incremental changes. These changes could be rooted in anything from sleep or eating habits to exercising or thinking activities. The strength of the relationship between small, incremental changes and their impact on health and performance is incredible. Many of our grade 8 students were also able to listen to Dr. Wells' message along with students at BMLSS prior to the PA day. Please watch for his return in the New Year as we welcome our community to hear and learn about the science behind wellness and the power of small, incremental change.

In the upcoming weeks our hallways and classrooms continue to be abuzz with learning, creating and celebrating. We would like to invite you to join us for our holiday performances with times and dates noted on the calendar.

One of the greatest gifts we can give our children is the love of literacy. As families, you can encourage your child to write in many ways. You can make sure they see you writing ... a grocery list, a note to someone, a journal entry, etc. You can encourage your child to read and write letters, lists, messages, postcards, thank you notes, emails, books, and so on. You can help your child keep a scrapbook of family holidays and events and write captions to go with the pictures. You are their biggest role model and they are your biggest fan. Your gift of literacy will reap rewards throughout their entire life.

At this time we wish you a safe and happy December and all the best for the New Year,

Sincerely,

C. Pattison    J. Richter    L. Dursley  
Monck Administration Team



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Better Together

## INCLEMENT WEATHER



It's that time of year again. Snow!

Rain! Sleet! **Please listen to the local radio stations** (The Moose Muskoka


99.5 FM or The Moose Huntsville 105.5 FM), [www.mymuskokanow.com](http://www.mymuskokanow.com) or check Twitter or the Board Website by 7:00 a.m. if you are unsure whether or not the buses will be running. If the wind chill factor reaches  $-35^{\circ}$ , buses will not run, however, the school will be open. You must pick up your child by 3:10 p.m.

For safety reasons, **parents of our walking students** should call our **Safe Arrival number @ 705 - 645 - 4479** to inform us if your child will not be attending. In addition, a bus cancellation day may occur on a day for special prepaid lunches. If so, **Wednesday pizza** will be delivered on **Thursday**, **Thursday Lunch** will be delivered on **Monday**, **Friday Hamburgers/Subs/Pitas** will be served on **Tuesday**.

## AFTER-SCHOOL PLANS

Please make sure your child's **after-school arrangements** are made **before** your child comes to school. This will avoid confusion at dismissal time, and interruptions to class learning.

## BUS REMINDERS

 Please let the bus driver know if your child will not be taking the bus to school or home from school. **Students are not allowed to ride on other children's buses, for any reason, due to liability issues.**

When dropping students off at the beginning of the day and picking students up at the end of the day, please do so at the **front of the school**. The back of the school is strictly for bus pickups. Do not arrange to pick up your children from the back of the school. Some students are being dropped off and picked up at the side or back of the school, which poses a safety risk. Thank you for your co-operation in keeping our children safe.

## DAILY SCHEDULE

Supervision starts at 8:20 a.m.

8:20—8:50 Breakfast Program

8:45 1st school bell rings

**8:50 Homeroom begins**

8:55 O Canada & announcements

9:00—10:50 Block One of Instruction

10:50—11:10 Primary Nutrition Break, Junior & Intermediate Recess

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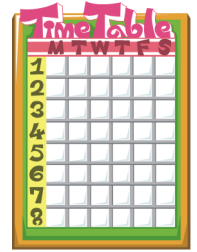
11:30—1:00 Block Two of Instruction

1:00—1:20 Primary Nutrition Break, Junior & Intermediate Recess

1:20—1:40 Primary Recess, Junior & Intermediate Nutrition Break

1:40—3:10 Block Three of Instruction

**3:10 Dismissal**



## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



We are still looking for more volunteers to help with the pediculosis checks in the classrooms. **We would really like to have one parent volunteer for each classroom.** This would only take a morning of your time every couple of months. Please call the office if you have the time to volunteer. Thank you.

## ADULT CALLERS

This is an important reminder for **all visitors to the school, parents as well as volunteers**, to **check in at the office** when entering the school. If callers to the school require the use of **washroom facilities**, they are located in the **office**. Thank you for your co-operation.



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## WINTER ELECTIVES 2017 GRADES 3 TO 8



Winter activities at Monck Public School will again be running Monday afternoons on January 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, February 6<sup>th</sup> (February 13<sup>th</sup> is a make-up day if needed). Please return permission/choice forms to the office by Friday, December 9<sup>th</sup>. Confirmation forms will be sent out Friday, December 16<sup>th</sup>. **Payment is due by Monday, January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017. Please make cheques payable to Monck Public School – they will be deposited on Friday January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017.** Please call the office if you wish to arrange a payment plan.



## CONGRATULATIONS!!!

Congratulations to the following students who won a large pizza for their art work in the Festive Fun contest sponsored by Boston Pizza: Abby, Sadie, Grace, Jaeda, & Ella!

### LOST AND FOUND!!

**Over the Christmas holidays the Lost and Found will be cleaned out and put in our Red Box for the Canadian Diabetes Association. If you are missing clothing, shoes, etc. at home, please come in and check the box and clothes rack.**



## CHRISTMAS CONCERTS

Tuesday, December 13<sup>th</sup> from 6:30–7:30 p.m. the Junior Division will be presenting their concert, featuring the Grade 7/8 Monck Band. Wednesday, December 14<sup>th</sup> the Primary Division will be presenting the play “A Bear-y Merry Holiday” for your enjoyment along with the Grade 5/6 Band. The play starts at 6:30 p.m. Monday, December 19<sup>th</sup> the Kindergarten students will be presenting their Christmas Concert at 2:00 p.m.



## MITTEN, HAT & SCARF DRIVE

As part of the holiday season, Monck’s kindergarten team would like to help our community. We are kindly asking for donations of NEW mittens, hats, and scarves during the first weeks of December. Donations can be hung on the Christmas tree in the front lobby by the office. On December 16<sup>th</sup>, we will be donating these items to the Salvation Army for their Christmas Cheer Boxes so they may be shared with people in our community. Let’s keep Monck’s giving spirit alive this season!



Thanks to all!

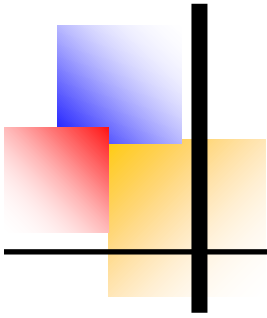
*Kindergarten Team*

## A GREAT BIG THANK YOU

Thank you to our wonderful Monck families for their support of our recent Book Fair, and special thanks to our dedicated volunteers - who helped enormously in the organization and running of the Book Fair.



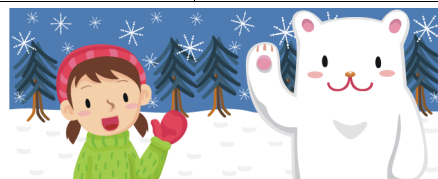
**Check Out a Library Book**



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## Character Education Theme Responsibility / responsabilite

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
			1  Science North Assembly 3rd Block	2 
5	6  Kinder Pizza	7 	8 	9  9:00 a.m. Assembly
12 Primary Dress Rehearsal at 1:00 p.m.	13  Kinder Pizza Primary Presentation for Monck Students @ 9:30 Junior Concert 6:30-7:30	14  Boys Basketball Tourney Primary Presentation 9:30 for other schools; 6:30 for parents and family	15  Girls Basketball Tourney	16 
19 Kindergarten Concert at 2:00 p.m.	20  Kinder Pizza	21  	22  9:00 a.m. Assembly	23 Christmas Holidays Begin
26 	27	28 	29	30 



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