

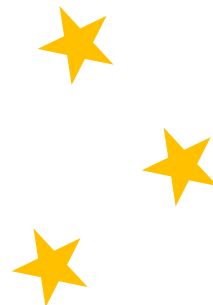


MONCK PUBLIC SCHOOL

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MAY 2017



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MAY'S CHARACTER EDUCATION THEME
CITIZENSHIP / LA CITOYENNETE



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Hello!

May is going to be a very exciting month, with many great things happening here at Monck Public School.

May 1st-5th is Education Week. Students will be participating in a variety of activities including special classroom learning experiences, a badminton tournament, skipping events, musical performances, an environmental earth summit and reading battles. Walk for Water, an initiative run by student parliament to bring awareness to those without access to clean, safe water, saw our entire school population engaged in a community walk on Wednesday afternoon.

We honoured and celebrated the contribution of some very special people this morning. We enjoyed seeing our students' GrandFriends at Monck throughout their classroom visits, in the halls and at assembly. Please visit our website and our Twitter feed for photos of this amazing event.

On Wednesday May 3rd, 4-5pm, Monck's administration team was at Bracebridge McDonalds to support *McHappy Day...it was wonderful serving you!*

Near the end of May, our grade 3 and 6 students will begin EQAO testing on May 23rd. This is an opportunity for students to demonstrate all of what they've learned throughout their primary or junior division in numeracy and literacy. We wish them all the best of luck during this assessment period.

Our character trait focus for the month of May is Citizenship. Citizenship is the ability to give in a positive way to both your community and your environment while treating people the way you would like to be treated. Citizenship at Monck occurs each and every day when we see doors being held open for each other, hear greetings or statements of support such as, How can I help you?

As it gets warmer outside, we have been reminding students to dress for respect when at school. In particular, please know that undergarments should be hidden, backs and midriffs need to be covered, shorts and skirts should be an appropriate length.

We are excited to have you at Monck PS. When stopping in, thank you for your assistance with our safe schools procedures by checking in at the office when visiting or when you are dropping off/picking up your child(ren) throughout the school day. Many people are taking advantage of the warmer weather and waiting outside during our busy dismissal time --this helps avoid hallway congestion and maintain safety. Thank you...it is appreciated.

Have a great May,
Caroline Pattison



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KIWANIS MUSIC FESTIVAL

On April 18th the grade 5/6 Band, Jazz Band and Mr. Clayton's music class participated in the Barrie Kiwanis Music Festival. Each Band received a Gold Standing and the Jazz Band also was awarded the Gryphon Guild Scholarship for Outstanding School Stage Band.



BOOK FAIR

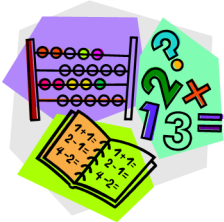
Wed, May 3rd from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Thurs. May 4th from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Fri. May 5th from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.



EQAO TESTING



Students in Grades 3 & 6 will be participating in an assessment of Reading, Writing, and Mathematics. Testing takes place Tuesday, May 23rd – Thursday, June 1st. It would be appreciated if you refrain from making appointments during this time. Parents can be helpful by

encouraging their children, ensuring that they are well rested and have a good breakfast as well as healthy snacks and lunch.

STUDENTS ATTENDING TLAC 2015

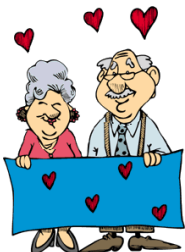
Best wishes to those students attending TLAC this year:

Nava B., Hannah C., Sophie J., Michayla W., Thea V. P-H., Ryley F., Winston Y., Joshua T., Lauren F., Solann L-S., Brandon F., Ashley S., Morgan T., Lia B., Quinton G., Anna M., Tieran H-M.



GRAND-FRIENDS' DAY

9:00 to 11:00 a.m. on Friday, May 5th. A presentation in the gym, followed by tea/coffee. Hope to see you here!



GRADE 8 GRADUATION 2017

Monck Grade 8 Graduation—TUESDAY, JUNE 27TH at 5:30 p.m. Grad celebration for the students is from 8:00—10:00 p.m. aboard the WENONAH out of Gravenhurst. Details to follow in next month's newsletter



MONCK PUBLIC SCHOOL DRESS CODE

- Hats off in all common areas
- Clean shoes on
- Undergarments covered
- No low riders
- Straps wide enough to cover undergarments
- Shorts: suggested inseam over 8cm
No midriff or back showing

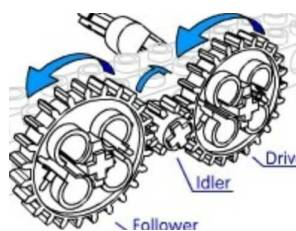
CARDBOARD BOAT RACES

On Friday April 28, TLDSB held their annual cardboard boat races at the Sportsplex in Bracebridge. Monck sent two Grade 8 teams consisting of Tilija, Mackenzie, Daniel, Alex, Anna, Sarah, Ethan and Hailey. Boat construction was creative and effective as both boats floated well and made it across the pool! Students thoroughly enjoyed themselves and were proud of their accomplishments!



MONCK ROBOTICS

Several students from grades 4 - 8 have been learning about computer programming and robotics with Ms. Terry this year. On May 12th, they will represent Monck Public School at the TLDSB Robotics Competition in Gravenhurst. This year, they have built a Lego robot that can travel up and down ramps, sense and evade other robots, and detect different colours in order to avoid leaving the competition ring. Best wishes to Aidon C. Sarah E., Hannah M., Lauren B., Ben L. Ethan A., and Georgina H.



Lisle Terry, Grade 6 / 7 Teacher

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NEWS FROM THE GYM...

TRACK & FIELD: The Monck Track & Field Meet for grades 3 to 8 will be held at the **OLD** BMLSS track on Tuesday, June 6th. Our Regional Track meet is Wednesday, June 14th (rain date June 15th). If you are able to help with the meet, please call the school at 645-9986, and ask for Ms. Briggs or Mrs. Yeo in the gym office.



BADMINTON: The Junior/Intermediate Badminton Regional Meet will be held on Tuesday, May 2nd.



With the warmer weather our yard is finally beginning to dry up. Many of our students are enjoying the creative structures, the walking path and playing games such as soccer or catch on the field. Please know only tennis balls or pepsi balls are allowed for catching games, baseball or lacrosse. As well when students are playing baseball, the batting team remains behind the fence and the game is played without a back catcher. When students are playing soccer or games such as rugby or football, play is touch football/rugby only. We encourage students to skateboard, walk or ride their bikes to school. Once on school property, we thank students for remembering to carry their skateboard or walk their bike to ensure the safety of themselves and others. When you are talking with your child(ren) about their outdoor activity, we wanted to thank you for reinforcing the above message....appreciated.

MATH AT MONCK

There are lots of different ways to get students talking about math—not only about the content but about the thinking that goes on when solving a problem. There are different ways to ask a question or provide a prompt to help your child explore their thinking, give reasons for the way they solved the problem or make a connection to a different solution process. Some of these prompts or questions can sound like "*What do you notice about the problem?*" or "*What makes you say that?*" or "*I want to know how to solve this problem. Any ideas? Where should we start?*" These prompts or questions are open ended and cue students to focus on their thinking. Other prompts or questions cue or funnel students responses to a particular process or solution. These might sound like "*How can I get rid of that number?*" or "*How do I find the area of a trapezoid?*" or "*What's the first step in finding the least common denominator?*"

Another interesting piece that results from discourse (the oral or written opportunity to communicate explicit learning) is the ability to construct or build new knowledge and while making stronger connections to

background or prior knowledge. At home you can help focus your child's talk in any subject by asking or prompting them with questions like those mentioned above or with phrases such as "What strategies have you used that could help you get started?" or "Tell me about that...How do you know that?" or "How else can you describe that?" Have fun talking!

JUMP2MATH — JUNE 1ST

Please join us on Thursday, June 1st, as Monck School Council hosts a "Jump2Math" night; part of our commitment to enriching our children's learning as well as promoting parent engagement.

Jump2Math is a kinesthetic, multi-sensory approach to teaching math that incorporates physical exercise, stretching, cross-body movements, cooperative learning, and visually-pleasing floor mats. This interactive math program allows parents, students, teachers (and siblings!) to enjoy active learning together while traveling to each interactive math station. Life-size math board games, giant manipulatives and colourful activity math mats are placed in the school gymnasium and Jump2Math provides instructions at each math station. Moreover, parents can also download each station's activity instructions on their smartphone or tablet.

A super FUN facilitator will be present to guide the families with their math mat adventures and best of all, for two hours, students will put the video games on pause and take a break from technology! This is an open house format where families can come and go during the night's math adventures; food and refreshments will also be served. Please come and join us to engage in this exciting, interactive program. Lyndsay Jeanes and Kevin Cardwell – Co-Chairs, Monck School Council.

RESPECT AND RESPONSIBILITY

For Yourself

- Try your best to learn
- Follow classroom expectations
- Use technology appropriately
- Follow dress code



For Others

- Walk through hallways
- Use kind words
- Play safely



For Our School

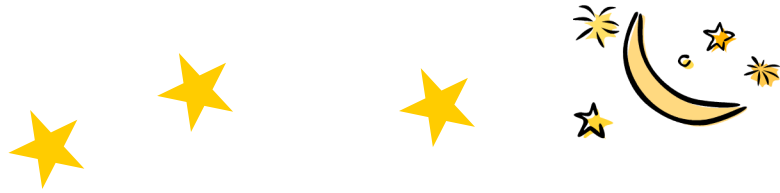
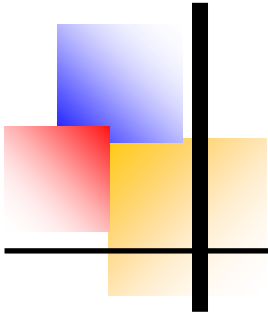
- Be where you're supposed to be
- Take care of our school
- Represent Monck well



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Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
1 Education Week	2	3  9:00 a.m to 4:00 p.m. Book Fair	4  Skipping Team Competition Junior Battle of the Books Book Fair 9:00 am—4:00 pm Welcome to Kindergarten 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm	5  Grandfriends Day 9:00 am - 11:00 am Book Fair 9:00 am—4:00 pm
8 Mass Band Day	9	10  Walk & Roll Day Baseball Day Grade 8's to Grizzly Cubs Georgian College	11  Baseball Day	12  Skipping Team travelling to Huntsville Schools
15 Tech It Out 2017 Musicfest Nationals at Niagara Falls	16 Tech It Out 2017 Musicfest Nationals at Niagara Falls	17  Tech It Out 2017 Musicfest Nationals at Niagara Falls Phillip Roy author visit 9:00 am-300pm	18  Volunteer Appreciation Event Skipping Team Travelling to Gravenhurst Schools	19  Grade 8's White Ribbon Campaign Skipping Team Travelling to Bracebridge Schools
22 Victoria Day No School	23 TLAC EQAO Grade 3 Language	24  TLAC EQAO Grade 3 Language	25  TLAC EQAO Grade 3 Language French Exchange Students Arrive at Monck	26  TLAC EQAO Grade 3 Language
29 EQAO Grade 3 Math	30 EQAO Grade 3 Math EQAO Grade 6 Language Welcome to JK 4:00 pm—5:00 pm	31 EQAO Grade 6 Math and Language		NOTE: Grade 8 Graduation will be on Tuesday, June 27 beginning at 5:30 p.m. in the gymnasium



Pizza 

Optional Lunch 

Hamburgers, Submarines & Pitas 

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