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Being **responsible** means that you are accountable for your actions and consider the consequences of your choices.



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Happy Fall Monck Families!

It is hard to believe we are already beginning our third month of the school year.

During the last few weeks in October, the Monck Community has helped our school collect canned and boxed goods supporting our local food bank. During the Hallowe'en Food Drive, students experienced a spook-tacular haunted house followed by various games in the gym. These events were planned for and built by our student parliament and intermediate students. Our student leaders demonstrated teamwork, creativity, planning and organizational skills when they successfully navigated the logistics of 700ish students seamlessly moving through the haunted house. In addition, students enjoyed the "Running Scared" cross country run. Way to go student parliament, Monck educators and families!

Are you staying connected? Do you feel like you know what's happening at Monck Public School? We have several ways to keep you informed. You can follow us on Twitter @Monckps and receive regular tweets about events and updates about the exciting things we are doing. We have a school website at www.TLDSB.on.ca/schools/Monckps that this newsletter is posted to, and that has a running feed of our Twitter messages. Your child's agenda and teachers' communications are valuable sources of information. And if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call. Let's work together to stay in touch and keep up to date!

Our next meeting of our School/Parent Council is November 15th at 6:30 PM. All are welcome!

Progress Reports will be going home November 14th. You are invited to meet with your child(ren)'s teachers to discuss your child(ren)'s progress during our interview evening November 17th, 4:00 – 8:00 p.m. I encourage all families to meet with their child(ren)'s teachers about their learning so far this year. Staying informed and involved in your child's education has a great impact on students' success. We look forward to seeing you.

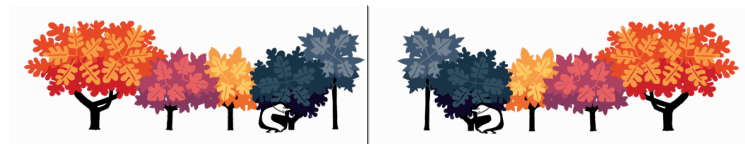
Our character trait focus for November is Perseverance. We'll be highlighting the meaning and value of perseverance over the course of this month. The week of November 21-25 is our 'Week of Kindness', which aligns nicely with our school motto of Respect and Responsibility. We'll be examining the value of kindness and learning about bullying during that week.

Together, let's ensure that our students develop a healthy sense of perseverance and kindness.

Caroline Pattison

Sincerely,

Monck Administration Team



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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

We are 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.

SCENTS AND ALLERGIES

Please be mindful of any scents (soap, perfume, etc.) that you will be wearing into the school, especially if you are going to be volunteering in a classroom. We do have some individuals, students and staff, who have an allergic reaction to some scents. We thank you for your understanding and cooperation in this matter.



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DRESSING FOR THE WEATHER

Please send your child to school dressed in the proper clothing for the weather, as this can be a very wet and cold time of year. The weather is very unpredictable, with sunny skies in the morning, and a downpour or snow by the afternoon, plus, the temperature is changeable throughout the day. Your child will appreciate having some extra dry and clean clothes, especially socks, shoes and pants. Don't forget hats, mittens and scarves for those chilly mornings.



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INCLEMENT WEATHER

Please listen for bus cancellations on the local radio stations, MORE FM 105.5, The Moose 99.5, Rock 95.7, EZ Rock 105.9 or CBC 94.3. This information will also be tweeted, and will be on the Monck website. **Note:** If busses are cancelled in the morning, they will **NOT** be running in the afternoon. The Healthy Lunch Program is postponed on bus cancellation days, so please be sure to send your child with a lunch



CODING CLUB

Ms. Terry has started a Coding Club with students from grades 4 - 8 every Monday at 1:00 p.m.

HEAD LICE



With colder weather approaching, please remind your children **to be lice-wary & not share hats, scarves, brushes.** Help stop the spread of head lice in our school by checking your child's head regularly!

CELEBRATE KINDNESS

Thousands of students, including Monck, will celebrate the universal language of kindness during the annual Board-wide Week of Kindness from November 21st to 25th. Trillium Lakelands District School Board has set aside this week as a chance to engage students, staff, parents, and the school community in the common themes of kindness, peace, good character, bullying prevention, and tolerance.



THE MONCK GIVING TREE

Let's share to create warmth at Christmas time, a time that is often difficult for many of our Bracebridge families. This year we are going to donate to the Salvation Army which supports 370 Bracebridge families. We can help by providing hats, mitts, scarves, toiletries, pet food and small toys. Our Giving Tree will be in our front foyer. We can bring in our donations from November 21st to December 9th. The Salvation Army will collect our donations the following week. Thanks in advance for your care and generosity.

PARENTAL CUSTODY INFORMATION



Due to circumstances, the family grouping and home situation may change during the school year. In the event of a separation or divorce, the school gives both parents of our students the same rights and privileges, unless there is a court order to indicate otherwise. It is the responsibility of the parent and/or guardian to ensure that the school has a copy of any legal document on file and the situation has been discussed with the School Administration. Thank you for keeping us informed.

ATTENTION SPORTS FANS

Please remember to bring

Indoor and outdoor gym clothing for Phys Ed.

Reminder: It is important that students come to school prepared to be outside in a variety of weather conditions. Please know, in the case of extreme inclement weather conditions, there will be an alternate plan put into place.

Some considerations to prepare for weather:

Raincoat/water resistant jacket, appropriate outdoor shoes, hat, mitts, boots, track pants, sweat shirts, dressing in layers, a change of clothes for afterwards

SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS

School Council has had a phenomenal start to this year. We held our first meeting on Tuesday, October 4th and had an amazing turnout. We had, in addition to our usual members, lots of new parents who turned out, interested to hear more about School Council. During the meeting, there was great dialogue and many ideas and opinions were shared in the pursuit of parent and community engagement, as well as some financial planning! Since the last meeting, many members have already jumped in to assist School Council with respect to our ongoing projects. At that meeting, we also formally recognized Trish Soja, our Healthy Lunch Co-ordinator, for all her hard work and dedication, and to recognize the countless volunteer hours that she has spent, both last year and this year to date, to make the Healthy Lunch program as amazing as it is – both for our children and for the community at large. Many kudos to you, Trish, and we can never thank you enough for all that you have done. Since the meeting, Vicki Rix and Lea Kane have spearheaded the task of holding a “Festive Fun Fair” and many other school council members have lent their assistance on that project. Please plan to attend this fantastic event on Saturday, November 26th, 2016 from 10:00 a.m. to 2 p.m. Our next School Council – Parent Engagement Committee Meeting is on Tuesday, November 15th, 2016 @ 6:30. Babysitting is provided. At that time, we need to put our heads together to come up with some innovative projects for the remainder of the year. New ideas are always welcome and we would love to see you there. *Lyndsay Jeanes and Kevin Cardwell. Co-Chairs, Monck School Council*

KIDNEY FOUNDATION DONATIONS

If your drawers are overflowing and your closets are in need of some extra room, it might be time to consider a donation to Kidney Clothes. The foundation will turn your used clothing donation into much needed funds for kidney research as well as support our school. You will find a large bin at the front of the school. Kidney Clothes invites you to donate all cloth-based items including:

all gently used clothing, footwear and outerwear, belts, ties and purses, yarn, fabric, blankets, bedding and linens, draperies, pillows and cushions, luggage and sleeping bags

Periodically throughout the year we will also be donating all un-labelled and unclaimed clothing items from our lost and found. If you have a chance to take a peek, there are currently several items in our lost and found that need to be claimed!



Festive FUN FAIR
at Monck Public School

Sat Nov 26th, 2016
10:00-2:00
Monck Public School
Entrance at back parking lot

Face Painting
Decorate Cookies
DIY Holiday Crafts
Family Portraits
Candle Making
Colouring Contest

Pre-school Crafts
Bake Sale
Stocking Stuffers
Pet Gift Table
Muskoka Vendors
Hourly Door Prizes
... Many FREE Activities!

Children's Shopping Corner
"New-to-You" gift items from 25¢ to \$5.
Kids, bring your pocket change to find special treasures to put under the tree this year!

APPLAUSE! Toy Store will be there to help wrap gift to keep it a surprise (for free!)

Public Welcome!

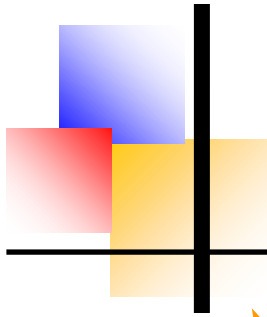
Come for Lunch and Refreshments!
Chili & Pizza
Coffee, Hot Chocolate, Water

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Character Education Theme *RESPONSIBILITY/LA RESPONSABILITÉ*



Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
	1  Kinder Pizza	2 	3 	4  Immunizations for Grades 7 & 8
7	8  Kinder pizza	9 	10 	11  
14	15  Kinder pizza Parent Council at 6:30 p.m.	16 	17 	18  PA DAY NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS
21 WEEK OF KINDNESS	22  Kinder pizza	23 	24 	25 
28	29  Kinder Pizza	30 		



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