

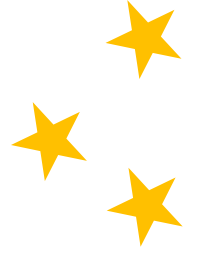


MONCK PUBLIC SCHOOL

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SEPTEMBER NEWS 2016



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Goal Setting; se fixer des buts
Goal setting is knowing precisely what you want to achieve and where you have to concentrate your efforts.

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Welcome to a new school year!

Our first couple weeks of learning have been busy and exciting. It truly is wonderful to see our students back at school, looking so enthusiastic and keen for another year of learning.

At Monck Public School, we strive to teach our students to be confident, literate, lifelong learners who are respectful, responsible and productive citizens. I look forward to working together with you to ensure Monck is a safe and inclusive learning community in which all students work towards high academic, social, physical and artistic expectations.

Our character education focus for September is personal goal setting. Please encourage your child(ren) to set some goals for themselves for this month, term, and school year. Goal setting allows us to strive towards things we can feel good about achieving.

During morning arrival, students will either play on the school yard or visit our Breakfast Club (open at 8:20). At dismissal time, we are asking parents who pick up their children to wait outside in order to reduce the congestion in our busy hallways. In this way, we will ensure an orderly, safe dismissal for all students.

Please note, when you visit the school, please park at the front entrance and use our 'buzz-in' system at our main entry door, then check in at the school office. Even familiar faces will be asked to sign in if you are volunteering or visiting your child's classroom. If you need to pick your child up from school early, the office staff will call the classroom and have your child meet you in the office. Our priority is the safety of all our students and these are important components of our safe schools procedure.

It's been great to see our students enjoying our yard improvements and additions. Our new walking path has been a popular choice at recesses! Thank you to our amazing School Council / Parent Engagement group for all they do to support our school. See an important message from them in this newsletter.

Please know there are many ways to stay informed of the happenings at Monck PS. We have our school and class newsletters, our school website, class websites, you can follow us on Twitter @MonckPS, and if you have any questions of us, please don't hesitate to call.

I look forward to another great year!



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SAFE ARRIVAL

We operate a **Safe Arrival Program** at Monck Public School. The program's purpose is to increase the safety of your children. How it works... Parents/Guardians are to call our Safe Arrival number and let us know if your child is going to be late or absent and for what reason. **The Safe Arrival number is 705-645-4479.**



If your child does not arrive at school and you have not contacted us to inform us they will be away, we will call home to let you know they are absent.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

Please remember that students need to bring in a signed permission note if they are not taking their bus home or are planning to leave the school property through the day. Notes are only valid on the day they are brought to school and **must be dated**. Please make arrangements before your child comes to school. **Phoning the office to make changes should only be done in emergency circumstances.**

BREAKFAST FOR LEARNING

Students who need a little extra food to get them going in the morning may come to the gym stage from 8:20–9:00 a.m. for breakfast. Studies have shown that students who eat a good breakfast are much more focused and ready for learning. **The Breakfast Program is in need of volunteers.** If you are able to volunteer please call Jenn Richter or Ellen Yeo at 705-645-9986.

VOLUNTEERING AT MONCK

We are always in need of volunteers at Monck, especially for **"nit pickers"**. If you are able to help, we would love to see you. All volunteers require an authorized police check. Drop into the office and we will be happy to give you a form to take to the local police station. Be sure to tell them that you are a volunteer at Monck.



ATTENTION SPORTS FANS...

All Monck students from Kindergarten to Gr. 8 must wear **proper indoor running shoes in the gym**. Students in grades 4–8 are required to wear proper physical education clothing (shorts or track pants, t-shirt and running shoes). Proper clothing is important for safety and personal hygiene. Please know, our phys ed classes regularly access the outdoors for their learning. **All students are expected to be prepared for outdoor learning, in all weather.**



ANAPHYLAXIS

There are several children in our school with a severe life-threatening allergy called anaphylaxis (ana-fill-axis). This is a very serious medical condition that causes a severe reaction to specific foods or other allergens. While peanuts and peanut products are common food sources to cause anaphylaxis, shellfish, fish, eggs, sulphites, milk, cheese, sesame seeds, tree nuts, soy, insect stings are other examples of allergens that can also cause this dangerous condition.

To support our goal of being a 'nut-safe' school, please send foods to school with your child that are free from nuts and products containing nuts.

Trillium Lakelands District School Board has procedures for the prevention and management of anaphylactic reactions. If you are interested, contact the school office for further information. Additional information is also available through the Anaphylaxis Network of Canada, (416) 785-5666, www.anaphylaxis.org.

If your child has health problems of any kind, please inform your child's teacher or office staff immediately so that the necessary health protection steps may be taken.



SCHOOL TIMETABLE

A balanced school day gives students 3 blocks of instructional time and 2 opportunities for recess and nutrition breaks. This format for learning helps students to maintain focus throughout the day while providing regular breaks for activity and nutrition. Although there are 2 eating times, you do not need to send 2 full lunches. Students will need the same amount of food as they'd usually eat in a day but it can be packed differently to accommodate the two eating times.

8:45 First Morning Bell

8:50–10:50 Morning Announcements, Instructional Time

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

11:10–11:30 Junior & Intermediate Nutrition Break, Primary Recess

11:30–1:00 Instructional Time

1:00-1:20 Primary Nutrition Break, Junior & Intermediate recess

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

1:40–3:10 Instructional Time

3:10 Dismissal

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STAFF 2016/2017

French Immersion Classes

SK	Antonia Smith & DECE Emily Gray
SK	Adrienne Milner & DECE Katie Cross
Grade 1	Pam Steeves
Grade 1	Marie-Paule Clairmont
Grade 1	Kirsten Knapp
Grade 1/2	Tania Steele
Grade 2	Kathleen Parker
Grade 2	Regan Goodyear
Grade 2	Carolyn Wilson
Grade 3	Mark King
Grade 3	Robyn Dawson
Grade 3	Lyne Lapointe
Grade 4	Natalie Cruz
Grade 4	Carlye Dash
Grade 4/5	Jennifer Cassidy
Grade 5	Heather Bailie
Grade 6	Lissa Gougeon
Grade 6/7	Sarah Wilkins
Grade 7/8	Rob Fraser
Grade 7/8	Julie Morrice

English Classes

JK	Nicole Veitch & DECE Jenna Finnegan
JK	Kathy Belanger & DECE Kristl Gardy
JK	Angie Medley & DECE Amanda Seymour
Grade 1/2	Cathy Vine
Grade 3/4	Maureen Cookson
Grade 4/5	Cameron Waite
Grade 5/6	Randi Cookson
Grade 6/7	Lisle Terry
Grade 7	Andrea Roberts
Grade 7/8	Tim Clayton

Core French

Mandy Lorenzini

4-8 Music

Karen Lonsdale

Phys. Ed.

Ellen Yeo, Jane Briggs, Dave Wright, Wendy Schankula

Resource Staff

Beth Boyd, Kim Smith, Micheal Kirkpatrick, Cheri Buie

Instructional Lead

Heather Lipskie

Educational Assistants

Sue Armstrong, Atsuko Coombs, Terry Henze, Jennifer Hewitt, Jacinthe Lessard, Laura McKenzie, Charles Rawding, Tara Wismer, Elizabeth Woof

Librarian / Library Clerk

Laura Dursley / Darlene Clapham

Language Assistant

Mamadou Dieng

Head Secretary / Assistant Secretary

Sandy Martin / Gaye Botticella

Custodians

Blake Ross, Don Wilkes, Bill MacDonald, Victor May

PARENT ENGAGEMENT SCHOOL COUNCIL

On behalf of the Monck Parent Engagement committee, we would like to extend a warm "Monck Welcome" to all new and returning families, particularly our new year of JK students and parents and those who have transferred in this year!

Monck School is a unique place where students, faculty and staff work together to further students' education, personal development and success. Parents also play a vital role in this special learning community and, likewise, in Monck's overall growth and success. Recognizing this importance, School Council represents the "voice" of parents to the school administration and staff and provides parents with a means to share observations, suggestions or concerns that they may have.

Our first Parent Engagement Committee meeting of this year will be held on **October 4th, 2016 starting at 6:30 p.m.** at the school. We encourage all parents, who are able, to connect with us at that time. There are many opportunities for parents to engage with the school, from attending parent engagement meetings, to sitting on committees, or simply volunteering their time and ideas on a specific project or issue.

In the last year, School Council donated over \$12 K (which was matched by the School Board) to put towards the creation of our fabulous new playground. School Council also sponsored our very successful "games night" and continued with our amazing Healthy Lunch Program (don't you love Thursdays and Fridays if you don't have to make a lunch!). But to do this, we rely upon the support and participation of parents such as yourselves. We also extend a very big thank you to all those who contributed to the School Council's success last year. It is much appreciated.

For those of you who are concerned about the time commitment; it is not onerous. The meetings are every six weeks and we run a couple of functions a year. Learn more on October 4th @ 6:30 p.m. Child care and some snacks are provided.

On behalf of School Council, we wish you and your students a most successful year at Monck and look forward to meeting you!

Warm regards,

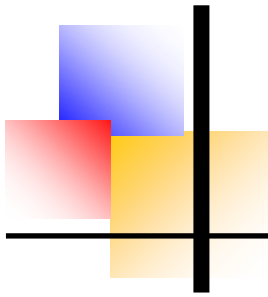
Lyndsay Jeanes & Kevin Cardwell

Co-Chairs, Parent Engagement/School Council.

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Character Education Theme
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Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
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5 Labour Day	6 	7	8	9 Healthy Lunch Order Forms Go Home
12	13	14	15	16 Healthy Lunch Order Forms Are Due
19 1:45 p.m. Terry Fox Guest Speaker	20	21 Picture Day Kerr Park Fun Run International Day of Peace	22 Picture Day Meet the Teacher 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. Autumn Begins	23
26	27 Dash, Cassidy & Cruz to Kinark Water Day After school Hoya Hills X-country run	28 7/8 Soccerfest @ Gostick Park	29 Terry Fox School Run	30



PICTURE DAYS:
 Wednesday, September 21
 Thursday, September 22



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