

MACPHAIL NEWS

November, 2023



Apprends aujourd'hui.....Leaders tomorrow!



The chill in the air signals the beginning of November. Although we are lucky to have some beautiful sunny days, it won't be long before the temperatures drop. With the colder temperatures, it is important to send your child prepared for recess outdoors. Warm jackets, snow-

pants, mitts, scarves and hats will ensure students are comfortable playing outside during recess. It is also quite common for these items to go missing, so you are encouraged to put your child's name on their items, and check our lost and found should something go missing.

November is also a time of remembrance as we pause to reflect on the sacrifices of our brave men and women in uniform. We will have an assembly for staff and students on Friday November 10 to learn about the importance of honouring those who have chosen and still choose to serve.

Progress Reports will be sent home with your child on Friday November 17. Please take the time to review this report with your child, celebrate their success and help them to set goals for improvement. We will be having parent-teacher interviews here at the school on November 23 from 3:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. and on November 24 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Please contact the office if you wish to make an appointment. If you are unable to attend either of these two sessions, but would still like to discuss your child's progress in school, feel free to contact your child's teacher and make alternate arrangements. Please note that while this is the only school organized interview session, should you have any concerns about your child's progress, at anytime during the year, you are encouraged to contact your child's teacher.

Many MAC students were definitely active and busy during October. Our girls and boys soccer teams represented us with spirit and sportsmanship at the area tournaments at Beavercrest and Osprey. Thank you to our soccer coaches Ms. Walker, Mr. Taylor, Mr. Walker, and Mr. Rupoli... way to go! The athletic season now switches to volleyball and Mrs. Oikawa and Ms. C.G. will be coaching the boys and girls teams. We certainly look forward to great things from both our teams.

At MAC, our students benefit from the dedication of our volunteers. We would like to extend a big thank you to those who have volunteered their time and effort through food preparation and serving in our Breakfast Club.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, do not hesitate to contact us (After hours go to extension 527 for Mr. Strong, Ms. Boag extension 526.)

Eron Strong
Principal

Lindsay Boag
Vice-Principal

Events

- November 8** - SK Dental Screening
- November 9** - SK Dental Screening
- November 10** - Remembrance Day Assembly
- November 11** - Remembrance Day
- November 17** - Picture Re-takes
- November 17** - Pasta Day
- November 17** - Progress Reports sent home
- November 23** - Parent Teacher Interviews 3:30 - 6:30 p.m.
- November 24** - PD Day - No Classes
- November 24** - Parent Teacher Interviews 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
- December 20** - Winter Concert
- December 25 - January 5** - Holiday Break - No Classes

Student Absences / Bus Changes

When your child will be absent or a bus change is needed, please let us know:

MACPHAIL TEXT LINE: 519-372-7040

Or Call: 519-924-2752 ext. 522 or ext.100



Each autumn, the Insight assessment is administered to all BWDSB grade 4 students to screen for Giftedness. It assesses children's thinking skills in a variety of areas. If your child is in grade 4, please sign and return the Insight consent form to school by Friday, November 10.

The assessment is scheduled to occur on the following dates:

Gr. 4 Elkins – Wednesday, November 15 from 8:50-10:30

Gr. 4 FI Demers - Thursday, November 16 from 8:50-10:30

Gr. 4 Sturrock - Friday, November 17 from 8:50-10:30

Snow day reminder - If school buses are cancelled for the day and your student is a walker/driven to school and are unable to make it, please remember to call/text the Office to report their absence. Thank you!



Dropping-Off and Picking Up Your Child

Now that our entry and exit routines are well established, we kindly ask that you leave your child at the appropriate entrance to the school. Macphail is a big, busy school. So, for safety reasons, we ask that **Staff members be the only adults on the yard or in the building.**

If you need to come into the school or onto the yard, we ask that you sign-in at the office and let the Office staff know your reason for being here.

Professional Activity Days

No Classes

November 24, 2023

February 2, 2024

April 26, 2024

June 7, 2024

June 28, 2024

Switch Days

Thursday November 2 - Friday Schedule

Monday February 5 - Friday Schedule

Tuesday February 20 - Monday Schedule

Wednesday April 3 - Friday Schedule

Thursday April 4 - Monday Schedule

Tuesday June 11 - Friday Schedule

Macphail Apparel:

Macphail apparel ordering is now available online!

Shop at any point of the year for your Mac gear.

Orders are open year round. <https://dunwood.ca/collections/macphail-elementary-school>

Passcode to enter the Macphail store is MACMERCH

Mabel's Labels: The funds from this one go toward our breakfast program. Orders are open year round. https://mabelslabels.ca/en_CA/fundraising/support/

Fundscrip: Orders are open year round. <https://www.fundscrip.com/support-a-group> Order number: 6MWFLJ

Thank-you Tiger Families for your generous support!



School Community Council

Our next meeting will be in person at school Monday November 13, 2023 starting at 6:30 p.m.

All School Community Members Welcome!

Visit Our School Website at: mac.bwdsb.on.ca