

MACPHAIL NEWS

January, 2024



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

HAPPY NEW YEAR
2024

Welcome Back!



We hope everyone had a good holiday break and were able to find time to make special memories with those close to you.

Even though it seems winter has stalled a bit, please remember to send a few extras in your child's knapsack for winter days at school. An extra pair of mitts and some dry socks are a great idea. In addition, please make sure that your child has indoor shoes at school to put on when they take off their boots. It's important to have all students in shoes while in the school for safety reasons. Any donations of winter mitts, hats and snow pants are also welcome, as we often need extras for our students. Also please remember to write your child's name inside their winter clothing so it can be easily identified.

We also want to remind everyone that at École Macphail Memorial Elementary School, we want our students to be active at recess and enjoy our amazing playground. We ask for your support to ensure everyone's safety on the yard in winter. Please be aware of the following expectations related to snow... Any student who wants to play in the snow should wear boots, snow-pants, mitts /gloves, and a hat/hood so they are warm and dry for the whole day. **Snow stays on the ground!** Throwing snow and snowballs is not allowed. We also ask that students not wreck **any** forts and snow sculptures, in order to avoid hurt feelings and conflicts. Students are asked not to build tunnels as there is a risk of collapse. We look forward to seeing the many great snow-creations that our students build with their imaginations and hard work!

Ms. Boag and I would like to welcome everyone back and we look forward to a 2024 full of great ideas and learning!

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

Lindsay Boag

Events

End of January (TBD): Girls and Boys Volleyball at Eastridge

February 2 - PD Day - No Classes

February 5 - 7 - Petramala's Gr. 6s to OEC

February 7 - 9 - Verbeek and P.L.'s grade 6's to OEC

February 19 - Family Day - No Classes

February 23 - Report Cards Home

March 11 -15 - March Break - no classes



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

Professional Activity Days

No Classes

February 2, 2024

April 26, 2024

June 7, 2024

June 28, 2024

Switch Days

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

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



Boozhoo!! (Hello) parents, family, and community members of Macphail. We are excited to be rolling out a new initiative at our school that will raise Indigenous awareness within our community. Beginning next Monday, Macphail will be offering smudging before school starts and immediately after school for anyone who wishes to attend. Smudging is a traditional ceremony that Indigenous people use for purifying and cleansing the soul of negative thoughts and energy. It is free to everyone, and we encourage everyone to come by and learn a little bit about the beauty of the Indigenous culture and all it has to offer.

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Happy New Year from the Nutrition Program!

We would like to say a huge thank you for all the support for our Holiday Raffle and Silent Auction. It raised \$2470!! This will provide lots of healthy snacks for our Macphail kids!!! We look forward to filling more tummies!

We are always in need of volunteers to help clean, prepare and serve the snacks everyday! If you are able to help, we would greatly appreciate it.

Please email us at:

MAC.nutritionprogram@gmail.com



Girls and Boys Volleyball



We wish our Girls and Boys volleyball teams all the best, along with their coaches Ms. Oikawa and Ms. Collins-Green, as they represent Macphail at the Regional Tournament at the end of January at Eastridge Community School in Owen Sound (Date TBD). Go Tigers!



Mac Spirit Days January 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8 Comfy Cozy Monday	9	10	11	12 Mac Attack Day	13
14	15 Comfy Cozy Monday	16	17	18	19 Mac Attack Day	20
21	22 Comfy Cozy Monday	23	24 Wear Blue for Bell Lets Talk day	25	26 Mac Attack Day	27
28	29 Comfy Cozy Monday	30	31 Tie Die Day			



Happy New Year from the School Council!

Thank you to the Macphail school community for your generous support of the SCC Winter Concert Bake Sale. We raised an amazing \$790! This money goes towards supporting student achievement and wellness.

School Community Council

Our next meeting will be in person at school Monday January 15, 2024 starting at 6:30 p.m.
All School Community Members Welcome!

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