

MACPHAIL NEWS

March, 2024



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



March is here and hopes are high that spring weather will be just around the corner. That being said, it is not quite time to put away winter clothing, as temperatures this time of year can fluctuate. When the wet Spring weather does finally arrive, please consider sending your child with waterproof boots, splash-pants and a change of socks and/or pants, just in case.

Please remember to fill in and sign the section of the report card that is to be returned to the school. This is a good opportunity for students to set goals for improvement in the months ahead. Parents are reminded to call their child's teacher should there be any questions pertaining to report cards.

Our Student of the Month assembly will be held on Friday March 1st. We will be recognizing those students who have demonstrated the character trait of Honesty. The Sacred Teaching of the month is also Honesty, represented by the Sabe. Also on March 1st, we are pleased to welcome Avion Campbell, BWDSB's Human Rights and Equity Advisor. With the help of some of our students, Avion will be sharing a presentation about equity, diversity, inclusion and anti-black racism with our grade 7/8 students.

On March 6th we are excited to have Chris D'Souza, equity and anti-oppression activist at Macphail to work with students and staff. The student presentations will be informative and interactive. Chris is also an qualified Ontario teacher and all of the content aligns with the curriculum. As part of his presentation, Chris will share his children's books and original songs. We all look forward to hearing his stories and singing along!

March is Nutrition Month and our School Nutrition Program team would like to remind us all of the importance of a healthy diet with a variety of delicious and nutritious foods. Thank you to all our volunteers for keeping our students fueled up and ready to learn!

Whether you are travelling south, or enjoying the local winter wonderland, we would like to wish you all a safe and happy March Break.

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

Eron Strong
Principal

Lindsay Boag
Vice-Principal



Events

- March 1 - Avion Campbell Presentation for Grades 7/8
- March 6 - Chris D'Souza Presentations
- March 4 - Girls Basketball Tournament at Macphail
- March 11 -15 - March Break - no classes
- March 19 - Boys Basketball at KDSS
- March 20 - Girls Basketball at KDSS
- March 22 - Pasta Day
- March 27 - SEGAA Basketball Boys at MAC, Girls at Highpoint
- March 29 - Good Friday - no classes
- April 1 - Easter Monday - no classes
- April 8 - PD Day - no classes
- May 10 - Kwesi Millington Mental Health Presentation
- May 20 - Victoria Day - no classes
- June 7 - PD Day - no classes
- June 27 - Last day of classes

Professional Activity Days

No Classes

April 8, 2024

June 7, 2024

June 28, 2024

Switch Days

Wednesday April 3 - Friday Schedule

Thursday April 4 - Monday Schedule

Friday April 12 - 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

Nutrition Program Volunteers Needed!

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



“Kids in the Know” Workshops

Kids In The Know program is an interactive safety program designed for children and youth from Kindergarten to Grade 8. This program is designed to reduce victimization by teaching effective personal safety strategies. It provides children and youth with tools to help them respond to dangerous or threatening situations. Kindergarten focuses on Emotions, Boundaries, Personal body safety, The buddy system, Safety within the community, Trusting your instincts, and what to do when lost Grade 1 to Grade 3 focuses on Emotions, Safe grown up's, Personal boundaries, Keep and Speak secrets, The buddy system, and Friendship Grade 4-6 focuses on Emotions, Safe grown-ups, Boundaries & assertiveness, Friendship, Keep vs. Speak secrets, and Online safety Grade 7-8 - focuses on Emotional range, Keep vs Speak secrets, Healthy relationships, Friendships, Boundaries, Online safety/Sextortion

One of our Board Child and Youth Workers will be here at Macphail until June, working on these programs with classes once a week for 6 weeks.



Partnership Program Spring 2023-2024 Skill-Building Group Opportunities



For Students with Special Education Needs



Owen Sound, ON

Parent/Guardian and Child
Movement Exploration Group (all ages)

April 25 and June 13, 2024
Thursdays: 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.



Markdale, ON

Horsemanship Group Activities (no riding)

April 3 to June 19, 2024
Wednesdays (ages 12 to 16): 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.



Owen Sound, ON

Advocacy Exploration Group

April 9, 16, 23, 30, May 7, 2024
Tuesdays (ages 8-13): 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

All group spaces are at **no cost to families but pre registration is mandatory**. Registration closes on March 15, 2024. A lottery may be necessary to determine confirmed spaces and all families will be contacted. Spaces are limited. Due to the activities involved in some programs, some eligibility may apply.

For additional program information or to register please email, ASSDP@bwdsb.on.ca.

Summer programs will be announced in March for camp programs offered in July and August 2024.

March Mac Spirit Day 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Black History Month Shirt Day	2
3	4 Comfy Cozy Monday	5	6	7	8 Mac Attack Friday	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18 Comfy Cozy Monday	19	20	21 Rock Your Socks Day - For World Down Syndrome Day	22 Jersey Day	23
24	25 Comfy Cozy Monday	26 Purple Day - Epilepsy Awareness Day	27	28	29	30
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School Council

Our next meeting will be March 18, starting at 6:30 p.m.

All School Community Members Welcome!

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

The Rotary Club of Markdale's

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MARCH
30TH
@
11A.M
SHARP

AGES
0-12
YEARS
FREE
TO ALL



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Soccer Fields

(Next to the Markdale Firehall)
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