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A message from the Office...

Welcome back! We hope that our families had a chance to relax and spend time with families and loved ones!

As we begin a new year, we look back to reflect upon celebrations and challenges. We celebrate all the wonderful things that happen at Mackenzie Glen Public School and the people that make them happen! The Breakfast Club is a huge success and is dependant upon the support of staff and parent volunteers and their generous donations. We continue to serve over 30 breakfasts each Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday!

We also celebrate our staff's commitment to instruction and student success. This month, Mackenzie Glen PS is hosting a Math Additional Qualifications course. Life long learning is a vital part of the teaching profession. As such, teachers are encouraged to take Additional Qualifications to extend their professional and practical knowledge in a curriculum area. We are excited to announce that we have twenty teachers that will be taking advantage of this professional development opportunity. The ten week course runs one evening a week here at Mackenzie Glen PS.

The past year also brought challenges. Many of these challenges were in the form of snow! We had an unprecedented number of snow days in 2014. The cancelation of buses brings the cancelations of other school events such as field trips and family nights. Our Amazing Race Math Night has been rescheduled for **Thursday, April 9**. We hope that the weather doesn't interfere with that date! Challenges can always be overcome. This is why resiliency is so important.

This month we welcome back Ms Digrigoli who returns from her leave. She will be assuming her FDK class. We thank Ms Lai for her direction and support over the past few months. Also, we would like to welcome Ms Vodova who will be assuming Mrs. McGinn's grade 5 class while she is on leave.

We are excited to wish everyone a Happy New Year. We hope that 2015 brings with it continued celebrations of success and challenges that are easily overcome!

Sincerely,

Mr. B. Taha
Principal

& Mrs. A. Rye-Brown
Vice Principal

PA DAY

There will be
NO SCHOOL on
**Friday,
January 16,
2014**

Join us at our
next

School Council

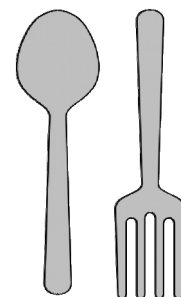
Meeting on

**Thursday,
January 22nd
at 7:00 pm**

Remember Your Cutlery!

*A reminder that beginning on January 5, 2015, plastic forks
and spoons will no longer be available in the office.*

**Please ensure that you have packed every-
thing required for your child's lunch and
snack.**



Inclement Weather Days

We have had our first Inclement Weather day of the winter season this year on December 11th. With an inclement weather day, buses are cancelled. On December 11th, we had a number of cancellations. In addition to buses, we were forced to cancel field trips as well as our Amazing Race Math evening.

Student and staff safety are always of concern to us. On December 11th, we were forced to close our kiss n' ride due to the large accumulation of snow. We thank everyone for their patience and vigilance during our first inclement weather day! Please see below for additional information regarding School Bus Cancellations.

SCHOOL BUS CANCELATIONS

If the condition of the roads necessitates the cancellation of bus service, local radio stations will be informed as early as possible and will broadcast this information to the community. Please be advised that if buses are cancelled in the morning they **will not run after school**—regardless of the weather. Review your plans as to what your children will do in the event of late buses or cancellations. Cancellations will be announced on both Mackenzie Glen PS and YRDSB websites:

www.schoolbuscity.com
<http://www.yrdsb.edu.on.ca/>

The following radio stations announce cancellations:

AM 640	AM 590	FM 97.3
AM 680	FM 88.5	FM 98.1
AM 1010	FM 90.3	FM 100.7
AM 1540	FM 92.5	FM 104.5
AM 1050	FM 93.1	FM 107.1
AM 1530	FM 99.9	

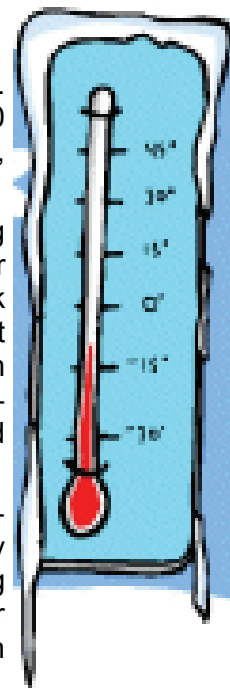


Outdoor Activities in the Winter

All students from Junior Kindergarten to Grade 8 are expected to go out for every recess. Students are to come to school ready for winter and prepared to be outdoors up to 40 minutes after lunch. We always monitor the weather and, in extreme conditions (e.g., wind chill), we keep the students indoors or shorten the time spent outside.

We often receive requests from parents asking us to keep their children indoors during recess times because they are not feeling well. Unfortunately, we do not have the staff or facilities to supervise students who are sick or still recovering from an illness. The York Region District School Board advises that students with health concerns such as, but not limited to, heavy colds, coughs and flu, which are serious enough to prevent them from participating in physical education, recesses or other outdoor activities, should remain at home until the condition improves. This will likely benefit the students concerned and prevent the spread of illnesses to others.

Please make sure that your children are dressed properly for our winter days. It is advisable for students to bring extra pants and socks. A change of clothing is often necessary due to the wet and cold weather of the winter months. To avoid adding to our clothing collection in the Lost and Found, please be sure to label all articles of clothing with your child's name. Boots, hats, mitts/gloves, scarves, and snow pants for the younger children will help make recess an enjoyable time.



Holiday Heroes Update

Thank you Mackenzie Glen Families! Thanks to your support of our Holiday Heroes Campaign, we have brought in 950 pounds of non perishable food items that will be distributed to needy families here in our community! Holiday Heroes is a joint project between York Region Police and York Region District School Board.

Our grade 2 students led this campaign as part of their social studies and language program. They created jingles, commercials, posters and announcements to publicise their successful event! We are so proud of their work and the support of each and every family that contributed! Way to go!



Parents of students in grades 3 and 6 are invited to an

Education Quality and
Accountability Office



Information Night
On
Thursday, February 26 at 6:30 PM.

Join us for

ALL THAT JAZZ

Concert on
Thursday, January 29, 2015
6:30 pm



Silver Collection at the door.

Kindergarten Registration

Little Children...Big Step

Unique, experimental, capable, creative—eager to learn and make friends. The best you have to send us—your child—deserves the best education program possible. In York Region, that means attending a YRDSB kindergarten program.

Documents required for registration include:

- Proof of child's age—birth certificate or passport
- Proof of residency TWO documents, one from each of the categories below showing the home address (originals only):

Category A:

Notice of tax assessment, current rental/lease agreement, agreement to purchase including proof of purchase provided before the pupil attends the school, or property tax bill

Category B:

Utility bill, driver's license, bank statement or other official document.

Children born in 2011 are eligible for junior kindergarten in September 2015. Children born in 2010 and not currently attending public school are eligible for senior kindergarten in September 2015. At Mackenzie Glen PS, we are pleased to be offering Full Day Kindergarten.

Registration begins on Friday, January 16, 2015.

French Immersion

Information sessions for students living in the Dr. Roberta Bondar, J.A. Gibson, Mackenzie Glen, Maple Creek and Michael Cranny Public School attendance areas for the French Immersion (FI) program will take place at Joseph A. Gibson PS. on January 15, 2015 at 7 p.m. FI registration will take place between January 16 to February 13, 2015. In order to streamline the registration process, parents or guardians of Senior Kindergarten students entering Grade 1 in 2015, and wishing to enroll in the FI Program, can visit or call the school office at your home school and request an Office Index Card - short version. The Office Index Card must be signed by the principal. Parents or guardians then take this form, along with one piece of identification showing their address to the home school area. This eliminates the need to provide duplicate enrollment information or to pre-register.

French Immersion Information Night for SK Parents

J. A. Gibson Public School
50 Naylon Street, Maple, Ontario
Thursday, January 15, 2015
7:00 PM

Arts @ Baythorn

Would your child enjoy learning the Ontario curriculum through the Arts? If so, the York Region District School Board offers an elementary integrated Arts Program at Baythorn Public School. Students currently in grades four and five may apply for the arts@baythorn Program, where they will have the opportunity to explore the disciplines of Dance, Drama, Visual Arts, and Music while meeting the expectations of the Ontario Curriculum for grades five, six, seven and eight.

To learn more about the arts@baythorn program, students and their families are invited to attend an information evening at Baythorn Public School on **Thursday, January 15, 2015** at 6:30 p.m.

Applications will be online via the school website and available after **January 16, 2015**.

If you require further information, please call us at Baythorn Public School: (905) 889-7992.



Boston Pizza's MacG Night!



Thursday, February 12th
5:00 to 8:00 PM

Bring your family to Boston Pizza on Thursday, February 12th between 6 and 8 pm to be served by Mackenzie Glen Staff!

- Veggie Options
- Halal Chicken Options
- Gluten Wise Options
- Heart Shaped Pizzas in time for Valentine's Day

Mackenzie Glen Public School will receive a percentage of total sales.

3255 Rutherford Rd, Vaughan Mills Plaza

Anti-Bullying Presentation

On Tuesday, December 16, students from grades 1-8 took part in an exciting Bullying presentation.

We had Q-Mack and J-Box visit our school. Q-Mack was very energetic and enthusiastic. He shared with us his story of being verbally bullied as a child. In elementary school he was made fun of by his peers because of his shoes, his small basketball ball and his parents. As a child, he went to his neighbor who taught him different basketball tricks. Learning these tricks increased his confidence. He taught us that we all need to believe in ourselves and become confident too!

Today, Q-Mack is Nike Pro basketball freestyler and works closely with NMA MVPs like LeBron James. He also visits schools with his sidekick J-Box to share their message about self confidence. J-Box is known as the country's best beat boxer and appeared on Canada's Got Talent.

It was an engaging assembly with an important message. Thank you to School Council for funding this presentation!

Written with details from Alisha T., Grade 7



POPCORN SALE

Bags of
Popcorn are
\$1.00
each.



Our next spirit day will be

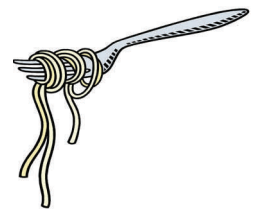
Pajama Day

On Thursday, January 15,
dress in your pajamas to show
your school spirit!

Hot Lunch Program

February/March/April
Hot Lunch Orders are due on
Tuesday, January 20, 2015

No late orders will be accepted.



Character Corner: Fairness

The Character Matters trait for the month of January is Fairness. Fairness is an important trait that is quickly learned by our students.

It's not fair! We've all said it at one time or another and some children say it a lot. Fairness is treating people the way you would like to be treated.

What is Fairness?

- Equal treatment of the behaviour and viewpoints of others
- Practising justice, equity, and equality
- Recognizing the uniqueness and value of each individual within our diverse society
- Playing by the rules
- Taking turns
- Treating people without favouritism
- Being open-minded

JANUARY 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	Winter Break					
				1 <i>Temple Day</i>	2	3 <i>Mawlid un-Nabi</i>
4	5  Back to School! <i>Birth of Guru Gobind Singh Ji</i> Day 1	6 <i>Epiphany</i> Day 2	7  ♦ <i>Christmas (Eastern)</i> Day 3	8 Maple HS Info Night at Maple HS, 7:00 pm Day 4	9  Day 5	10
11	12  Day 1	13 <i>Maghi</i> Day 2	14  <i>Makar Sankranti</i> Day 3	15 <i>Pajama Day!</i>  Day 4	16 PA Day—No School	17
18	19  <i>Epiphany (Eastern)</i> Day 5	20 Hot Lunch Orders Due Day 1	21  Day 2	22 School Council 7pm Day 3	23  Day 4	24 <i>Vasant Panchami</i>
25	26  Day 5	27 Day 1	28  Day 2	29  All that Jazz Concert Day 3	30  Day 4	31

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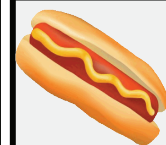


February

2	PA Day—No School
16	Family Day—No School
18	Report Cards sent home

To report your child's absence, Please call our attendance Line

(905) 417-9771



Please note that the Mondays highlighted with a Hotdog are also Panzerotti days.

Please note that the Wednesdays highlighted with a hamburger are also Pasta days.

