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## May 2016

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### *A message from the Office...*

On April 4, the Ontario Ministry of Education announced that they were dedicating \$60 million dollars to a renewed math strategy. The goal is to help more students achieve excellence in numeracy. The minister announced that this funding will be used to ensure that each school have the following:

- Minimum 60 minutes of math instruction daily
- Up to 3 math lead teachers in all elementary schools
- Support for learning at home through parent resources
- Math support for grade 6 to 9 students outside of the school day
- Opportunities for educators to deepen their knowledge in math learning, teaching and leading

We are so excited to announce that we have already been doing these things for the past two years! Weekly, each student receives 300 minutes of math instruction. We currently have an Intermediate, Junior and Primary Math and literacy lead. We have had successful math nights for parents and students. We currently offer a grade 6 afterschool math program. Also, many of our Mackenzie Glen teachers have just completed their Mathematics PART TWO qualifications. The new allocation of funds will continue to promote excellence in Mathematics at Mackenzie Glen Public School!

Thank you to all the families who attended our second annual Amazing Math Race! It was a huge success. We hope the math conversations and challenges continue to happen at home! Over the next few weeks, we look forward to our Welcome to Kindergarten Night and our production of The Sound of a Musical. Our grade 3 and 6 students begin to write EQAO later this month.

Page three outlines some important information around the revised Health and Physical Education Curriculum. There are links to many resources that are translated into many languages.

As always, should you have any questions or concerns, please call us at the school.

Your partners in education,

Mr. B. Taha      &      Mrs. A. Rye-Brown  
*Principal*                      *Vice Principal*

### **SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING**

Thursday,  
May 19  
**7:00 PM**

*All Parents are  
welcome to attend*

There will be  
**NO SCHOOL** on

**Fri. May 6**  
*Due to a PA DAY*



## **Welcome to Kindergarten**

### Orientation for JK students

(Registered for September 2016)

**Thursday, May 12, 2016**

**6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.**

## Amazing MATH Race

On Wednesday, April 13, we held our second Amazing Math Race! It was an opportunity for families to do fun and challenging math activities from around the world. As families entered, they received their first clue of the race. The QR coded clues that led families to the location of the challenge. There were 6 challenges: North American Maple Cookies, European Loto, South American Lego Challenge, African Domino Drop, Asian Tangrams and Paperfolding, Australian sack race.

At the end of every challenge, families received a clue to the next challenge. After all challenges were complete, families raced to the Final Pit Stop to collect a ballot for a door prize. Trustee, and Chair of the YRDSB, Anna Debartolo congratulated all families and gave them a ballot to win a variety of math inspired board games. Also, each family received a set of tangrams.

The Amazing Math Race was a tremendous success! Thank you to all who participated. We look forward to hosting another race next year!



## SAVE THE DATE!

Mackenzie Glen PS School Council  
Presents:

# Family Barbecue

**Wednesday, June 1, 2016**

6:00 pm to 8:00 pm

*Ordering information to follow.*

### Volunteers Required!

*Food Service, Supervision and Clean Up*

Please contact the school office.

- *Burgers*
  - *Corn*
  - *Samosas*
  - *Photo booth*
  - *Inflatable Bouncy Castles*
  - *Dancing with Justin*
- And much much more!*



# Ontario Ministry of Education's Health and Physical Education Curriculum

Last spring, the Ontario Ministry of Education released a revised Health and Physical Education Curriculum. This revised document supports students to learn the knowledge and skills they require to make healthy and safe choices at home, at school, and in the community. They will develop habits of healthy, active living that will enhance their physical and mental well-being for the rest of their lives.

The curriculum includes 3 strands: Active Living; Movement Competence—Skills/Concepts/Strategies; and Healthy Living. The curriculum has been implemented since September of this school year. In the coming weeks, students in grades 1 to 8 will be learning about Human Development and Sexual Health.

During the first week of May, families will be receiving an emailed letter identifying the specific expectations that will be addressed at each grade level. With this electronic communication, families will also receive a grade specific 'Parents Guide' from the Ministry of Education. **The Human Development and Sexual Health lessons will be taught on Friday, May 13 and Friday May 20.**

There are many parental resources and translations available through the Ministry's website. Please click on the link ([in blue](#)) to access the resources.

[Ministry of Education's Parents Guide](#)

[Ontario Health and Physical Education Curriculum](#)

[Translated Ministry documents for Parents](#)

[Chinese](#)

[French](#)

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Be physically active  
for life and thrive



Develop and maintain  
healthy relationships



Think critically, and make  
and promote healthy  
choices



Be safe, physically and  
emotionally



Understand themselves  
and others



## May is Asian Heritage Month!

In May 2002, the Government of Canada signed an official declaration to designate May as **Asian Heritage Month**. This acknowledges the long and rich history of Asian Canadians and their contributions to Canada. It also provides an opportunity for Canadians across the country to reflect and celebrate the contributions of Canadians of Asian heritage towards the growth and prosperity of Canada.

This year, the students and staff at Mackenzie Glen PS join many Ontarians and Canadians coming together to celebrate the rich and vibrant heritage of people of Asian and South Asian descent and their contributions to Canada. We will be having an assembly on May 12th at 1:00 pm. Parents are welcome to join us!

Throughout the month of May, students will be learning about the contributions of Asian and South Asians to our country. People like Dr. Tak Mak, Adrienne Clarkson, Federal Minister of Defence The Honourable Harjit Singh Sajjan, Dr. Naveed Sayed and Gary Anandasangaree are all notable Canadians of Asian Heritage.



### Vaughan 20 Minute Makeover

On Friday, April 22, the students of Mackenzie Glen Public School participated in the Vaughan 20 minute makeover. Every year in April, in observation of Earth Day, the City of Vaughan comes together to take part in Vaughan's 20 Minute Makeover community litter clean-up.

The City of Vaughan provided us with gloves and garbage bags. Our school yard, and part of the city park was divided up and each grade was assigned a section to clean. We collected 50 bags of litter. We hope that this inspires others to 'pitch-in' and make a difference!



It's Time to Order Your.....  
**YEARBOOK!**



**\$24.00 each**

Yearbook orders are being accepted online until  
**Monday, May 16.**

### Are You Planning on Moving?

In planning for next year's classes, it is most helpful to know if your child or children will be attending another school in September 2016 (high school not included). If your child (ren) will not be returning, please complete and return to the school office. If your child currently attends Mackenzie Glen P.S. and you have moved out of the school's attendance area, please contact Mrs. Kemble at the school office. Mrs. Kemble will advise you on how to make arrangements for your child's September placement at their new school.



Student Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_ will not be returning to Mackenzie Glen PS  
in September 2016. Next School: \_\_\_\_\_

## Character Corner: Courage

The Character Matters trait for the month of May is Courage. Courage is an essential ingredient in growing up. It's what propels us to reach new milestones—from learning to walk to learning math. Courage can be physical, like jumping from a diving board, or moral, like doing the right thing in the face of possible ridicule.

When a toddler learns to walk, no matter how many times she falls, she picks herself up and tries again. Children have a natural drive to master new skills despite their fears of getting hurt. The more a young child confronts physical challenges, like learning to run or climb, the more capable they feel, and the more likely they are to take on new challenges. A suggestion to parents is to encourage independence a little at a time, and compliment your child when he/she tries a new activity.

Your child's growing independence leads them to encounter the unexpected. When a child walks into a classroom for the first time, they'll face a host of unknowns: Will the teacher be nice? Will she make friends? Will school work be hard? As she learns to deal with these fears, she gains the courage to face the unknown. To support your child at home, you can read or make up a story about an upcoming event—like starting school—to familiarize your child with the challenges. Walk your child through what they might expect and let them talk through ways to handle it.

As children gain an awareness of others' perspectives and a sense of right and wrong, they build the foundation of moral courage--the drive to do the right thing despite fear of negative consequences. Some examples to support your child may include:

- Praise your child when he/she returns a toy they have found to its rightful owner or picks an unpopular child to play in a pick-up game of baseball.
- Role-play what to do if they see another child being teased or bullied.
- Practise some scenarios that might arise if your child is pressured by friends to do something they feel is wrong.

Courage does not mean taking unnecessary chances or neglecting safety. The cry "Look Ma, no hands!" is foolhardy, not courageous. By explaining to your child that they need to balance physical courage with common sense--that there's a difference between dangerous showing off, such as skateboarding down a flight of stairs, and taking calculated risks, like practicing jumps in a skateboard park.

<http://www.beliefnet.com/Love-Family/Family-Values-Toolkit/Family-Values-Courage.aspx?p=11>

Mackenzie Glen PS Presents:

# THE SOUND OF A MUSICAL

Thursday, May 5, 2016

7:00 PM

*A limited number of tickets  
are still available through  
School Cash Online*

## Congratulations Abhiraj!





Abhiraj is the Primary 1st place winner of the Spelling Bee of Canada—Maple Woodbridge. He made it to the final round. His winning word was 'Teapot'. Abhiraj moves on to provincial competition in the coming weeks!



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# MAY 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 <i>Easter Sunday (Eastern) Beltane</i>	2 Day 2	3 Day 3	4 Day 4 	5 Day 5  Sound of a Musical Ascension Day (Western) Miraj-un-Nabi	6 PA Day—No School	7
8	9 Day 1	10 Day 2	11 Day 3 	12 Day 4 Asian Heritage Assembly, 1:00 pm Welcome to Kindergarten, 6 pm	13 Day 5  Human Growth & Development Day	14
15 <i>Pentecost Wesak</i>	16 Day 1	17 Day 2	18 Day 3 	19 Day 4 School Council	20 Day 5  Human Growth & Development Day	21
22	23 Victoria Day—No School Nisfu-Shaban Decelaration of the Bab	24 Day 1 EQAO	25 Day 2  EQAO	26 Day 3 EQAO	27 Day 4 	28
29 <i>Ascension of Baha'u'llah</i>	30 Day 5 EQAO	31 Day 1 EQAO			 Please note that the Wednesdays highlighted with a Burger are also Pasta days.	

June	
1	Grade 3 EQAO concludes
1	School BBQ
3	PA Day—No School
21	Grade 8 Graduation
29	Last Day of School
30	PA Day

**To report your child's absence, please call our Attendance Line**

**(905) 417-9771**

**Leave a message at any time!**

