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November 2013

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PA DAY

*There will be
No School
for students on
Friday,
November 15,
2013*

SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

**Tuesday,
November 5
7:00 pm
Library**

A message from Administration...

What a pleasure it was meeting the many families on our Curriculum Night on October 10! We were thrilled with the turn out. Thank you to all the families who attended. We would like to thank the staff for their presentations and planning. Also, special thank you to the Nyman family for providing coffee and tea. Congratulations to those who won \$45.00 coupons from Lifetouch!

This month we say good bye to Ms Borzellino as she begins her maternity leave. We wish her well on her role as mommy x2! We welcome Ms Doerner who will take over the grade 3 class.

On the Friday, October 11 PA Day, the staff engaged in meaningful discussion around School Improvement Planning. Staff looked at survey results from students. Staff also participated in some Inquiry Based learning. York Region Children's Aid Society also presented a session on duty to report.

The third week in November has been designated by the ministry as Anti Bullying and Awareness week. The purpose of the week is to heighten awareness in schools of what constitutes bullying and the impact it can have on the overall school environment. As a staff, we continue the journey to address anti-bullying. To recognize Anti Bullying we will be having our second annual 'Step Out to Stomp Out Bullying' campaign. Students and their families are encouraged to walk to school at least 10 times in November to promote a healthy lifestyle and raise awareness around Anti Bullying.

Do you know what your teens do online? School Council is presenting a parent session on Social Network Safety. The session will run at 7:00 pm on Wednesday, November 20. It is free for all parents. Our grade 4 - 8 students will also have a student presentation during the day. We hope you can join us!

We are thrilled to be starting our Breakfast club on November 5. Healthy breakfasts will be served Tuesday to Friday morning from 7:30 to 8:00 am. There is no cost to students. We welcome everyone to attend! For more information please contact the office.

Students will be receiving their Progress Report on Wednesday, November 13. Student Led Conferences will occur on the evening of Thursday, November 14 and the morning of Friday, November 15. There will be no school on Friday, November 15. Please see page 3 for a convenient online booking procedure.

We thank you for your continued support of our school.

Sincerely,

Mr. B. Taha
Principal

Ms O. Soroka
Vice Principal



A reminder to set your clocks back
one hour at 2:00 am on

Sunday, November 3

This is also a great time to check the
batteries in your smoke detectors!

Dressing for Cooler Weather

All our students will be expected to be outside before, during and after school in all weather conditions (i.e., rain or shine, snow or heat). Students need to come to school dressed to play outside during recesses. Boots (for rain or snow), rain jackets, hats, mitts, scarves and snow pants will help make recess an enjoyable time.

It is advisable for children to keep extra pants and socks at school in case they get wet. To avoid adding to our clothing collection in the Lost and Found Bin, please be sure to label all articles of clothing.



Our first spirit day of the year will be on
Friday, November 8

Ms Facchini's class has picked the
theme:

Pajama Day

*Dress in your pajamas to show your
school spirit!*

Remembrance Day

Every year on November 11, Canadians pause in a moment of silence to remember the men and women who have served, and continue to serve our country during times of war, conflict and peace. We honour those who fought for Canada in the First World War (1914-1918), the Second World War (1939-1945), and the Korean War (1950-1953), as well as those who have served since then. More than 1,500,000 Canadians have served our country in this way, and more than 100,000 have died. They gave their lives and their futures so that we may live in peace.

By remembering their service and their sacrifice, we recognize the tradition of freedom these men and women fought to preserve. They believed that their actions in the present would make a significant difference for the future, but it is up to us to ensure that their dream of peace is realized. On Remembrance Day, we acknowledge the courage and sacrifice of those who served their country and acknowledge our responsibility to work for the peace they fought hard to achieve.

At Mackenzie Glen PS, we will be holding our Remembrance Day assembly on Monday, November 11, 2013 at 10:45 am.

Parents and community members are welcome to attend.



Progress Reports

We look forward to sharing with you your child's progress report on November 13. The purpose of the *Elementary Progress Report Card* is to communicate your child's progress towards the achievement of the curriculum expectations since the beginning of the school year.

For this report card, teachers use a rating scale **instead of letter grades or percentage marks**. The rating scale is as follows:

- ☐ Progressing Very Well
- ☐ Progressing Well
- ☐ Progressing With Difficulty

Teachers will also write personalized comments that indicate what has been learned, the student's strengths, and next steps that home and school can collaboratively work on to improve student learning.

The Progress report will:

- tell you how well your child is developing the learning skills and work habits we know are essential for success
- report on all academic subjects – such as language, math, social studies, science and technology– but instead of assigning a grade or mark, it will tell you how well your child is progressing: “very well”, “well” or “with difficulty”.
- highlights strengths and areas to improve before evaluations are completed

Student Led Conferences will be held on Thursday, November 14 and Friday, November 15. A reminder that Friday, November 15 is a PA Day and there will be no school for students. We look forward to sharing your child's progress with you!

Student Led Conferences ONLINE BOOKINGS

Progress Reports will be sent home with students in SK through Grade 8 on Wednesday, November 13, 2013. Student Led Conferences for students in SK through Grade 8 will be scheduled after school on November 14, 2013 and on the morning of November 15, 2013.

In our ongoing efforts to minimize paper and leverage technology, we will be using an online registration system for you to book Conference times. You simply go online and select from the available 20 minute time slots you would most prefer. We would ask that you book your appointments sometime from October 30, 2013 through November 10, 2013. Please note, interview slots are available on a first-come, first served basis. We are taking up to 4 students in each time slot.

To book your interviews, please follow these easy steps:

Log-in to SchoolBookings at <http://www.schoolbookings.net/>. Enter our 'Event Code' **AK6RF**.

Enter the information you're prompted for (name, e-mail address, number of children ... etc.).

Follow the prompts to select the teachers you would like to meet with for each child, and select from the available times you would like to schedule your appointment. Please note that you can select up to three teachers to meet with, per child. While most parents opt to meet with only the homeroom teacher, some parents may also seek to meet with a second teacher (e.g., Music, Reading Recovery, French, SERT).

When you have completed the booking, an e-mail will be automatically sent to you with the confirmation details.

We hope this process streamlines the booking procedure, and supports our commitment to encourage and facilitate parent-school communications.

For families with limited or no internet connectivity, we are requesting that you call your child's teacher to set up an available time.

Student Led Conferences aside, remember that you are always free to contact teachers, and we welcome opportunities to partner in the interest of your children's learning and well-being. If you have any feedback about the new procedure, please let the school know.

Character Corner: HONESTY

Our Character Matters trait for the month of November is Honesty. Honesty is a very important character trait that we teach our children from a very young age. It is probably the first character trait we teach our children!

What is honesty?

- Being truthful in word and action
- Showing trustworthiness
- Being reliable in carrying out commitments, obligations and duties
- Telling the truth
- Admitting wrongdoing

What does honesty look like/sound like?

- Telling parents/guardians/caregivers or a teacher about a mistake and facing the consequences of the action
- Not getting angry at someone when they are honest with you in a respectful manner
- Refraining from gossiping and spreading rumours
- Turning in something that is lost

"A lie has speed, but truth has endurance."

Edgar J. Mohn

Holiday Heroes

Since the launch of Holiday Heroes in 2008, York Regional Police has raised over \$700,000 in goods for York Region families. As always, all donations raised in York Region, stay in York Region! These goals could never have been achieved without the generosity and support from the public!

Our grade 2 classes are proud to lead our Holiday Heroes Campaign this year. They are asking students to bring in the following items for other York Region families.

- **Warm Children's Clothing (new)**
- **Toiletries**
- **Non-perishable food items**

Our campaign will begin on Monday, November 25 and run until Friday, December 6.



Message from Grade 1

In Grade 1, our "big idea" is responsibility. We know that responsibility means taking care of yourself, other people, and the whole world.

We discovered that we can take responsibility for ourselves by eating healthy food. But we want to take responsibility for other people, too. We want to help other people to eat healthy food. Healthy food gives you energy and makes you feel great!

We decided to work together to write a delicious description of a very healthy food: apples. Now we want to share our description. We hope that when you read our description, you will want to eat healthy food, too!

AWESOME APPLES!

My favourite fruit is apples. Apples are delicious. They are cool. I love apples because they are yummy and sweet. They are crunchy. I think apples taste good because they are juicy. Some apples are yellow, red or green. My favourite apple is granny smith. They will be your favourite. I love apple sauce. I like apples because they are perfect. I learned that apples are healthy. Every day you have to eat healthy food so you will get strong. Apples will make you feel great!

Written by the Grade 1 Students

Cross Country

Way to go to our Cross Country team! We are very proud of the sportsmanship and great character that was shown at Areas and Regionals by our students. Special Thank You to Ms Forster, Ms Berk Ms Lee, Ms Oosman, Ms Chhom and Ms Bernbaum for coaching our team and getting students ready for the meets! Also, thank you to Ms Cosentini, Ms Gannon, Mr. and Ms Kafkis, Mr. Paolino, Mr. Heximer and Mr. Stephenson for their support at the meets.

Congratulations to the following students who qualified for Regionals:



Nicholas B
Kaitlyn W
Matthew V
Joey L
Sheldon S
Ethan H
Alex E
Demetri K
Marco P
Nathaniel B
Pranavan S
Jagdip S
Kenny T



Bullying

Bullying and harassment can have a serious and significant impact on learning, student safety and the school climate. In fact, principals now consider suspension when dealing with acts of bullying.

What is bullying?

The ministry has defined bullying in PPM 144 as:

Bullying is typically a form of repeated, persistent, and aggressive behaviour directed at an individual or individuals that is intended to cause (or should be known to cause) fear and distress and/or harm to another person's body, feelings, self-esteem, or reputation.

Bullying occurs in a context where there is a real or perceived power imbalance.

Bullying can take many forms It can be:

- **physical** – hitting, shoving, stealing, or damaging property
- **verbal** – name calling, mocking, or making sexist, racist, or homophobic comments
- **social** – excluding others from a group or spreading gossip or rumours about them
- **electronic** (commonly known as cyberbullying) – spreading rumours and hurtful comments through the use of e-mail, cellphones, social media websites and text messaging

How can I tell if my child or teenager is being bullied?

A young child may not know the word “bully”, but she knows when someone is being mean, hurting her, or making her feel sad or scared. She may not tell you because she may be worried she'll make things worse if she “tells” or “rats”.

There are signs that your child is being bullied, even if she doesn't talk about it. Instead of waiting to be told, you can watch for signs that your child is being bullied – signs such as changes in behaviour, in attitude, or in appearance.

Children who are being bullied may not want to go to school or may cry or feel sick on school days. They may not want to take part in activities or social events with other students. They might suddenly begin to lose money or personal items, or come home with torn clothes or broken possessions, and offer explanations that don't make sense.

There is a difference between conflict and bullying. Please discuss with your child's teacher.

Step Out to STOMP OUT Bullying!

In recognition of Anti Bullying Awareness Month all Mackenzie Glen PS students are challenged to Walk to school 10 times during the month of November!



Not only will you be doing something healthy for yourself and the environment,
but you will be showing that you are

PUTTING YOUR FOOT DOWN AGAINST BULLYING!

Each student who walks 10 times will earn a

“Step Out To Stomp Out Bullying” Key Tag!



*The weather is getting colder, so **bundle up and stay safe!**
Walk to school, walk to the bus, or get dropped off further away and walk in.*

Any way you choose do it, your support is appreciated!

Protection of Instructional Time

At Mackenzie Glen PS we are committed to ensuring your child's instructional time is protected. Constant interruptions disrupt learning for all students. As such, we are asking for your cooperation in insuring that arrangements to pick up your child(ren) are made well in advance.

We will not be interrupting classroom instruction to relay messages. Any messages for students will be given to students at recess, lunch, and at the end of the school day. We understand that occasionally unforeseen events or emergencies may occur.

We thank you for your cooperation and assistance in this matter.

Breakfast Club

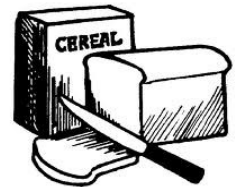
Breakfast is the most important meal of the day. Research shows that a healthy breakfast each day positively impacts student attentiveness and achievement. We are pleased to announce that Mackenzie Glen will be offering a breakfast program beginning **November 5, 2013!**

The breakfast program will be available to **all** Mackenzie Glen students.
Students can enjoy a nutritious breakfast **Tuesdays to Fridays**
from **7:30 – 8:00am.**

Food items from the four food groups will be offered

Payment not required. Donations optional.

For more information, please contact the school office.



All parents, grandparents and caregivers are invited to a
FREE

Coffee Chat

This is an opportunity to chat about 'Positive Parenting',
to learn about Triple P Positive Parenting tips and strategies.

Thursday, November 14, 2013

11:55 a.m.—12:55 p.m.

(during the school lunch hour)

**Mackenzie Glen Public School
Library**

Please drop in...Registration is not required.

We look forward to you joining us!

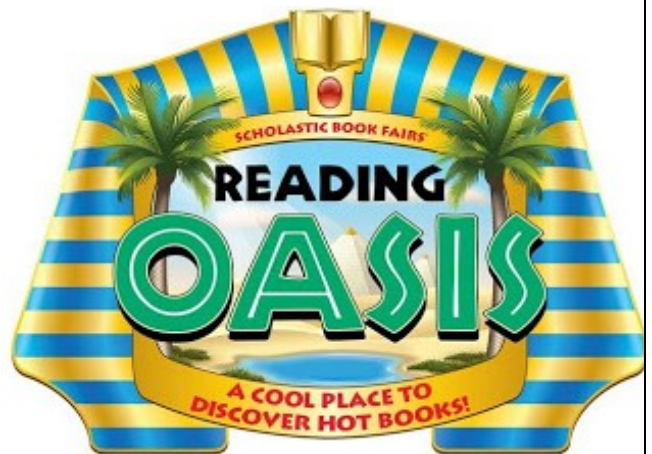
For information or questions, please contact:

Oksana Majaski

905-738-5497 ext. 213



This presentation is brought to you by Mackenzie Glen P.S. in partnership with Blue Hills Child and Family Centre, and York Region District School Board.



Book Fair

December 2 - 6, 2013

**Mackenzie Glen PS
LIBRARY**



SAVE THE DATE!

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20th, 2013

SOCIAL NETWORKING SAFETY FOR PARENTS



Guest Speaker: Paul Davis

Where: Mackenzie Glen Public School
575 Melville Avenue, Maple, L6A 2M4

When: 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm (plus Q & A)

**A common sense approach to dealing with
the technology your children already use!**

- Facebook / Twitter / Instagram
- Cyber-bullying
- Hand-held devices
- Texting
- Legal matters

twitter



facebook

NOVEMBER 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		Visit our Updated Website! http://www.yrdsb.ca/schools/mackenzieglen.ps/			1 <i>All Saints Day</i>	2
3  Move clocks back 1hr ♦ Diwali Skanda Shashti Vratham Mahavira Nirvana	4 <i>Muharram</i>	5 School Council Meeting @ 7:00 pm	6 Grade 8 visit to Maple HS	7  Photo Retakes Gr 5 Litter Round Up	8 <i>Pajama Day!</i>  Pajama Day Jnana Panchami	9
10	11  Remembrance Day Dental Screening JK, SK, Gr. 2, 4, 6, 8	12 Gr 8 girls shots Dental Screening JK, SK, Gr. 2, 4, 6, 8 <i>The Birth of the Baba'u'llah</i>	13  Progress Reports sent home Gr 3 Scientist in School workshop <i>Ashura</i>	14 Student Led Confer- ences PM	15 PA DAY—No School Student Led Confer- ences, AM	16
17 <i>Birthday of Nanak Dev Ji</i>	18	19	20  Social Networking Parent Evening	21	22 Gr 6 VIP	23
24 <i>Martyrdom of Guru Tegh Bahadar Ji</i>	25 Holiday Freeze-Out Bullying Assembly	26 Hero <i>The Day of the Covenant</i>	27 Begins!	28 <i>Chanukah Ascension of Abdu'l- Baha</i>	29 Gr 6 VIP	30

Upcoming Dates

December	
2-6	Book Fair
3	School Council Meeting 7:00 pm
20	PA Day—No School
23	Winter Break Begins
January	
6	School Resumes

To report your child's
absence, please call our
attendance line

(905) 417-9771

Leave a message at any time!



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