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A message from the Office...

November has arrived and with it the cooler weather. Please be sure that your child is dressed appropriately. All our students will be expected to be outside before, during and after school in cooler weather conditions. 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.

November also brings the launch of our Breakfast Club! We are excited to be serving nutritious breakfasts at Mackenzie Glen every Tuesday to Friday morning. Thank you to all staff, parents and community members who have volunteered their time. Also, a special thank you to all the families who donated funds to support our Breakfast Club.

This month's Character Matter Trait is **HONESTY**. Honesty is a very important trait that we value in people of all ages. Being dishonest can cause problems with friends and other family members. Children need to learn that no matter what they have done, they must always tell the truth. It is best to deal with lying as soon as it starts. It is important to catch your child being honest. Set up opportunities for your child to tell the truth. When they do tell the truth, praise your child, act immediately. Honesty is always the best policy!

We were very impressed by the team work of some of our grade 8 girls. Together, they planned and delivered our annual Terry Fox Run! They led a 'Toonies for Terry' Campaign and met their goal of \$1000.00! Way to go! We are so proud of your leadership!

Thank you to all families that have shared their thinking around our first ever #MacGMathChallenge! It was great to read your responses. A reminder that there is no 'right answer'. The purpose is to engage in math talk as a family and discuss whether our answers 'make sense'. Our math challenges are posted on twitter. Please use the hashtag: #MacGMathChallenge.

In closing, we remind families to notify the office of all student absences. In the event that the office cannot reach parents and emergency contacts, York Region Police must be notified. You can leave a voicemail informing us of your child's absence 24 hours a day by calling the school (905)417-9771.

Thank you for your continued support! As always, please reach out to us should you have a question or concern. We are always just a phone call away!

Your partners in education,

Mr. B. Taha
Principal

Ms A. Rye-Brown
Vice Principal

PA DAY

*There will be
No School
for students on
Friday,
November 27,
2015*

SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

**Thursday,
November 12th**

**7:00 pm
Learning
Commons**



A reminder to set your clocks back
one hour before you go to bed
THIS COMING

Saturday, October 31st.

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

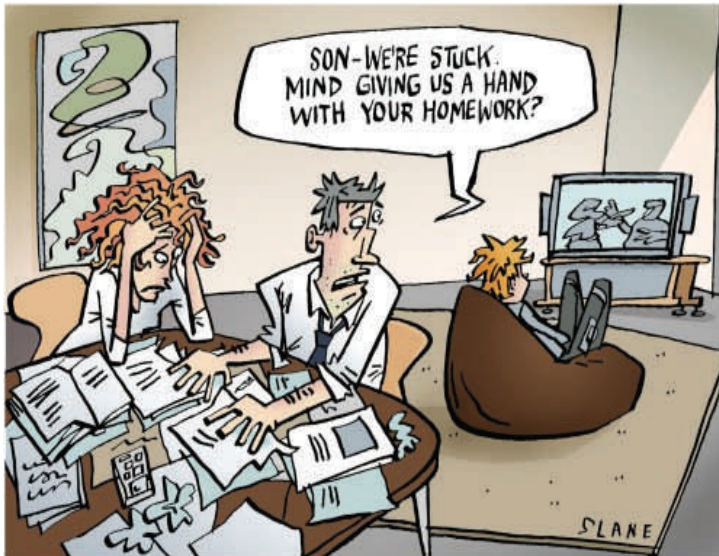


FREE

Mackenzie Glen School Council
INVITES YOU TO A

***PRESENTATION* for PARENTS**

Talking Math with your Kids



December 10, 2015

7:00-8:30 pm

Mackenzie Glen P.S.

575 Melville Ave. Maple, ON

- *FREE Child Care available*
- *Light Refreshments*



AMY LIN

This presentation will help parents see how mathematics teaching has and has not changed – and why and what has changed. Ideas and strategies will be provided to use with your children at home that will encourage math talks, promote thinking skills and help develop positive attitudes towards mathematics.



This FREE presentation has been funded through the Ontario Ministry of Education's Parents Reaching Out Grant.

Remembrance Day

Every year on November 11th, 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 Wednesday, November 11, 2015 at 10:30 am.

Parents and community members are welcome to attend.



Student Lunch Options

Mackenzie Glen PS School Council is pleased to offer Lunch Options for your child(ren). To kick off our lunch program we are offering options of Pizza and Milk one day a week for the months of December and January. This order also includes one date in November.

Our Pizza supplier will be **Pizza Nova**. All orders must be received by Friday, November 13. Please make all cheques payable to Mackenzie Glen Public School.

Funds raised from our Lunch Program go towards purchasing items for the school such as additional technology, Agendas, Physical Education Equipment, guest presentations and other enhancements to your child's school life.

We thank you for your support!

LATES and Kiss N' Ride

We continue to experience an unacceptable number of lates daily. A reminder that our instructional day begins at 8:10 am. Being late is disruptive not only to your child(ren) but also to the others in his/her class.

We have noticed that some parents are dropping students off outside of the drop off areas. A few reminders to ensure your morning is off to a great start:

- Parents are asked to drop students off along the west side of the building along the yellow 'hash-marked' area.
- Please have students ready with their bags ready to exit on the passenger side.
- Parents are not to leave their vehicle if using the Kiss N' Ride.

Please do your best to ensure that your child starts each day on time.

Mackenzie Glen Public School Council

We believe that collaborative and inclusive partnerships among schools, families and our communities, are essential to improving student learning and increasing a shared sense of accountability for public education. School Councils play an important role in building school, family and community partnerships by providing input into relevant Board and school-level decisions and by encouraging the involvement of all members of the school community in support of student learning.

The Mackenzie Glen PS School Council met on Thursday, October 1st and elected the following parents to our 2015-2016 School Council:

School Council Co-Chairs: **Pam Wood and Dee Radia**

Treasurer: **Dilani Wright**

Secretary: **Lina Simpson**

We are excited about the upcoming year. We welcome you all to our next School Council Meeting on

Thursday, November 12th at 7:00 pm

Please check our school website for agendas and minutes of our meetings.

Terry Fox Run

On Friday, October 2nd, the students of Mackenzie Glen Public School participated in the 35th annual Terry Fox Run. Students from kindergarten to grade 8 brought toonies for Terry. Together we reached our goal of \$1000.00! This event was organized by a team of grade 8 students: Rachel, Meryem, Janai, Maheer, Kimberly and Sameela. These students organized advertisements, music, and collection of money.



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

Triple P Tip of the Month: Self-Esteem

Children form views of themselves as a person, their value as an individual and how good they are at doing certain things from as they grow up. It is important for parents to encourage children to be confident to develop healthy self-esteem. This means children having a true sense of their strengths and weaknesses.

KEY STEPS:

- Praise your child's efforts and achievements
- Tell your child you care
- Help your child make friends
- Encourage your child to set goals, do things for themselves and assess their achievement
- Encourage your child to express their ideas and make decisions
- Help your child manage their feelings, think realistically and be optimistic
- Teach your child to solve problems for themselves



BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND! MAC G SPIRIT WEAR

Order your child's very own MAC G
Toque, Hoodie or T-Shirt!



To ensure delivery before the Winter Break, orders are due November 20th.

POPCORN SALE

Bags of Popcorn are \$1.00 each.



They will be sold each morning at recess beginning on Monday.

Popcorn is Nut, GMO and pesticide free.

- **White Cheddar**
- **Butter and Salt**

<http://www.fromfarmtotable.ca/nutrition.php>

Is my child's bus running late?



For BUS Updates please go to:

www.schoolbuscity.com



Halloween candy... a sticky topic for parents!

Parents are often left wondering how to help their children manage their Halloween treats as part of a healthy diet. The key is to provide structure. Here are some guidelines:

1. After trick or treating, let your children empty their candy bag, sort it and eat as much of it as they want. Let them do the same the next day.
2. On the third day, have them put the candy away and only allow a couple of pieces to be eaten during meals and/or snacks.
3. Schedule meals and snacks at regular times. Keep the routine of letting your child have Halloween candy only at these times. This way, the candy will not spoil your child's diet.
4. Offer milk, fruit or vegetables with the candy to offer some nutrition.



Adapted from Your Child's Weight Helping without Harming Birth through Adolescence. Elyn Satter, 2005

For more information about how you can help your child's school create a healthy school nutrition environment, visit www.nutritiontoolsforschools.ca



1-800-361-5653
TTY: 1-866-252-9933

York Region Health Connection

Community and Health Services
Public Health

www.york.ca

Please DO NOT send Halloween candies to school as a snack or lunch



NOVEMBER 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 <i>All Saints Day</i>	2 <i>Day 3</i>	3 <i>Day 4</i>	4 <i>Day 5</i> Grade 8s go to Maple HS	5 <i>Day 1</i>  Grade 7 and 8 Immunizations	6 <i>Day 2</i>	7
8	9 <i>Day 3</i>	10 <i>Day 4</i> Photo Retakes ♦Diwali	11 <i>Day 5</i>  Remembrance Day Mahavira Nirvana	12 <i>Day 1</i> Birth of Bab'u'llah Skanda Shashti Vratham begins	13 <i>Day 2</i> Lunch Orders DUE	14
15	16 <i>Day 3</i> <i>Jnana Panchami</i>	17 <i>Day 4</i>	18 <i>Day 5</i>	19 <i>Day 1</i>	20 <i>Day 2</i>  Spirit Wear Orders DUE	21
22	23 <i>Day 3</i>	24 <i>Day 4</i> Martyrdom of Guru Tegh Bahadar Ji	25 <i>Day 5</i> Birthday of Guru Nanak Dev Ji	26 <i>Day 1</i>  Lunch Program Begins Day of the Covenant	27 PA Day—No School	28 Ascension of Abdu'l- Baha
29 <i>First Sunday of Advent</i>	30 <i>Day 2</i>	To report your child's absence, please call our attendance Line (905) 417-9771 <i>Leave a message at any time!</i> 				

Upcoming Dates



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December	
10	Parent Math Workshop
18	Last day of school for 2015!