



Mackenzie Glen Public School

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September - December 2019

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Superintendent
of Schools
Ms. G. Gibbons
(905) 764-6830

Trustee
Mr. Mahmood

A message from the Office...

Happy New Year to all the MacG families!

With excitement of a new school year, it has been a smooth transition. This is going to be another year of innovation, collaboration, and knowledge building. With our first House of Heroes assembly, we appreciate how students were dressed in their assigned colours. It was a visual representation of MacG's family. Diversity is our strength and the House of Heroes initiative honours and showcases this diversity in the most positive ways.

We ask that you share any expertise and/or passions with the classroom teacher or the office staff so that we can utilize your expertise to benefit all the children at MacG. Our partnership with you will offer and open further opportunities for the students at the school.

Let's continue to keep communication lines open and work together to facilitate a year where your child reaches his/her greatest potential for success academically, socially and emotionally.

In partnership with you,
Ms. L. Munson Mr. A. Vallecorsa

No School

Mon. Sept. 23
(P.A. Day)

Mon. Oct. 14
(Thanksgiving)

Mon. Oct 21
(P.A. Day)

See calendars

School Council Meeting

**Monday,
October 7th
6:00 p.m.**
in the Learning
Commons (Library)

All are
welcome to attend.

Message from our Trustee

I am so pleased to welcome all of our new and returning families to another school year. As your school board trustee, it is my role to advocate for quality public education in York Region, and to ensure that our students remain at the centre of all of our decision making. The Board of Trustees makes [policy](#) and [budget](#) decisions, and communicates with the public, among other [responsibilities](#).

We are also responsible for setting direction for the school board, through our [Multi-Year Strategic Plan](#). This plan sets out four priorities: Foster Well-Being and Mental Health, Build Collaborative Relationships, Champion Equity and Inclusivity, and Empower Ethical Leadership.

As we start the new school year, I want to highlight the importance of relationships. We want to build and maintain relationships with our families that are built on trust, respect and responsive communication. To support that, I will continue to keep you informed of our work and priorities, and I encourage you to [contact me](#) if you have any questions or concerns. You can also find the [message from the Chair of the Board](#) on the Board's website.

In addition, I invite you to share your feedback on our Board policies. Policies govern everything from field trips, school volunteers, equity and inclusive education, student discipline and much more, and we greatly value input from families on these important matters. We regularly post on our website the [policies that are under review](#) and available for comment as well as information about how to share your feedback. I hope you will take a look.

I know school staff are excited to welcome back students, and I look forward to meeting more of our families throughout the upcoming school year. I encourage you to build a relationship with the staff members and community at your school. There are so many [different ways to get involved](#) and support your child's education. I hope you have a great start to the school year and wish you a happy, safe and successful year ahead.

Nadeem Mahmood
Trustee, Vaughan Wards 1 and 2

Mackenzie Glen Staff Lists 2019-2020

We are proud to announce the team of Mackenzie Glen P.S.

Grade	Homeroom Staff	Room
Kindergarten	Mr. Locke / Ms. Amanullah	110
Kindergarten	Ms. Lee / Ms. Manoharan	113
Kindergarten	Ms. Madden / Ms. Polsoni	119
Kindergarten	Ms. McDonnell / Ms. Isa	120
Kindergarten	Ms. Goliasz / Ms. Maldonado	109
1	Ms. Bixcul	108
1/2	Ms. Schatzky	104
1/2	Ms. Scott	103
2	Ms. Rabinovitch	223
2/3	Ms. Muzzatti	122
2/3	Ms. Raviandran	121
3	Ms. Guglielmin	219
3/4	Ms. Borzellino	124
4	Ms. DiMascio	125
4/5	Ms. Fabiano	Portable
5	Ms. Facchini	222
5	Ms. Norris	221
6	Ms. Dodaro	200
6	Ms. Gajendran / Ms. Kapustin	201
7	Ms. Genovese	203
7	Ms. Provenzano	204
7/8	Ms. Sterioff	Portable
8	Mr. Hegedus-Geczi	206
8	Mr. Charalambous	205
Pri/Junior/Int Class	Ms. Bernbaum Ms. Giusto / Ms. Kermany / Ms. Reid	218

Specialty Roles & Subjects	
French	Mme. Ceniti M. Wells
Reading Recovery	Ms. Park
Music	Ms. Kapustin
Library Learning Commons	Mr. Aulakh
Special Education Resource Teachers	Ms. Calafiore Ms. Martinez-Miano Ms. Sohal
English Language Learner Teacher	Ms. Berk
Support Staff	Ms. Chhom Ms. McEachern Ms. Owusu
Custodian Staff	Mr. Kalogris Mr. Osti Mr. Schmider
Office Staff	Ms. Kemble Ms. DelGobbo
Vice-Principal	Mr. Vallecorsa
Principal	Ms. Munson

School Day

Supervision begins	8:00
Entry Bell	8:15
Period 1	8:15-8:55
Period 2	8:55-9:35
Period 3	9:35-10:15
Recess	10:15-10:35
Period 4	10:35-11:15
Period 5	11:15-11:55
Lunch	11:55-12:55
Period 6	12:55-1:35
Period 7	1:35-2:15
Period 8	2:15-2:35
Dismissal (dismissal for Kindergarten students: 2:30)	2:35

Our School Hours

You are all reminded of school entry, recess and dismissal times. We encourage students to be on time for school, as late arrivals cause disruptions to a class that is already in session.

If your child will be absent, or late, please contact the school. Additionally, if a student needs to leave early for an appointment, please send a note to your child's teacher that morning with the details thus eliminating the need for the office to have to call into the classroom and disrupt the class. Where possible, arrangements should be made ahead of time.

"O Canada" and announcements have been moved between 10:05-10:15 (when most of our classes are eating snacks before recess) in order to maximize learning time.

Thus it is imperative that your child comes to school between 8:00-8:15 as instruction begins promptly at 8:15. Consider that dropping your child off 5 minutes late, waiting at the office to get a late slip, then going to his/her hook/locker can result in your child missing 10-15 minutes of instruction in a 40 minute period.

When your child will be absent from school, please take a moment to call to advise us of the absence. If you need to call before the school day begins, we have an answering machine available between 4:00pm and 8:00am to take your message. You can call whenever it is convenient for you. Please make sure you speak slowly and clearly, providing details of the absence. A call is required each day of the absence.

This is part of the YRDSB Safe Arrival Program.

If we do not receive a call, or if we cannot contact a parent/guardian or one of the emergency contacts listed, Board policy is for the school to notify York Region Police.

ANAPHYLAXIS. *Let's work together to save a life!*

Anaphylaxis Alert

Anaphylaxis occurs when the body perceives an allergen as a potential poison and as a "preventative measure", the body systematically shuts down. Anaphylaxis can be characterized by swelling, hives, difficulty breathing, abdominal cramps, vomiting, diarrhea, circulatory collapse, coma and death. Anaphylactic shock can lead to death in a matter of minutes if left untreated. Anaphylaxis is the same, whether the triggering agent is peanut, milk or anything else. Mackenzie Glen has students and staff members who are anaphylactic. As a result, we do not allow any peanut or products that may contain nuts at school.

Students with potentially deadly allergies are protected under a private member's bill that requires all Ontario school boards have protection plans for students at risk for anaphylaxis. Bill 3 or Sabrina's Law, was named after 13 year old Sabrina Shannon. Sabrina died in September 2003 after eating French fries contaminated with a dairy product at her school.

The food allergens found to most frequently cause reactions are: milk, peanuts, tree nuts, shellfish, eggs, fish, soy, sesame seed and wheat.

The most important aspect of the management of people with life threatening allergies is *avoidance*. In the event of contact with the offending allergen, epinephrine (Adrenaline) by injection is the treatment of choice. At Mackenzie Glen P.S. we have children who are allergen sensitive. As a precaution, their parents have been advised to supply their child with an EPI-PEN that can be used in an emergency situation. Of course, we are committed to providing an environment wherein the possibility of contact with an allergen is severely limited.

Anaphylaxis: *How can you help?*

It will take the understanding, empathy and cooperation of everyone in our school community to ensure that we create and maintain a safe environment for all of our children. For most of us, this will mean a small change in our eating habits. Ensuring that your child does not bring food containing nuts- particularly *peanut butter and any tree nuts* - will help tremendously. Even contact with a small trace of peanut butter, invisible to the naked eye, can cause an anaphylactic reaction. Make sure your children understand that they are not allowed to share food with others. Please note that "fake peanut butter" and "fake Nutella" are not allowed at school.

If your child is prone to anaphylactic reactions you must complete a medical information form available at the office. This form must be returned to the school as soon as possible. Your child must wear their Epi -Pen in a pouch. Students who have an Epi-Pen will be photographed. The photo will be posted in different areas of the school. In this way, the staff can familiarize themselves with those children most likely to suffer an anaphylactic reaction. All Staff, including our lunch assistants, receive training in the administration of the Epi-Pen in the event of an emergency.

Birthday Parties and Play Dates

Children with severe food allergies should not be omitted from birthday parties, sleepovers, and/or play dates. Many of these children already feel isolated by their allergy and want desperately to be included like everyone else in the normal activities of childhood. Parents /Guardians of anaphylactic children are well versed in the simple precautions that need to be in place to ensure their child's safety. If you have questions about how you can accommodate a child's needs while he/she is in your home or at your child's birthday party, please contact the child's parents/guardians for more information.

**A REMINDER TO PARENTS/GUARDIANS AND STUDENTS THAT WE DO NOT
ALLOW BIRTHDAY TREATS OR OTHER SNACKS TO BE DISTRIBUTED
AT SCHOOL.**

We thank you, in advance, for your support with this.



School Security

All YRDSB schools have been outfitted with a front door buzzer and surveillance system. Beginning earlier this year, the front doors will continue to be locked at 8:30 am. Visitors and family members will be required to ring the buzzer and may need to wait to be buzzed in by the office staff.

Dropping off items: Currently, there are many families dropping off lunches, homework, and various other items. To avoid having to wait to be buzzed in, we highly recommend that families send all lunches and materials needed with your child in the morning.

Classroom Interruptions: We do our best not to interrupt instructional time for our students. Unless it is an emergency, if you are calling to leave a message for your child we will wait until recess or the end of the day to deliver the message. The same will occur for items dropped off during the day. Of course, plans made ahead of time are best as it limits the interruptions to the school day.

We thank you for your cooperation to ensure the safety of each of our students.

Home/School Communication

Family involvement is a determinant factor in student achievement and success in school. One important way to become involved is to communicate regularly with school.

At Mackenzie Glen, it is our goal to have regular communication between home and school. We aim to achieve this in a variety of ways:

- Student agenda
- Direct Email Updates
- Monthly Newsletters
- Classroom and Divisional Newsletters
- Twitter Feeds / Blogs
- Scheduled meetings
- Phone calls are always welcome

Should you have any questions with regards to communication, please speak to your child's teacher or someone in the office.

Student Agenda

You will notice that Mackenzie Glen PS is not charging students for agendas. The cost of over \$2000.00 was paid for through funds raised by our active School Council. These funds were raised through our Hot Lunch programs. Students in grades 1 to 6 will receive an agenda.

Thank you to our School Council and all the families that supported the Hot Lunch program!



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

(905) 417-9771

Leave a message 24 hours a day!

Student Busing Eligibility

Did you know that students' busing eligibility changes throughout their school career? Your son/daughter's eligibility to ride the school bus may change according to their grade and distance from home to school. Below are the provisions for eligibility identified in the Board's Transportation Policy #680:

- All YRDSB students in Grades JK-3 who live within 1.2 km of their school are not eligible for transportation
- All YRDSB students in Grades 4-8 who live within 1.6 km of their school are not eligible for transportation
- All YRDSB students in Grades 9-12 who live within a transit served area are not eligible for transportation.

To view Board Policy #680 Student Transportation, please visit

www.yrdsb.edu.on.ca.

For more information about bus transportation and to determine your son/daughter's eligibility please visit:

www.schoolbuscity.com



September 2018

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Sat

1	2	3 Day 1 First day of school	4 Day 2	5 Day 3	6 Day 4	7
School Cash Online Open to order Boston Pizza and Pizzaville.						
8	9 Day 5	10 Day 1	11 Day 2	12 Day 3	13 Day 4 Last day to order	14
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15	16 Day 5	17 Day 1	18 Day 2	19 Day 3	20 Day 4	21
22	23 P.A. Day - no school	24 Day 5	25 Day 1 	26 Day 2	27 Day 3 	28
29	30 Day 4					

October 2018

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Fri

Sat

		1 Day 5	2 Day 1 	3 Day 2 Curriculum Night / Meet the Staff Night	4 Day 3 	5
6	7 Day 4 School Council Meeting @ 6:00 p.m.	8 Day 5	9 Day 1 	10 Day 2 	11 Day 3 	12
13	14 Thanksgiving - no school	15 Day 4 School Photo Day 	16 Day 5 	17 Day 1	18 Day 2 	19
20	21 P.A. Day - no school	22 Day 3	23 Day 4 	24 Day 5	25 Day 1 	26
27	28 Day 2	29 Day 3	30 Day 4 	31 Day 5		



Boston Pizza Wednesdays - hot lunch program organized by MacG's School Council - orders are preordered



Pizzaville Fridays - hot lunch program organized by MacG's School Council - orders are preordered

November 2018

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3	4 Day 2	5 Day 3	6 Day 4 	7 Day 5	8 Day 1 	9
10	11 Day 2	12 Day 3 <i>Report Cards go home</i> 	13 Day 4 	14 Day 5 <i>Interviews - evening</i> 	15 <i>P.A. Day - no school - Interviews</i>	16
17	18 Day 1	19 Day 2	20 Day 3 	21 Day 4	22 Day 5 	23
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December 2018

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8	9 Day 1	10 Day 2	11 Day 3 	12 Day 4	13 Day 5 	14
15	16 Day 1	17 Day 2	18 Day 3 	19 Day 4	20 Day 5 	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
Winter Break - No School						
29	30	31	Jan 1	Jan 2	Jan 3	Jan 4
Winter Break - No School						
Jan 5	Jan 6 Day 1					



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