

Mazo Matters: Monday, October 30 - November 3, 2023



Dear Mazo Parent(s)/ Guardian(s):

The autumn colours are here and the temperature continues to cool, please ensure that your child is dressed appropriately for our invigorating winter days. It is advisable for students to bring to school extra pants and socks. A change of clothes is often necessary due to the wet and cold weather of the winter months. To avoid losing clothing, it is recommended that parents/guardians label all articles of clothing, including, but not limited to boots, hats, mitts/gloves, scarves, and snow pants.

This week:

Monday, October 30, 2023	Tuesday, October 31, 2023	Wednesday, November 1, 2023	Thursday, November 2, 2023	Friday, November 3, 2023
Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day 1

Safety at Entry and Dismissal in the Bus Loop:

Morning entry and afternoon dismissal are two very busy times of day. We have 18 school buses that enter our bus loop between 7:45 am and 8:00 am and again between 2:20 pm and 2:50 pm. During those times, it is important that cars **do not enter the bus loop** to compete for space in order to ensure student and staff safety. If you drive your child to and from school, please use the Kiss 'N Ride loop at the south end of our parking lot. Alternatively, please use side streets to park your car and determine a meeting spot where you may walk to pick up your child. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation.

School Lunch Programs

Zucca's lunches for the month of November, may be purchased at www.schoolcashonline.com The deadline for ordering is at midnight on **Sunday, October 29**. Unfortunately, no late orders can be accepted. Bon appetit!

Pizza Lunch Dates

If you have ordered pizza for your child, please note the remaining dates for this session:

- November: 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

- December: 7, 14

We thank your School Council and our volunteers for making pizza lunches possible.

Halloween/Orange and Black Day

We ask that students do not arrive at school in costume, but rather wear it on top of clothing in the afternoon. **Costumes should be respectful of others. Symbols or objects representative of a person's culture or religious beliefs, should not be worn as a person's costume.** We remind all our parents/guardians that Halloween treats for sharing are NOT to be brought to school as the risk of allergic reactions is too great. Also, it is important to remember that no weapons, even plastic ones, are to be worn or brought to school. Also, masks and inflatable costumes are not permitted in school.

Parent-Teacher Interviews

Parent-teacher interviews are just around the corner. This year, Progress Reports will be sent home electronically starting November 9. Typically it takes a few days for these to arrive to your child's Gapps account. Following the receipt of progress reports, parent-teacher interviews will take place on November 16 and 17. The Edsby platform will be open to families for booking a time slot on **Monday, October 30th and will close at the end of the day on Tuesday, November 14th at 3:00 pm.** Here are the instructions for access: <https://www.edsby.com/help/parent-quickstart/parent-teacher-interviews-for-parents/>

Coats for Kids

We are once again running our annual winter gear drive in connection with the Newmarket Lions Club Coats 4 Kids initiative. This drive helps people in our community in need of winter gear. We are looking for new or gently used washed hats, mittens/gloves, coats, snow pants, boots, scarves and neck warmers/earmuffs. We are looking for all sizes from infants to adults. Our most in demand items are adult coats, small to extra-large. In the last 2 years, the Mazo community has donated over 1000 articles of clothing for the Lion's Club. There will be a bin in the office for all donations. You can send your child(ren) school with your winter wear donations between **Monday, October 30 and December 15, 2023.** Your contributions are greatly appreciated.

Safe Arrival Program, Late Arrival and Early Pick Up

If your child is going to be absent from school for any reason, please include this information directly into Edsby or call our **Safe Arrival Line** at Mazo de la Roche P.S at 905-836-1032. **You must report the absence before 8:00 am.** Any student arriving late for **any reason** must report to the office prior to attending class. We appreciate your support in trying not to pick up students just before the dismissal bell at the end of the day, unless your child has an appointment. Let's work together to ensure regular punctual attendance at school. This supports consistent classroom routines and uninterrupted student learning.

Upcoming Dates

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Oct 30-Nov 14 Parent-Teacher Interviews Sing-Up opens for families• October 30th- December 15: Coats for Kids Drive• November 1: Take Your Children to Work Day• November 1: National Stress Awareness Day• November 2: Girls Intermediate Volleyball Tournament (2:30 pm -7:00 pm)• November 5-11: National Veterans Week	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• November 5-11: Treaty Recognition Week• November 6: Remembrance Day slide deck due• November 6-10: Holocaust Education Week• November 8: Picture Retake Day• November 10: Remembrance Day Assembly, 10:30 am• November 12: Diwali, Diamond Day• November 16: Parent Teacher Interviews 2:50 pm - 8:00 pm• November 17: Parent-teacher Interviews 8:00 am – 11 am
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Sincerely,
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Principal

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Vice-Principal