

# MAZOVILLE NEWS

September 2014

ISSUE 1

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## Looking Ahead.....

Sept. 15&16	Bus Safety Training
Sept. 22	<b>P.A. Day – NO SCHOOL</b>
Sept 23	School Council Meeting (6:45 pm)
Oct. 2	Curriculum Night (6:30 - 7:45 pm)

## Daily Schedule at Mazo for 2014-2015

Classes	8:00a.m. to 10:00 a.m.
Recess	10:00a.m. to 10:30 a.m.
Classes	10:30a.m. to 11:50a.m.
Lunch	11:50a.m. to 12:50p.m.
Classes	12:50p.m. to 2:30p.m.
Dismissal	2:30p.m.

The first bell rings at 7:53 a.m. At this time students are to go to their class and put away their belongings. The second bell rings at 8a.m. and students are expected to be in their seats at this time. **If they are not in class at 8a.m. they will be marked absent.** Should students arrive at, or after the 8a.m. bell, they should report to the office for a late slip. This reduces unnecessary calls home.

Announcements are at 9:55 and morning snack begins at 10:00 a.m.

## SAFE SCHOOLS ASSEMBLY

Over the course of the first week, we will be having assemblies with our students to review our expectations regarding behaviour. Please review the contents of both the *School Start-Up Package* and the *YRDSB Guide to the School Year 2014-2015* (p. 56-61) with your child. These have both been sent home.

## School Administrators' Message

**Bonjour! Bienvenue à l'année 2014 - 2015!**  
**Happy New Year! Bonne Nouvelle Année!**

There is such excitement to start a new school year. Mazo staff and students are certainly ready! "ENORMOUS" gratitude to our caretakers who worked diligently in July and August. The school looks awesome. Our wonderful office ladies have taken care of all the necessary logistics. We're ready to have the 600 plus students in classes at our school. Mazo teachers have been very busy preparing great learning challenges for your children. It's going to be a great school year. Over the summer, there were two significant staff changes. Mme Lauzon moved to work in a different school board and Mme Madeley was promoted to support all north schools in York Region. We thank Mme Madeley and Mme Lauzon for their tremendous work at Mazo and wish them our warm wishes. The Mazo staff members look forward to working with our parents as partners in education. *Travaillons ensemble! We'll work together! We want all Mazo students to have a terrific school year!*

Sincerely,  
M. Michael O'Reilly, Principal  
and Mme Linda Taglieri, Vice-Principal

## NEW MAZO STAFF

We would like to welcome our new staff members: Mme Robitaille (Gr. 5), Mme Roman (Gr. 6), M. André (Gr. 6), Mme Wintle (Gr. 2), and Mme Cundari (Gr. 5/6 Eng/Math).

## Mazo's School Council: Elections and General Meeting

*Tuesday, September 23rd at 6:45p.m. in the Mazo Staff Room. We are always looking for new council members and parent volunteers. All parents are welcome to the council meetings.*

## CURRICULUM EVENING / MEET THE STAFF: Thursday, October 2nd.

An opportunity to meet the teachers and learn about the curriculum expectations.

Session 1	6:30 to 7:00p.m.
Session 2	7:15 to 7:45 p.m.

**WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU ON THIS EVENING!**

### Mazo Staffing 2014/2015

Grade levels and teachers may change depending on our enrolment in September.

Grade	Teacher
Grade 1	Mme Blackburn
Grade 1	Mme Blake
Grade 1	Mme Hazell/Mme Bengert
Grade 1	Mme Peres
Grade 2	Mme Heron
Grade 2	Mme Wintle
Grade 2	Mme Savage
Grade 2	Mme Smith
Grade 2/3	Mme Fitzgerald
Grade 2/3	Mme Leslie
Grade 3	Mme Altcheh
Grade 3	Mme Biglands
Grade 3/4	Mme Joiner
Grade 3/4	Mme Veillette
Grade 4	Mme Endicott
Grade 4/5	M. Smeha
Grade 5	Mme Robitaille
Grade 5	Mme LeBlanc
Grade 5/6	M. Mamberi
Grade 6	M. André
Grade 6	Mme Roman
Grade 7	M. Mackillican
Grade 7	Mme Prud'Homme
Grade 7/8	M. Kodra
Grade 8	M. England
Grade 8	Mme Uddenberg-Hay
Science/Math	M. St-Amour
English/Math	Mme Boddy
Music	Mme S. Leblanc
Teacher Librarian/ Literacy	To be hired
Phys Ed/Health/ Dance	Mme Moreland
Prep Coverage	Mme Ward
SERT/Literacy	Mme Tokarev
Principal	M. O'Reilly
Vice Principal	Mme Taglieri
Secretaries:	Mme Nabuurs Mme Wisternoff
Caretakers:	C. Phillip S. Graham D. Gilbert N. Halstead

### PIZZA / PASTA DAYS

School Council and Parent Volunteers will offer special hot lunch days again this year. Watch for flyers / sign up for pizza and pasta days in the coming weeks.

### Fight Back Against Cancer!

In the 'Fight Back Against Cancer' campaign last May our students sold pins to fundraise.

We are very proud that we raised \$956!

We would like to thank everyone who participated. Thank you for supporting this fundraising cause and helping the effort to eliminate a disease which affects so many families!

### STUDENT MEDICAL CONDITIONS

School staff and parents are responsible for creating a safe and healthy environment for students. We want to do everything we can to create this safe school environment. School staff and parents must work together to minimize the potential for any fatal reactions. It is essential that parents communicate any life-threatening medical condition/allergies to the school as soon as they are aware. The school needs to create accurate records and inform staff of the established protocols. If your child has a serious medical condition and you have not informed us, please communicate with our office staff immediately. Thank you for your collaboration in keeping all of our students safe.

### MAZO IS A PEANUT/NUT FREE SCHOOL

We have a number of students and staff in our school who have life threatening food allergies to peanuts/nuts or other by-products. If some of these individuals smell, or come in contact with foods that they are allergic to, they may go into "anaphylactic shock", a potentially life threatening condition. We ask all parents to please check the ingredient list of all snack and lunch items for peanut and nut products before sending them to school. Thank you for your cooperation in assisting us to keep all children safe.

**NO NUTS AT MAZO!**



### MAZO IS LOOKING FOR LUNCH ASSISTANTS....

We are in need of Lunch Assistants for the 2014 / 2015 school year. This is a **paid position from 11:50 to 12:50p.m.** We are looking for people who can work 5 days per week or even a few days.

**MAZO  
NEEDS  
YOUR  
HELP!**

## PARKING LOT SAFETY



1. The loop in front of the school is a bus loading zone and a fire route. Therefore, it is not legal to leave a car nor to pull into this loop / parking area during arrival and dismissal times.
2. If you drive your child to school, please note that there is a drop off / "kiss and ride" area at the south end of the driveway.
3. Please do not enter the bus loop between 7:40 and 8:10 a.m. or between 2:20 and 2:50 p.m. This applies whether busses are in the driveway or not. Our buses arrive at different times. The safety of our students is paramount! If you are picking up your child at the end of the day, please wait for your child at the Peace Garden area located at the north end of the school.

### **\*\*BUS PASSES ARE NOT PERMITTED\*\***

Over 80% of Mazo students are bussed to and from school. For legal and liability reasons, only the students who regularly ride a bus are permitted on that particular school bus. There are no exceptions for a long list of safety reasons.

### **MEC (Mazo Environment Club) News**



We are proud to announce that Mazo received "Gold" for our environmental efforts last year. Remember to pack lunches using reusable containers and use refillable water bottles to reduce waste. A special thanks to all MEC members, especially our Team Leaders for a job well done!

## ATTENDANCE / SAFE ARRIVAL

If your child is going to be absent:  
Parents/guardians need to telephone the school office **905-836-1032** and select: **OPTION 1 FOR ATTENDANCE MAILBOX.** to leave a message with your child's name, grade, teacher, and the anticipated length of absence.

**IF YOUR CHILD IS NOT AT SCHOOL AND IS NOT ACCOUNTED FOR BY A NOTE OR TELEPHONE CALL, BOARD SAFETY PROTOCOL HAS OUR SCHOOL OFFICE ASSISTANTS:**

- 1) Call home to check (and if the student is still not accounted for)
- 2) Call the parents at work (and if the child is still not accounted for)
- 3) Call the emergency numbers (and if the child is still not accounted for)
- 4) We must telephone the York Regional Police as if the child is missing

**ATTENDANCE MESSAGES CAN BE LEFT DAY OR NIGHT, INCLUDING WEEKENDS .**

**A message can be left on the school voice mail outside the school office hours of 7:45 a.m to 3:30 p.m. to inform us of a student absence.**

## Useful Websites for Parents

Links for Parents (compiled by the Ministry of Education)

<http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/parents/links.html#learn>

Resources to Help Your Child (compiled by the Ministry of Education)

<http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/parents/howcanihelp.html>

Ontario Ministry of Education <http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/index.html>

EQAO <http://www.eqao.com/>

Parents as Partners <http://www.parents-as-partners.ca/parents.html>

The Canadian Safe School Network <http://www.canadiansafeschools.com/parents/overview.htm>

TVO Kids <http://www.tvokids.com/>

Link to Learning <http://www.linktolearning.com/>

Discovery Channel <http://dsc.discovery.com/>



**Children learn to smile from their parents!**

**- Shinichi Suzuki**

# September 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 	2	3	4	5 <i>Red Day for Gr. 1</i>	6
7	8	9	10	11	12 <i>Blue Day for Gr. 1</i>	13
14	15	16	17	18	19 <i>Yellow Day for Gr. 1</i>	20
	<b>BUS EVACUATION</b>					
21	22 <b>P.A. DAY</b> <b>NO SCHOOL</b>	23 <i>6:45p.m. School Council Meeting</i>	24 <b>2p.m. Terry Fox Walk/Run</b>	25	26 <i>Green Day for Gr. 1</i>	27
28	29	30	<b>Oct. 2—Curriculum Night 6:30 and 7:15p.m.</b> <b>Oct. 2—Area Cross Country</b>			



YORK REGION DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD  
2014-2015 SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR

ALL ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS - DAY 1 - 5 Calendar

(Progress Report:  
Sept 2 - Nov 13)

Term 1 -  
Sept 2 - Feb 2

Term 2 -  
Feb 3 - June 26

**Legend:**

<b>B</b>	Board Holiday
<b>E</b>	Elementary Professional Activity Day
<b>E/S</b>	Elementary/Secondary Professional Activity Day
<b>T</b>	Elementary/Secondary Training Day
	Mandatory Holidays (Labour Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas, Family Day, March Break, Easter, Victoria Day)

**Holidays**

Labour Day	September	1
Thanksgiving	October	13
Christmas Break	Dec	22 - Jan 2
Family Day	Feb	16
March Break	March	16-20
Good Friday	April	3
Easter Monday	April	6
Victoria Day	May	18

All Professional Activity Days, Training Days and June 26th are day 'zeros'.

Month	No. of Instruct. Days	No. of P.A. Days	1ST WEEK					2ND WEEK					3RD WEEK					4TH WEEK					5TH WEEK						
			M	T	W	Th	F	M	T	W	Th	F	M	T	W	Th	F	M	T	W	Th	F	M	T	W	Th	F		
September	21	1T	1	2	3	4	5	8	9	10	11	12	15	16	17	18	19	22	23	24	25	26	29	30					
October	21	1			1	2	3	6	7	8	9	10	13	14	15	16	17	20	21	22	23	24	27	28	29	30	31		
November	19	1						2	3	4	5	6	9	10	11	12	13	16	17	18	19	20	23	24	25	26	27		
December	15	0	1	2	3	4	5	8	9	10	11	12	15	16	17	18	19	22	23	24	25	26	29	30	31				
January	19	1				1	2	5	6	7	8	9	12	13	14	15	16	19	20	21	22	23	26	27	28	29	30		
February	18	1	0	5	1	2	3	4	5	6	9	10	11	12	13	16	17	18	19	20	23	24	25	26	27				
March	17	1T	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5	1	0	13	16	17	18	19	20	23	24	25	26	27	30	31				
April	20	0			4	5			3	6	7	8	9	10	13	14	15	16	17	20	21	22	23	24	27	28	29		
May	20	0						4	5	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	18	19	20	21	22	25	26	27	28		
June	18	2	4	5	1	2		0	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5	0	0						
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>188</b>	<b>6 + 2T</b>																											

- September 22: Training Day - Compliance Training - Primary Class Size Reorganization Day (Board Directed)
- October 27: PA Day - A.M. SIP/Student Success; P.M. Professional 1/2 day on or off-site (teacher directed time);
- November 14: P.A. Day - A.M. - Parent-teacher interview day; P.M. - 1/2 day release if applicable;
- January 16: P.A. Day - Assessment/Report Cards (Teacher directed);
- February 2: PA Day - A.M. SIP/Student Success; P.M. Professional 1/2 day on or off-site (teacher directed time);
- March 13: Training Day - Compliance Training / In-School planning (Board directed);
- June 5: P.A. Day - Assessment/Report Cards (Teacher directed);
- June 25: P.A. Day A.M. - 1/2 day instruction; P.M. - 1/2 day early release of students & Board Directed SIP;
- June 26: P.A. Day A.M. - Staff meeting/End of Year wrap-up and training (Board Directed).

All Professional Activity, Training Days and June 25th are day 'zeros'.  
For timeteaching purposes, one cycle of prep (240 min pro rated for part time teachers) is to be provided for teachers within the Board Directed PA/PT days (exclusive of the November 14th Parent-Teacher Interview Day), to be scheduled by the Principal.

## **FNMI Self-Identification Brochure and Newsletter Insert**

Information and materials are available on the BWW at:

<https://bww.yrdsb.ca/services/cis/FirstNations/pages/default.aspx>.

Please contact Document Distribution to order more copies of **“Information For Parent and Students with First Nation, Métis and Inuit Ancestry – Self Identification Brochure”** – Document # MIS 037.

### **School Newsletter Insert**

Please include the following insert in your first newsletter of the year (also available on the BWW):

#### **Self Identification of students with First Nation, Métis and Inuit Ancestry**

##### **PROMOTING SUCCESS FOR STUDENTS OF FIRST NATION, MÉTIS AND INUIT ANCESTRY**

The York Region District School Board provides an opportunity for students with First Nation, Métis and Inuit ancestry to self-identify. The process is voluntary and the information gathered will be kept confidential.

The self-identification process is the first step in providing:

- Culturally specific learning opportunities or activities;
- Additional support for academic achievement and well-being, including designated support staff;
- Communication between schools, First Nation, Métis and Inuit Education staff, Aboriginal students and their families;
- Connections to post-secondary institutions, community groups, service providers and other partners;
- More learning opportunities for all members of the school community to develop a greater understanding of Aboriginal perspectives, cultures and histories.

New students can self-identify when they register with the Board. Current students can complete an Aboriginal Self-Identification Form which can be obtained from their school.

**For further information, please see the “Information for Parents and Students with First Nation, Métis and Inuit Ancestry” brochure available from the school or speak with the school principal.**

# Please help us by saving your magazine orders and renewals for our Magazine Fundraising Program

# S.O.S.!

## (SAVE OUR SUBSCRIPTIONS)



## OUR FAMILY READING MAGAZINE FUNDRAISER IS RETURNING SOON - AND THIS YEAR IT IS BIGGER AND BETTER! INTRODUCING MAGAZINES & MEMORIES - NEW THIS YEAR – PHOTO PRODUCTS!

Each year, we hold our magazine subscription fundraiser to raise money to benefit our students while also encouraging more at home reading. The success of the program depends on your participation.

**“To Remember This”** – New this year! Make your own photo keepsakes! Choose from cards, calendars, stickers, posters, photo books, chore charts, and more! You can create your own keepsake, share your keepsake online, or give as gifts. You make the memories and this program helps you keep them!

**Please save your magazine subscription renewals for our sale.** It is only when you renew directly through our program that our school receives any profit from your order.

**If you are anxious to renew before the official campaign begins, you can support us today by shopping online!** It's easy . . . visit [www.QSP.ca](http://www.QSP.ca)! All early orders will count towards your child's rewards.

### Plan Ahead and Help Even More.....



Think ahead of photo invitations, holiday cards, etc., you may need. Order now and create them when you need them.

Consider giving magazine subscriptions as gifts this year!  
Each issue acts as a reminder of your thoughtfulness!

Order a subscription for your child! Children love receiving mail and it's proven that reading print material benefits children far greater than reading material online.

Let friends and family know about our upcoming fundraiser. Send them an email using the email service at [www.QSP.ca](http://www.QSP.ca) and your child will receive a thank you reward

**Thank you in advance for your support. We count on your participation!**