

**Mazo Matters: Monday, November 6-10, 2023**



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

October was a full month with active student participation in many activities. Mazo students were members of athletic teams; they were actively engaged in clubs; student leadership and they demonstrated their talents in the choir. We look forward to a vibrant and active November too!

Monday, November 6, 2023	Tuesday, November 7, 2023	Wednesday, November 8, 2023	Thursday, November 9, 2023	Friday, November 10, 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. Please make the drop off quick and safe to maintain the flow of traffic.** 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.

**Remembrance Day**

Each year as we commemorate Remembrance Day at Mazo, we try to include as many family and community connections as possible in our ceremony. In the past several years we have incorporated pictures of Canadian and allied veterans in a slideshow that is presented to the school. This year we would like to refresh our school slideshow, to reflect the new additions to our Mazo community. If you have contributed last year - thank you, there is no need to create a new slide.

You can create a slide contribution by having your child join our Remembrance Day Google Classroom and access the slide deck assignment. There are examples posted as well as instructions in the virtual classroom. Please insert a photo(s) along with the details of the picture (name, time and location of service, etc.). It is important to understand these images will be shown to the school and surrounding community. All slide decks are **due by Monday, November 6, 2023**. The classroom code is **p3nym05**.

If you have veteran family members or friends from our community service groups (police/fire/emergency) that would like to participate in our honour guard on Friday, November 10, 2023, during our school ceremony please contact the office for further details.

Students who participate in Cadet programs, Guides, Scouts, etc. are encouraged to wear their uniforms on Remembrance Day and join the honour guard for the day's ceremony. Mazo community members are invited to join us for the ceremony as well.

Our Grade 2 and 3 students will have a shorter ceremony at 9:30 am. Grade 4-8 students will have their ceremony at 10:30a m. **Parent(s)/guardians are welcome to come for our 10:30 am assembly.** Seating is limited and is first come, first serve. Please ensure that you get a visitor's badge from the table in front of the office before entering the gym.

**Poppies:**

The Legion will be providing our school with poppies for our students to wear on November 10 during our Remembrance Day assembly. There is no charge for these poppies, but donations to the Legion Poppy Campaign are very welcome. Any donations can be sent to school with your child and left with the teacher. The money collected will go towards supporting our veterans and their families. We appreciate your support.

**School Lunch Programs**

Zucca's lunches for the month of November, may be purchased at [www.schoolcashionline.com](http://www.schoolcashionline.com) The deadline for ordering is at midnight on **Sunday, November 26**. Please note, this session will include **5 weeks**. These include: December 1st, 8th and 15th (not the 22nd), January 12th (not the 19th, as it is a PA Day) and the 26th. 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: 9, 16, 23, 30
- December: 7, 14

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

**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/>

**Diwali**

Diwali (also known as Deepavali, meaning 'row of lamps'), is known as the Festival of Lights and is a Hindu, Sikh, and Jain festival celebrated throughout the diaspora. Diwali / Deepavali celebrates the triumph of good over evil. The festival has a different significance for different people. To celebrate this joyous and important festival, people may get together with friends and family, exchange greetings and gifts of sweets, and devote time for prayer and introspection. Some set off fireworks and wear new clothes. Many light little clay lamps, or candles. Wishing those who celebrate Diwali or Deepavali, a happy and festive time with friends and family.

**Upcoming Dates**

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Oct 30-Nov 14 Parent-Teacher Interviews Sing-Up opens for families</li> <li>● October 30th- December 15: Coats for Kids Drive</li> <li>● November 5-11: National Veterans Week</li> <li>● November 5-11: Treaty Recognition Week</li> <li>● November 6: Remembrance Day slide deck due</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● November 6-10: Holocaust Education Week</li> <li>● November 8: Picture Retake Day</li> <li>● November 10: Remembrance Day Assembly, 10:30 am</li> <li>● November 12: Diwali, Diamond Day</li> <li>● November 16: Parent Teacher Interviews 2:50 pm - 8:00 pm</li> <li>● November 17: PA Day and Parent-teacher Interviews 8:00 am – 11 am</li> </ul>
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Sincerely,  
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Vice-Principal