

**Mazo Matters: Monday, October 16 - Friday, October 20, 2023**



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

In order to strengthen our communication and to support our school's quest to become Eco-certified, we will continue to use email as our primary method of communication to announce important information and events pertaining to the school. Also, we welcome you to view the Edsby River where we will post the same information and reminders. We are committed to keeping you informed via our weekly communications via email and Edsby.

**This week:**

Monday, October 16, 2023	Tuesday, October 17, 2023	Wednesday, October 18, 2023	Thursday, October 19, 2023	Friday, October 20, 2023
Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day 1	PA Day, no school for students

**School Lunch Programs**

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

**Way to Go, Mazo!**

Our School Council and our school thank you for your food donations during Meet the Teacher Night. In one hour, our school community contributed 208 pounds of food to the Food Pantry - way to go! Thank you for your generosity.

**School Council Meeting**

We look forward to welcoming you to our meeting on **Thursday, October 19** at 6:30 pm in the library, or via Google Meet here: <https://meet.google.com/cmc-ipnk-fbu>

**Walk for Wenjack**

Mazo will be walking for Wenjack on **Tuesday, October 17, 2023 (Day 4)**. Students and staff are encouraged to wear **purple** or Mazo spirit wear. This is the QR code that we can use to donate to the Downie Wenjack Fund under Mazo de la Roche P.S. Our goal is to raise \$1200 and walk over 2100 km. All those who make a donation online will be issued a tax receipt automatically. We will use the same familiar route as we did for Terry Fox. Each division will be walking for a 40- minute period. Here is our schedule:

- Intermediate - 8:40 am -9:20 am
- Junior- 10:30 am - 11:10 am
- Primary - 1:30 pm - 2:10 pm



**Take Me Outside Day**

**October 16-20 is Take Me Outside Week, and Wednesday October 18 is Take Me Outside Day.** On Wednesday, October 18th, 2023, **Take Me Outside Day** will raise awareness and encourage students, teachers and the community to spend more time outside and the importance of unplugging and reconnecting with nature.

**Vanilla Pumpkin Cookies**

As we are enjoying fall at Mazo, students will have the opportunity to purchase individually wrapped nut-free vanilla pumpkin cookies with colourful sprinkles mixed inside. Cookie deliveries will be made on October 24th and October 31st (Halloween Day). These cookies can be purchased on [www.schoolcashonline.com](http://www.schoolcashonline.com) until October 20th .

**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.

**Footwear and Clothing**

We remind families to make sure your child(ren) has a pair of indoor shoes for school. Outdoor shoes track in mud and dirt and it can be very uncomfortable for the children to wear wet shoes and socks all day. Every student must have a clean pair of running shoes, with non-marking soles, for the Physical Education classes, which they can also wear as indoor shoes. Primary teachers may also ask students to bring in a change of clothing in the event they need clean/dry clothes during the day.

**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"> <li>• October 16 - 20: Take Me Outside Week</li> <li>• October 17: Walk for Wenjack</li> <li>• October 18: Grade 8s at Tree Top Trekking</li> <li>• October 19: School Council Meeting in the Library and remote access at 6:30 pm</li> <li>• October 19: Purple Shirt Day</li> <li>• <b>October 20: PA Day, no school for students</b></li> <li>• November 1: Take Your Children to Work Day</li> <li>• November 1: National Stress Awareness Day</li> <li>• November 2: Girls Intermediate Volleyball Tournament (2:30 pm -7:00 pm)</li> <li>• November 5-11: National Veterans Week</li> <li>• November 5-11: Treaty Recognition Week</li> <li>• November 6-10: Holocaust Education Week</li> <li>• November 8: Picture Retake Day</li> <li>• November 12: Diwali, Diamond Day</li> </ul>	<p>October 20th PA Day Schedule for Staff:</p> <p><b>Length:</b> Full Day  <b>Topic:</b> Curriculum Implementation  <b>Entity Hosting:</b> All Elementary Schools  <b>Presenter(s)/Facilitator(s):</b> Online modules developed by Board staff, self-directed and/or group-directed in grade/division groupings.  <b>Description:</b>                      Staff will engage in learning and dialogue on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• "Miss, Dismiss, Avoid: Psychological Barriers to Disrupting Racism, Racial Trauma and How to Counteract It".</li> <li>• Kindergarten Literacy</li> <li>• Revised Grade 1 to 3 Social Studies Curriculum</li> <li>• Grades 4, 5, 7 and 8 - STEM and Skilled Trades</li> <li>• Revised Grade 6 Social Studies Curriculum</li> </ul>
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Sincerely,

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