

**Mazo Matters: Monday, October 9 - Friday, October 13, 2023**



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

What a fantastic first month of school! Building on the successes from last year, we look forward to working together with you as we strive for excellence for all students. As we move forward on our journey, parents play an integral role in the education of children and we will look to you as partners in your child's education. We were delighted to see so many parents/guardians join us during Meet the Teacher Night on October 4, 2023.

There were many exciting opportunities for our students during the month of September: tryouts for our Cross-Country Team (Grades 4 to 8), Volleyball Teams (Grades 7 and 8). In addition to these teams, some students have joined the Choir and our Student Leadership Team. Also, we are grateful to our staff who volunteer outside of the instructional day to make these wonderful extra-curricular opportunities available to our students.

**This week:**

Monday, October 9, 2023	Tuesday, October 10, 2023	Wednesday, October 11, 2023	Thursday, October 12, 2023	Friday, October 13, 2023
Thanksgiving, no school	Day 4	Day 5	Day 1	Day 2

**School Lunch Programs**

- 1) **Zucca's** lunches for the month of November, may be purchased at [www.schoolcashionline.com](http://www.schoolcashionline.com). The deadline for ordering closes at midnight on **Sunday, October 29**. Unfortunately no late orders can be accepted. Bon appetit!
- 2) **Pizza Lunch** is now on School Cash online from **October 3 to Sunday, October 15th**. Our first pizza day will be Thursday, October 19, 2023.

**Lunch Time**

Nutrition is very important. Please help your children make good food choices for their lunches. We discourage sharing lunches because of food allergies. We continue to need your cooperation in keeping **the school a nut-safe place**. Let's continue to do our best to protect the lives of some of our students who have life threatening allergies to peanuts and nut products.

**Recess**

Students are expected to go out for all recesses. During extremely cold days (-20 C or colder) or extremely hot days, we will have indoor routines. We want our students to be safe when playing outside at recess. Staff will review recess expectations regularly. Morning recess begins at 10:00 am and ends at 10:30 am. There are times when our field is closed because it is very muddy and wet or icy in the winter. In these circumstances there is an alternate plan for students' recess time in which a reduced number of students go outside at one time. During indoor recesses, students stay in their own classrooms and play board games, cards, draw, etc. Classroom teachers are always looking for engaging, fun and educational games for their classrooms. If you have any gently used games that you would like to donate to your child's classroom, please send them to school with your child.

**Halloween/Orange and Black Day**

We ask that students do not arrive at school in costume, but rather wear it on top of their 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 another person's costume. We would like to remind all our parents/ guardians that Halloween treats for sharing are NOT to be brought to school as the risk of allergies 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.

**Health Care Plans:**

Should you need to provide the school with a Health Care Plan for your child, please click on the applicable links below:

- [Staff Administration of Medication](#)
- [Self-Administration of Medication](#)
- [Anaphylaxis Health Care Plan](#)
- [Asthma Health Care Plan](#)
- [Diabetes Health Care Plan](#)
- [Epilepsy Seizure Disorder Health Care Plan](#)

**Upcoming Dates**

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>October 9: Thanksgiving, no school</b></li> <li>• October 10: Cross Country</li> <li>• October 18: Grade 8s at Tree Top Trekking</li> <li>• October 19: School Council Meeting in the Library and remote access</li> <li>• <b>October 20: PA Day, no school for students</b></li> <li>• November 8: Picture Retake 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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Principal

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