



MacKillop Monthly

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Principal's Message

What an exciting few weeks it has been since my last message to you. We have been busy preparing for the school-wide production "A Day In The Life Of Cadeley". This has been an incredible experience for our students that has included song-writing, dramatizing, drumming circles, and of course the performance. Glenn Marais, musician and composer, has been working with our staff and students and he, along with our dedicated staff, have created a memorable production we hope you enjoyed. Please know that we appreciate the support of school council who has helped to fund this event as well as our new stage curtains! Many thanks for all that you do and continue to do for our school.

I would also like to take this opportunity to welcome some teachers to MacKillop who have been here for the past several weeks. Mr. Rembach and Mr. Leibel have joined our staff on a temporary basis and we welcome them to our school. We have also had the pleasure of several OISE teacher candidates with us this past month and we said farewell to them after their teaching block ended. The feedback I received from them was very special. They thanked our staff for making them feel so welcomed and they also shared that they were treated so kindly by everyone they encountered and that their experiences here were truly amazing.

We are working hard to promote youth mental health awareness through age-appropriate activities. Mrs. Montgomery worked with some intermediate student leaders to create an informative assembly for our older students. Our younger students have been learning how to be a good friend and take care of each other. Promoting a positive self concept, and

establishing good relationships with others are important to maintaining good mental health. Healthy eating habits, good sleep and exercise are also key. Watch for details about our mental health and wellness fair coming in May.

Our snack program continues to grow thanks to some funding from a Metro Green Apple Grant and we are now offering some additional products including mini bagels and banana muffins. Mrs. Douglas arranged for our students to celebrate "The Big Crunch" thanks to a donation from Longos, and we all enjoyed an apple together at our March Character Assembly. Matt, from Dropzone, and Mrs. Ussher will be continuing their lunchtime sports programs for junior and intermediate students so look for permission forms for those activities. Our Book Fair ran during the week of the performance and we hope you had a chance to check out the selection.

Don't forget to join us on **April 30th** at Silver Pines P.S. for the upcoming School Council event "Parenting: The Long Journey" featuring author Joe Rich. I have known Joe for many years, have seen him on City Line as a guest speaker, and he will no doubt entertain and inform us. Please call our school office to RSVP.

Best wishes to those celebrating faith days this month as Passover and Easter are quickly approaching. And to those of you who celebrated Naw Ruz at the beginning of spring we hope you enjoyed this festive time. Let's hope that spring really does make an appearance and lasts for a good long time!



School Happenings...

- **SCHOOLS ARE CLOSED: Apr. 18-Good Friday and Apr. 21st-Easter Monday**
- School Council meeting April 7th at 7:00 p.m.
- International Day of Pink, to support anti-bullying, students wear pink to show support on April 9th
- EQAO Information evening to be held on Thursday, April 24th
- Healthy Schools "Pause to Play" campaign running from Apr. 28th - May 2nd.
- Joe Rich-Parenting the Long Journey presentation at Silver Pines P.S., April 30 at 7:00 p.m.

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EQAO Assessments – Primary (grade 3) and Junior (grade 6) Administration Schedule

Upcoming EQAO Assessment – Grade 3 and 6 Students

Please note the following important dates:

Grade 6 students will write the assessment **May 26 - May 29 inclusive**

Grade 3 student will write the assessment **June 2-5 inclusive**
Please do not schedule appointments during those times.

You are invited to an EQAO information night on **April 24th from 6:30-7:30 pm**. Students and parents will participate in an interactive session designed to learn more about the upcoming assessment. Watch for a invitation coming home soon.

A Reminder from the Office

A reminder that we now have our doors locked 15 minutes after the start of the day and visitors need to buzz to gain entry and then report to the office. The doors remain locked until the next morning before school.

Please let your children know that if they need to gain access to the school after dismissal for any reason they will need to press the buzzer.



Save the Date!

Please mark your calendars for upcoming events at MacKillop:

EQAO Information Night Thursday, April 24

Mental Health and Wellness Fair Wednesday, May 14

Details on both of these events will be coming home soon.

Kindergarten Registration Underway

Kindergarten Registration for Sept., 2014 is underway. Registrations forms are available on the Board's website: www.yrdsb.edu.on.ca or in the school office.

Children who turn four or five years old during 2014, live within the school boundary and whose parents are Public School Tax Supporters are eligible to register for kindergarten.

A Kindergarten Information session for parents is being planned for May 22nd from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. in the school library.



Appropriate Dress and Footwear

As the weather turns warmer, we want to remind all students of the importance of maintaining our Dress Code. We expect all undergarments to be covered up at all times. Footwear should be supportive and secure to prevent injuries. If you have any questions please speak to your child's teacher. Hats, sunscreen and water bottles are encouraged throughout the spring and summer. We also remind students of the importance of good hygiene always and especially with the milder temperatures.



Summer Institute

The York Region District School Board's Summer Institute is a program that offers academic, recreational and athletic programs and activities with intentional links to the Ontario Curriculum for children and youth from Kindergarten to Grade 8.

Registrations will be accepted in person, at the Regional Summer Institute office located at 36 Regatta Drive, Richmond Hill. Completed registrations with payment can also be dropped off at each Summer Institute location and will be forwarded to the Regional Summer Institute office for processing. Please direct all questions to the Regional Summer Institute Office.

Specific Summer Institute registration and program information are available on the YRDSB website: www.yrdsb.ca



Grade 8 Graduation

The Grade 8 graduation ceremony will be held on Monday June 23rd at the Delta Markham Hotel. The ceremony will begin at 6:00 p.m. Grade 8 parents please be sure to set aside this date. We look forward to celebrating the accomplishments of our graduates!



Youth Voice: Mental Health Awareness

A few intermediate students from MacKillop attended a conference called Youth Voice: Mental Health Awareness that was organized by the York Region District School Board. These students learned some key information pertaining to mental health that was age appropriate for junior and intermediate students. These students were asked to return to their schools and share what they had learned with the rest of the student body. The students did an amazing job sharing what they had learned during our "Well Being Kick off Assembly" and we are pleased to say that it was a success!

Mrs. Montgomery would like to thank and recognize Arshia, Camryn, Sarni, and Ryan for their hard work!

Healthy Schools

As we move into Spring (finally!), we are planning to challenge the students to be involved in our annual Pause to Play campaign. This will take place during the last week of April, running from the 28th to May 2nd. Each student will be given a Pause to Play bingo card that they can fill in and return to their teacher. The winners will be announced in early May. This event always encourages the students to leave their technology aside and get out in the fresh air for some healthy exercise!

Our snack program has received some delicious items that are new to our menu. We are introducing mini-bagels (whole wheat, and cinnamon), and banana muffins. These new treats are sure to be a hit, and will make a nice addition to our fruit and vegetable selection.

Now that the warmer weather is on its way, there will be plenty of opportunity for enjoying the great outdoors, and building healthy bodies and minds. Enjoy! :)

Mrs. Douglas

A Day In The Life of Cadeley

A huge thank you to the MacKillop school community for supporting our spring production. It was a wonderful success and the collaboration with singer/songwriter Glenn Marais and our staff and students was an incredible experience! Special thanks to our School Council who supported this event with their various fundraising efforts. We have a limited number of CDs for sale, for \$5.00, with the original songs created and performed by our students. Please contact the office or send money with your child to purchase one.



The next School Council meeting will take place on:
Monday, April 7, 2014
All are welcome to attend



School Council News

School council is excited to present, in a combined effort with the school councils of Pleasantville and Silver Pines Public Schools: Joe Rich, Parenting, The Long Journey. This presentation is funded by the Ministry of Education Parents Reaching Out Grant, and will take place at Silver Pines, 112 Stave Crescent, on Wednesday, April 30 at 7PM.

Babysitting will be available free of charge for school aged children. Please RSVP to the office by Friday, April 11th.



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LEARN SPORTS
& HAVE FUN!



BOYS & GIRLS
AGES 10-12

The Program

The goal of Learn to Train
Colt Camp is to
Learn Skills & Have Fun!

Along the way, campers will
develop in three key areas...

1. General Sport Skills
2. Fundamental Movement Skills
3. Motor Coordination Skills

These skills will be
developed by playing
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- Tennis-Baseball
- Modified Ultimate
- Modified Rugby (non-contact)



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April 30
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\$165.00!

How to Register

Fill out the registration form
and mail it along with a cheque
OR
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Bill Crothers Secondary School.

Office Hours:
Monday-Friday 8:30am-3:30pm

We will only accept
50 campers!!

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Questions can be directed
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Early Dismissal in Elementary Schools - June 26th, 2014

All students have received a copy of the *2013-14 Learning Calendar*. Please note that on **Thursday, June 26th, 2014** an early release day will take place to allow elementary teachers and support staff to participate in activities in the afternoon of that day in support of student achievement and school planning.

Students will attend school during the morning of Thursday, June 26th, 2014 only. More details will follow closer to the date.



MacKillop is now a Public Access Defibrillator site

An Automated External Defibrillator (AED) has been placed in the school by the York Region District School Board in conjunction with York Region EMS. A number of staff members have been trained in CPR and the use of the AED. The location of the AED is in the hallway near the front door of the school as determined by York Region EMS. The AED is a Public Access Defibrillator and can be retrieved by anyone in an emergency situation. One does not need to be trained to use an AED. AED's are easy to use and include simple instructions designed for anyone to follow in an emergency. In addition, 9-1-1 dispatchers may provide additional over-the-phone instructions when needed.

The O.M. MacKillop Touchstone

At O.M. MacKillop, we care about our learning
because we care about our future

Everyone deserves the support they need; we
value everyone as equals

Whether on the playground, sports fields or in
the classroom we show sportsmanship--
no matter what the outcome

We are global citizens; the world is our best
friend

We are one

Using the right words at the right time, we know
that words are powerful

We understand that a little change today can
lead to a big change

tomorrow

Taking a stand for what is right, we stop what is
wrong

We reflect on our actions

We are the smallest of the small with the biggest
heart of all

We are

The MacKillop Mustangs

"A Day in the Life of Cadeley" preparations



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York Region District School Board

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30	31	1 Sub Lunch 	2 Book Fair in the Conference Room	3 "A Day in the Life of Cadeley" Spring Production - 11:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. 	4	5
6	7 School Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.	8 Pizza Lunch 	9 Jr. Boy's B-ball game at MacKillop P.S. Day of Pink	10 Jr. Boy's and Jr. Girl's B-ball game at Beynon Fields P.S.	11	12
13	14 Vaisakhi	15 Sub Lunch  Pesach	16 Today is a FRIDAY Schedule	17 Jr. Boy's B-ball game at MacKillop 	18 Schools are Closed Good Friday Holy Friday	19
20 Easter Sunday	21 Schools are closed Easter Monday Ridvan	22 Earth Day  Pizza Lunch	23	24 EQAO Parent Information Night 6:30-7:30 p.m.	25 La Belle et Bette Prologue Performance Gr. 4-8	26
27	28	29 Jr. Girl's B-ball Area Tournament  Skills Session for Gr. 7 & 8's	30 Jr. Boy's B-ball Area's Dental Screening Scientist in Schools -Gr.6 Parent Engagement Event- Joe Rich	Taking a stand for what is right, we stop what is wrong		

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