



NOVEMBER 2023

# P.E. McGibbon Public School

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## Office News

November is a month of transition and change. The clocks move back, the leaves have nearly all fallen, and preparations for winter are well underway. P.E. McGibbon would like to welcome back Mrs. Winter (EA) and say a farewell to Ms. Nielsen (EA). Ms. Nielsen has been an invaluable member of our team and we wish her well as she moves on. We are fortunate to have two new teachers join our staff, Ms. McPhail (grade 1) and Ms. Kubinec (curriculum partner). It is rewarding to see that students have settled into the routines of school. Please encourage your child(ren) to continue to work hard and to put their best effort forward each day at school.

## Extended Student Absences

P.E. McGibbon requires a document completed for any trips where students will be missing 5+ school days. These are necessary to maintain on file in case of an audit. Contact the office if you are planning a trip of this duration and the form will be provided to you.

## Pediculosis

Please check your child's head on a weekly basis for signs of pediculosis (lice). Live lice must be removed before your child returns to class. Although this is not considered a disease, lice are extremely contagious especially in classrooms where children's heads are often in close contact. A variety of products and treatment practices are available. Your local pharmacist can be a good resource.

## Inclement Weather (P.E. McGibbon is Zone 2)

In the event of inclement weather, listen to the local radio station or check the website [www.schoolbusinfo.com](http://www.schoolbusinfo.com) for information regarding bus cancellations and school closures. Please keep the following in mind: in the event of fog, buses that are canceled in the morning will run in the afternoon. When buses are canceled in the morning due to snow, buses will not run in the afternoon.

## Progress Reports / Interviews

The Progress Report, going home on November 10th, is a report on the progress of your child since the start of the school year. It will not have grades but it will comment on how well your child has progressed in the Curriculum areas and in the Learning Skills (responsibility, organization, independent work, collaboration, initiative and self-regulation). Parent teacher interviews are a time for staff and parents to find ways of supporting students' learning at school and at home. Your child's teacher will be reaching out to schedule a time for an interview in the near future.

## Sports / Special Events



The Grizzly cross country team worked diligently in the month of October to prepare for their cross country meets. Congratulations to all of this year's runners! Those who qualified for the district concluded the season by representing themselves and P.E. McGibbon with glowing reviews. All runners should be proud of their efforts. A special thanks to Ms. Moran and Mr. Steadman who coached cross country. We are now starting up our Intermediate Volleyball teams and will have an opportunity to play against surrounding schools. Good luck this season!



P.E. McGibbon was fortunate to have two special events in October. The Family Fun Night and the Breakfast of Champions. We are thankful to Imperial and the Sarnia Sting for their partnership with our school to provide the Breakfast of Champions. The Family Fun Night brought out many special community partners; Lambton College, Access Open Minds, Sarnia Police, and Sarnia Sting. Thank you to all the staff who made these events possible. A special recognition goes out to Ms. Moran and Ms. Doornbosch for their effort in seeing these two events come to fruition.



## Winter Fun Day

On Saturday, November 25, 2023 from 12:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Noelle's Gift will be sponsoring a Winter Fun Day at St. Matthew's School at 720 Elm Street, Sarnia. Students and parents are invited for a day of Free Fun (Pizza, Crafts, Movies, Horse and Wagon Rides and to meet Santa).

## Remembrance Day Assembly

On Friday, November 10th, 10:00 a.m., P.E. McGibbon students and staff will honour our war veterans

during our Remembrance Day Assembly. Donations will be accepted on November 11th for poppies that are given to our students from the Royal Canadian Legion.

## Upcoming Events

Take our Kids to Work Day:	Nov. 1st
Treaty Recognition Week:	Nov. 6-10th
Sarnia Sting Trip (grade 3-6):	Nov. 7th
Remembrance Day Assembly:	Nov. 10th
Progress Reports Go Home:	Nov. 10th
Spaghetti Dinner (Grade 8):	Nov. 15th
GLSS Band Presentation:	Nov. 15th
Parent-Teacher Conferences:	Nov. 16-17th
PA Day:	Nov. 17th
Parent Council @ 6:30 pm:	Nov. 21st
Winter Fun Day (Noelle's Gift): (hosted at St. Matthew's School)	Nov. 25th
Terrific Kids Assembly:	Nov. 30th
Moustache Spirit Day:	Nov. 30th