



McNaughton Ave. Public School

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▲ Message from the Office

Welcome back! We hope everyone had a wonderful summer and is ready to begin a new school year. On behalf of the entire McNaughton Avenue Public School team we would very much like to extend the warmest of welcomes to you and your child(ren) for our 2018-2019 school year!

Our staff looks forward to working with you and your child(ren). We invite you to contact the school whenever you wish to discuss anything pertinent to the education and well-being of your child(ren).

Thank-you, Thank-you!!

Special thanks to our custodial crew for doing such an excellent job cleaning in preparation for the first day of school! Our school looks amazing! As well, thank-you to our staff for creating such bright and inviting learning spaces for our students. Thanks to Ms. Aarssen and Mrs. Coutts for all of their organizational work in the office.

Driveways and Parking

It is important that all parents follow the directions in the parking lot for entering and exiting for your safety and the safety of all our students and parents. **Please do not park in the Lambton Kent District School Board's parking lot.**

Thank- you for respecting these requests.

Arrival Time

For students who may walk to school or are dropped off, we kindly ask that arrival not be before 9:00 a.m. as the yard is unsupervised prior to that time.

Afterschool Pick Up

Parents/guardians are asked to please pick up your child at his/her designated spot outside. ***Parents are asked not to meet their child in the front foyer as this area is reserved for our bus students and is a very busy spot after school.*** Your cooperation is appreciated.

Visitors to the School

All visitors must report to the office at all times. Please do not proceed down to the classrooms. If you need to speak with your child, we will gladly call them down to the office for you.

Absences/Late Arrivals

During the course of the year, should your child be ill, have an appointment or for other reasons not be attending school, we kindly ask that you ***notify the school by calling 519.352.8252.*** Please feel free to speak directly to the office staff or leave a message on the absence reporting line after regular school hours.

Should your son/daughter show up late for school we ask that they please report to the office first so that they may be admitted by our wonderful office staff. Taking the time to do this will help support the safe arrival program at the school. We sincerely appreciate your support in this area. Also, by making every effort to have your child here on time we can ensure blocks of instructional time are disrupted as little as possible.

Attendance

All children are expected to attend school every day unless they are sick or off with parent approval. A parent can make a request, in writing, to remove their child from school for short term periods-under 15 consecutive school days (family reasons or vacations). An alternative program of study will not be provided for these absences. Students are required to complete regular program activities and assessments. Requests for absences over 15 days, in writing, will require that a program of study be provided and must be completed by the student. If a student is absent for more than 15 days without a written request or a program of study, the student will be removed from the school register.

School Newsletters

School Newsletters will be posted online at the beginning of each month on our school Website <http://mcnaughton.lkdsb.net/>

Class Organization

As with previous years, the Ministry of Education has implemented caps for primary classes. As a result, we must adhere to these class caps. There is always a possibility that some classes might be subject to change in September depending on any late registrations or additional moves out of our school area.

Meet the Teacher Night

Our meet the teacher night is scheduled for Sept. 20th from 4:30 to 6:30. Families are invited to come out and meet their child's teacher, as well as enjoy hot dogs, fries, and drinks from the food truck that will be there. All beef hot dogs will be available on request.

School Council Meeting

Our first school council meeting of the year is scheduled for Tuesday, Sept. 11th at 6:30 in the Learning Commons. All parents or guardians are welcome. This is a wonderful opportunity to stay up to date on events at McNaughton and to share ideas and input. We very much hope to see you there.

Special Food Lunches

We will be offering special food lunches this year; more information to follow regarding dates and prices.

Allergy Alert

McNaughton Ave is a Nut Aware School.

As a reminder, we have students attending our school who are allergic to peanuts. We thank you in advance for your support by not sending nut products to the school.

If your child has medical concerns or has medical updates please make us aware so we can ensure that the school staff is aware in the interest of best supporting your son/daughter.

MedicAlert

No Child Without Program

This program offers a free MedicAlert membership to students who attend our school and are between the ages of 4-14 years of age. If your child has a medical condition, allergy or is required to take medication on a regular basis then you should consider MedicAlert identification. MedicAlert identification can alert school staff, friends, coaches and others about your child's medical condition should an emergency occur. It acts as your child's voice in an emergency.

For further information, visit www.nochildwithout.ca. To register your child you will need a **No Child Without** brochure from the school. Please call the office to request a brochure and one will be sent home with your child. If your child is already part of the **No Child Without** program and there have been changes to their medical condition, medications or emergency contact information, call MedicAlert at 1-866-679-3220 to update your child's file.

Pediculosis (Head Lice)

In accordance with the Board Policy, routine checks for head lice are conducted during the first week of school and periodically as needed throughout the year. Every effort is made to prevent the spread of head lice. Some students will need to be sent home and may be re-admitted after the appropriate treatment has been administered. Parents are encouraged to check their children's heads on a regular basis. Thanks in advance for your cooperation.

Volunteer Drivers and Sports Events

There have been some changes to the School Board policy document concerning volunteer drivers. Drivers are now required to obtain a police check in order to drive our students to events. If you are interested in supporting our school teams in this way, please consider visiting the police station for a police check in advance of the season. We would truly appreciate it.

Weather and Buses

In the instance of inclement weather (fog at this stage of the year), buses may be cancelled for safety reasons. We kindly ask that on those mornings where you may be uncertain to listen to local radio or check www.schoolbusinfo.com for inclement weather. McNaughton is located in Bus Zone 8.

Should there be a cancellation due to fog; buses will return students home in the afternoon, unlike bus cancellation due to snow where the buses will not run all day. On these days, schools will remain open. The following are local radio stations that will share bus cancellations and potential school closures:

[CBC Chatham \[88.1 FM\]](#)
[The Rock \[95.1 FM\]](#)

[CFCO \[630 AM and 92.9 FM\]](#)
[CKSY \[94.3 FM\]](#)

School Bell Times

Our school bell times at McNaughton Ave PS are as follows:

9:15 Entry Bell

11:15 Outside Break

11:35 Nutrition Break

1:35-1:55 Outside Break

1:55-2:15 Nutrition Break

3:35 Dismissal

For students who may walk to school or be dropped off, we kindly ask that arrival not be before 9:00 as the yard is unsupervised prior to that time.

Important Dates

Sept. 11th School Council Meeting, 6:30 in the Learning Commons

Sept. 20th Meet the Teacher from 4:30 – 6:30

Sept. 28th PA Day

McNaughton Staff:

English Program

FDK:	Mrs. Lamoure and Mrs. Marchand
FDK:	Mrs. Tew
Grade 1/2	Mrs. McFadyen-Matteis
Grade 2/3	Mrs. Crackel
Grade 3	Mrs. DeMaeyer
Grade 3/4	Ms. Waites and Ms. Lambier
Grade 4/5	Mrs. Dreise
Grade 5	Mrs. Conway
Grade 6	Mrs. Mavor
Grade 6/7	Ms. Eltervoog
Grade 7/8	Ms. Stirling, for Ms. Green
Grade 7/8	Mrs. Ladd

French Immersion Program

FDK:	Mme Clarke and Mlle Reaume
FDK:	Mme Marentette and Mlle Clark
FDK:	Mme Millar and Mme Orr
FDK:	Mme Carter and Mlle MacFie
SK/1	Mme Leach
Grade 1:	Mme Ball
Grade 1:	Mme J. Myers
Grade 1/2:	Mme Arbour
Grade 2:	Mme Gellner
Grade 2:	M. Hanemaayer
Grade 3:	Mme J. Medenblik
Grade 3:	Mme L. Medenblik
Grade 4:	Mlle Missiaen and Mrs. Belanger
Grade 4/5:	Mrs. Belanger and Mlle Missiaen
Grade 5:	Mrs. Dickerson and Mlle O'Brien
Grade 5/6:	Mlle O'Brien and Mrs. Dickerson
Grade 6:	Mme Baldwin-Marvell and Mr. Hay
Grade 7:	Mr. Hay and Mme Baldwin-Marvell
Grade 7/8:	Ms. Scrimshaw
Grade 7/8:	M. Paquette

Additional Staff

Core French:	Mlle Bradley and Mlle Weber
Rotary Teachers:	Mlle Bradley, Mlle Fisher, Mme Fox, Ms. Martens, Mr. Martin, Mme Orton and Ms. van de Kleut,
Resource Teachers:	Mrs. McLean-Strevel and Mme Orton
Education Assistant:	Ms. Morris
Caretakers:	Mr. Babcock, Mr. Caron, Mr. Houston and Ms. Haydon
Secretary:	Ms. Aarsen
Receptionist:	Mrs. Coutts
Vice Principal:	Mr. Lambkin
Principal:	Mrs. Van De Wiele