



McNaughton Ave. Public School

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**December 2021**

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### ***From the Office***

Thank you to our families who were available to connect with their child's teacher(s) for Parent Teacher Interviews. We enjoyed having the opportunity to share your child's progress to date. Please feel free to connect with your child's teacher if you have any concerns about your child's progress throughout the year.

### ***Automated Safe Arrival Calls & Absence Reporting***

The Lambton Kent District School Board has implemented an automated attendance messaging system for our school. The system will notify parents/guardians if your child has been marked absent and the school has not been notified of the reason for the absence. To follow-up, we will contact the parent/guardian phone numbers that we have on file and ask that you call the school to confirm the absence and provide the reason. **Please note: To avoid calls and emails regarding attendance, kindly contact that school in advance to let us know your child will be absent. School voicemail messages are checked regularly.**

### ***Bus Zones 7&8 - Inclement Weather***

The Lambton Kent District School Board has administrative procedures, which will assist parents on mornings when dangerous weather conditions exist. Parents should listen to their local radio station or check the transportation website at [www.schoolbusinfo.com](http://www.schoolbusinfo.com) or download the MySBI app by CLASS. **Please keep in mind during inclement weather if busses are cancelled in the morning, they do not run in the afternoon.**

### ***Daily COVID-19 Screening Tool***

Thank you to our parents/guardians for assessing your child(ren) daily and reporting whether they are experiencing any signs of illness. Please refer to the Ontario screening tool <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/school-screening/>. The screening tool will advise you whether you should send your child(ren) to school or not and will also advise you of next steps. All students who are experiencing symptoms consistent with COVID-19 must not attend school and should seek appropriate medical attention as required.

### ***Visitors to the School***

**You must have a pre-arranged appointment to enter the school!** Currently, due to COVID-19 restrictions, there are no visitors permitted in the school. When you arrive to pick up or drop off your child(ren), or for any other reason, buzz the office at the main door and we will assist you when you arrive.

## ***School Playground***

**Please be advised that our playground equipment is now closed and will not re-open until the Spring.** The Ontario School Board Insurance Exchange advises the closure of school playgrounds due to the following reasons:

**Freezing temperatures** - At temperatures below 0 deg. C, very few types of protective ground surfacing remain resilient enough to offer any degree of protection to a falling child - regardless of depth. If the ground cover is frozen, the play equipment is NOT safe for use.

**Snow build-up** - Snow can cause two problems on a play structure - first, it can make play surfaces very slippery; secondly, it can create suffocation hazards if the openings at the end of tube slides or similar structures become closed in by drifting snow.

**Ice or freezing rain** - As noted above, ice or freezing rain can make play surfaces, hand grips and stairways very slippery, increasing the risk of slip and fall injuries.

**Clothing** - Winter clothing is much different than normal clothing. Synthetic materials, such as nylon, reduce sliding resistance, particularly on plastic slide beds. This can increase the travel speed on this equipment to a dangerous level, and if combined with frozen ground cover can increase the chance of injury. Winter clothing is also very bulky and is more likely to have drawstrings or hooks and clips which can become entangled in components of the equipment. Please remind your child to not use the school equipment outside of school hours during the winter months.

## ***Pediculosis Check***

Sometimes students arrive at school infected with pediculosis. Your assistance in early detection is greatly appreciated. Please check your child for head lice weekly. If you find evidence of head lice, please contact the school immediately. This will allow us to notify other parents in the classrooms affected, so that they may check their child. Infestation by head lice is an unpleasant nuisance, but not a health problem. Head lice do not carry or spread disease. If we detect head lice on your child, you will be notified and asked to come to the school to pick up your child. We then ask that you use the necessary treatment on his/her hair. Your child(ren) are welcome to return to school when the pediculosis is no longer evident. Hopefully by working together we can control the spread of head lice.

## ***Winter Activities – December 13-17***

With Winter Break just around the corner, many classrooms will be participating in activities. We would like to take this opportunity to remind parents that we are unable to share treat items at this time. Please do not send in any items, food or otherwise, to share with classmates. We appreciate your understanding during these uncertain times. Classes will partake in various activities this week such as a colouring contest, BINGO with Mrs. Van De Wiele, cracking the codes in a digital escape room and our Virtual Concert.

## ***Winter Break***

The last day before the Winter Break is December 17th and classes will resume again on Monday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021. On behalf of the entire McNaughton Ave. Public School Staff, we wish our students and their families a wonderful and healthy holiday. Continue to stay safe and see you in 2022!

**December 2021 - Dates to Remember:**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		1	2	3
6	7	8	9	10
13 <b>Christmas card making for retirement home</b>  <b>Mitten &amp; Math Monday</b> 	14 <b>School-wide BINGO</b> <b>Toque Tuesday</b> 	15 <b>School-wide BINGO</b> <b>Red &amp; Green Day</b>	16 <b>Festive Sock Thursday</b> 	17 <b>Virtual Concert</b> <b>PJ Day- school-wide curl up &amp; read</b> <b>Last day of classes!</b>
20	21	22	23	24
27	28	29	30	31