



McNaughton Ave. Public School

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**December 2022**

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

Thank you to our families who were available to connect with their child's teacher(s) for Student-Led Conferences. We enjoyed having the opportunity to have families back in the building to share student'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.

### ***Absence Reporting***

If your child is going to be absent from school, please call the school at **519- 352-8252**. When you leave a message, include the first and last name of your child, their teacher, and the reason for your child's absence and when they will return to school. Our answering machine is available 24 hours a day for reporting absences. Thank-you in advance for your assistance with reporting any absences. You can also use the School Messenger app available on iOS and Android to report student absences. 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.

### ***School Spirit Wear***

School spirit wear has been delivered to the school and orders have been distributed. Please reach out to the school if you did not receive your spirit wear order or have not been contacted by the school.

### ***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.**

## ***Muskoka Woods - Grade 8's***

Our first Muskoka Woods parent information session will be held in the school library on December 14th at 6:30P.M. This optional information session can be attended by parents to answer any questions they may have about the trip.

## ***School Playground***

We are very excited that our new playground equipment has opened in time for students to enjoy before the cold weather hits. **Once the freezing temperatures are consistent, our playground equipment will be 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.

## ***Holiday Concert***

This year we will be having a live holiday concert for students in JK - Grade 2/3 as well as students in our ALLP classroom on December 20th in the gym. This concert is open to parents of students in these classes.

## ***Winter Break***

The last day before the Winter Break is December 23rd, 2022. Classes will resume on Monday, January 9th, 2023. 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 2023!

### ***December 2022 - Dates to Remember:***

<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>
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5	6	7	8	9
12	13	14	15	16
19 Colours of the season. Wear white, red, green, blue, yellow, or a combination of them all.	20 Holiday Concert JK - Grade 2/3.  Winter holiday character day.	21 Holiday BINGO.  Wear your holiday hat or headband.	22 Virtual holiday concert in class.  What not to wear OR dress in your holiday best . Not so nice holiday sweater or dress to impress.	23 T'was the night before holiday break - wear your PJs.
26	27	28	29	30