



P.E. McGibbon Public School

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McGIBBON MESSAGE

With the first three months of school under our belts, we can safely say that this has been a very successful beginning to our school year! Thank you to everyone who has been involved in supporting student learning and well-being here at P.E. McGibbon.

As always, our focus continues to be on student achievement and student safety. The Lambton Kent District School Board and P.E. McGibbon School Community are committed to the care, welfare, safety and security of all students and staff. You may be aware that negotiations between our ETFO staff and the Ministry of Education are ongoing. We encourage families to regularly check the school board's website for up-to-date information about negotiations (www.lkdsb.net) or ask to speak to Mr. Smit or Mr. Gordon should you have any questions or concerns.

KINDERSTART KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Junior Kindergarten registration for September 2020 is fast approaching. If you are aware of anyone who might be interested in registering their child, please let them know that registrations will be accepted during our **Kindergarten Registration day, February 6, 2020. Eligible students must be 4 years of age by December 2019.**

- ★ Register your Child for Kindergarten beginning in September 2020
- ★ Drop in at the school for a one hour visit to meet staff, engage in fun activities and learn more about kindergarten
- ★ Find out about community services and resources available to help support your children's positive transition to school

Parents are asked to bring their child's birth certificate, emergency contact information and proof of address. We encourage parents to share any relevant medical concerns at registration.

INCLEMENT WEATHER

In the event of inclement weather, listen to the local radio station or check the website 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 cancelled in the morning will run in the afternoon. When buses are cancelled in the morning due to snow, buses will not run in the afternoon. On days where the buses are not running but schools are open, parents are encouraged to bring students to school unless safety has to be compromised. Classes will be conducted as usual on these types of days.

Winter Is Coming! Download the MySBI app!

Student Transportation Services is pleased to offer the **MySBI** mobile app to receive instant notifications of school bus delays, and cancellations. Just download the free app from Android/Apple app stores, and subscribe to Weather Notifications, as well as to your school bus(es). Please visit www.mysbi.ca for additional details.

EMERGENCY CONTACTS AND STUDENT INFORMATION

If you have any changes regarding your child's emergency contacts, phone numbers, change in drop off or pick up location for bussing etc. please send these changes in writing to the office as it is crucial that our records are accurate and up to date in order for the office to be able to contact you in case of an emergency. Please note that we cannot release student's to someone that is not an emergency contact unless a note is sent to the homeroom teacher/office.

LOST AND FOUND

Please feel free to check for your child's lost articles in our Lost and Found (which is located outside the gym). We highly recommend that names be placed on lunch boxes, school bags, coats and boots to identify the owner. Items from the Lost and Found will be on display in the main hallway until Thursday Dec. 19th. They will then be donated to a local charity.

MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORTS

Parents/guardians should be aware that St. Clair Child and Youth Services in Point Edward offers a drop-in clinic on Tuesdays from 12 - 8 p.m. and Thursdays 9 - 12 p.m. should you need to access mental health services for your child(ren). No appointment is required.

PEDICULOSIS

As the weather gets colder and students are wearing coats, hats and gloves again, parents/guardians are encouraged to check the child(ren) regularly for head lice and nits. Catching them early is the key to limiting the spread within your household and at school. If head lice are found on a student at school, a letter is sent home with students in that class to keep you informed.

ATTENDANCE

Student attendance continues to be a focus for improved academic achievement. It is important that students arrive on time and attend school daily if they are to maximize their learning opportunities. If a student is absent due to illness, medical appointment or another reason, the classroom teacher or the office must be notified. As part of our safe arrival protocols and procedures, we have to verify student attendance several times throughout the day. There is voicemail on our main school phone line (519.344.4371) for your convenience. Please state the student's name and reason for absence.

CHARACTER CORNER

As we continue to work with students on appropriate behavior and character development, our focus is based on the four agreements of TRIBES and the LKDSB Character Attributes. December is "Empathy" month at P.E. McGibbon.

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

Christmas Santa Shop: The junior division is teaming up with the FDK division to run a "Santa Gift Shop" out of the Learning Commons starting December 9th and will run until December 13th. FDK

students will be able to come to the shop and purchase gifts for their family for the low cost of \$1.00 per item. The shop will be set up and organized by the junior division. The proceeds from our Santa Shop will go towards giving a family in our community a Christmas.

Canned Food Drive: The P.E. McGibbon School community will be conducting a canned food drive from Monday, December 2-Wednesday, December 18, 2019. Collected items will be donated to the Inn of the Good Shepperd.

Celebration of Lights: On Thursday, November 21st, the intermediate classes walked to Centennial Park to decorate trees for the Celebration of Lights. Thank you to all classrooms who created decorations for the event!

We welcome back students on Monday January 6th, 2020.

Have a safe and relaxing holiday!

Eryn Smit & Cameron Gordon
Principal Vice-Principal