



# *P.E. McGibbon Public School*

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## **MARCH 2018**

### **HOME OF THE GRIZZLIES!**

P.E. McGibbon Public School is a vibrant learning community that serves the Mitton Village / South Sarnia area. There are over 530 students, from diverse backgrounds, who learn in our school. The P.E. McGibbon community is a positive, happy, and safe place for all to grow, take risks, and persevere in a culture of innovative, collaborative engagement in teaching and learning.

As we move into term two of the 2018-2019 school year, we will continue to provide opportunities and a learning environment that will nurture every child to maximize their potential. As we firmly believe in the importance of an education program that extends beyond the confines of the classroom, we want our students to excel not only academically but also physically, socially, emotionally and mentally with strong character and leadership qualities.

### **ATTENDANCE**

Student attendance continues to be a focus for improved academic achievement. It is so 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, please ensure that the classroom teacher or the office has been notified. As part of our safe arrival protocols and procedures, we must 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. For absences of five days or longer, a written note from a parent/guardian is required and must be submitted to the office.

### **OUT of BOUNDARY LETTERS**

Once again, we have sent out our annual letters to parents of our out of area students as per LKDSB policy and procedures. If you are requesting that your child continue to attend P.E. McGibbon, please submit a written request to the office by March 31, 2019. Permission to continue to attend will be determined once staffing and in-area student numbers are verified. Verification of numbers may not be possible until sometime in September. Meanwhile, you are strongly encouraged to register at your home school for next year.

### **KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION**

If you haven't done so yet, please call to let us know if you have a child who will be registering for Kindergarten for the Fall. Children, four years of age on or before December 31, 2018 may be registered for classes beginning September 2019. It is important that parents register their children at this time to allow us to plan class sizes for September. Please contact the office to register.

### **TERM 1 REPORT CARDS**

Report Cards were sent home on Friday, February 15th with our students. We ask that the comment section be filled out and returned to the school if you have not already done so. Please spend some time talking with your child about their successes this term, while also helping them to understand ways in which they can improve and grow. Please reach out to your child's teacher if you require clarification or have any advice that will help us better support your child moving forward.

### **GRADUATION VOLUNTEERS**

Plans for Grade 8 Graduation will be starting up in April. On June 25, the ceremony will take place at GLSS with the students' festivities happening afterwards at P.E. McGibbon. If you would like to volunteer, there are a variety of jobs available (decorating, food, etc.) that are required to make the night run smoothly. Please contact Mr. Steadman and let him know you would like to assist.

**TERRIFIC KIDS**

During the month of March, the P.E. McGibbon school community will be focusing on friendship.

Our monthly assembly will take place on Friday March 29<sup>th</sup>.

FDK-Gr. 3 @ 11:45PM

Gr. 4 - Gr. 8 @ 12:30PM

**SCHOOL COUNCIL**

The next School Council meeting is set for Tuesday April 16 @ 5:30 p.m.

Attendance by all parents and guardians is encouraged. These meetings provide the opportunity to understand many of the programs and events which occur at the school. They also provide the opportunity for you to give feedback about some of the events which take place in our school building that enrich the learning opportunities for our students. Please join us on Tuesday April 16, 2019 @ 5:30 p.m.

**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 or a staff member, we will gladly call them down to the office for you.

**HELPFUL WEBSITES**

A couple websites that we recommend you visit often or even bookmark are both the LKDSB home page, [www.lkdsb.net](http://www.lkdsb.net) and also the school website, found at <https://www.lkdsb.net/school/pemcgibbon/Pages/default.aspx>

Both these sites are filled with very valuable information, often changing and highlighting important and upcoming events.

**LOOKING FORWARD**

March 11-15, 2019: March Break

Friday April 5, 2019: Professional Development Day

Thursday April 18, 2019: Jump Rope for Heart

Friday April 19, 2019: Good Friday (no school)

Monday April 22, 2019: Easter Monday (no school)

We wish students and families an enjoyable and relaxing March Break! The school will be closed from March 11-15. We look forward to seeing everyone back in the Grizzly Den on Monday March 18, 2019.

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