



# *P. E. McGibbon Public School*

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## **May 2022: SPRING IS HERE!**

The Ministry of Education has declared the week of May 2-6, 2022 as Education Week across Ontario, and we celebrate the LKDSB's theme of Connecting Communities this year. Our team works extremely hard every day with community partners in health care, mental health, social skills programs, and our partners at Aamjiwnaang First Nation to provide great services to all our students, and we are proud of this work! Should you find your child, your family, or yourself in need of supports please never hesitate to reach out to us and we will help you and your family find the right partnership for your situation.

## **NEW PRINCIPAL FOR SEPTEMBER**

Mr. Kevin Chambers has been named the new Principal for PE McGibbon for September, 2022. He comes to our school after working at Queen Elizabeth II Public School (Sarnia), and Queen Elizabeth II Public School (Petrolia), and we know you will appreciate his leadership in our community! Mr. Smit has been transferred to his home community of Chatham, where he will serve Victor Lauriston Public School as Principal in the fall.

## **STAFF RETIREMENTS**

Congratulations to Ms. Jones and Ms. Churchill who have announced their retirements effective at the end of the year. We are grateful to you both for the care and compassion you have given our community, and you leave big shoes for all of us to fill. Remember: once a Grizzly, always a Grizzly!

## **JUMP ROPE FOR HEART 2022**

Our school will be participating in Jump Rope for Heart on Wednesday, May 18 and Thursday, May 19. The schedule is as follows:

### **Wednesday, May 18<sup>th</sup>**

9:10 – 9:40 Gooding/King-Nienhuis  
9:40 – 10:10 Cannon-King/Allie/Dark  
10:10 – 10:40 Gabriel/Davison

11:40 – 12:10 Jones/Veenendaal  
12:10 – 12:40 Moran/Van Bunderen  
12:40 – 1:10 Mason/Martin  
  
2:00 – 2:30 Helps/Brooks/Dixon  
2:30 – 3:00 Steadman/Dark

### **Thursday, May 19<sup>th</sup>**

9:40 – 10:10 Heggie/Fraser  
11:30 – 12:00 Dunn/Faas

## **EQAO**

The annual EQAO assessment of Language and Mathematics has returned to all publicly-funded schools this year, and our process is underway here at McGibbon. Our students in Grades 3 and 6 are writing the assessment here, along with students in Grade 9 at our secondary schools. The assessment is mostly online this year and students use Chromebooks or iPads to record their answers. The assessment is also much shorter than in previous years, which relieves some of the burden on our students. Please remember that there is no need to prepare your child for EQAO with any extra work or study assignments. We know all our Grizzlies will work hard and be proud of their accomplishments!

## **POPCORN SALES**

Our Grade 7 students will be selling popcorn on Thursdays now to the end of the year to help offset the cost of year-end activities. Sales will occur **every Thursday** at the start of second nutrition break, and bags are \$2.00 each or 2 for \$3.00. Delicious flavours include White Cheddar, Dill Pickle, Butter and Salt, and Salt and Vinegar. No pre-ordering is necessary.

## **PARENT COUNCIL FUNDRAISER**

The PE McGibbon Parent Council continues to be active in supporting our school community. We are continuing to volunteer at bingos with **Jackpot City** to generate funds for our school and welcome any additional volunteers to join us!

If you are a gardener or know someone who plants their own veggies in the summer, make sure you check out the **Plantables** fundraiser we are running. This local company ships ready-to-plant vegetable plants to your home just in time to go into the garden, and we receive 10% back from all orders that use the code **PE2022** this year. Visit [www.plantables.ca](http://www.plantables.ca) to place your order today!

## **VICTORIA DAY LONG WEEKEND**

This is just a reminder that Monday, May 23 is Victoria Day and our school will be closed for the long weekend. Enjoy!

## **DONATIONS WANTED**

We maintain a clothing and shoe donation closet here at the school to support students and families, and we are in need of clean, gently used clothing for older male and female students. Please consider sending in shoes, pants and shirts for teens and pre-teens if you have extras at home.

## **SCHOOL SPIRIT DAYS FOR MAY**

May 11	Orange Shirt Day
May 13	Grizzly Wear Day
May 20	80's Day
May 27	Polka Dot Day