



# *P. E. McGibbon Public School*

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## **A WONDERFUL START**

Thanks to the efforts of our students, teachers, parents and guardians we experienced an excellent start up to the 2018-2019 school year.

## **SCHOOL COUNCIL**

We are very excited to be welcoming in another year at P.E. McGibbon Public School. Our next Parent Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday October 16, 2018. The meeting will take place in the Learning Commons and will begin at 5:30 p.m. Thank you to our Parent Council members for their continued efforts to enhance the Home of the Grizzlies. The Tetherball Posts that have been installed on our back campus are great additions!

## **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, we will gladly call them down to the office for you. While we certainly welcome all parents to become actively involved with school activities, the safety of students is of the utmost importance. In the interest of safety and so that classes can work free from distractions, anyone visiting during school hours for any reason is asked to first report to the school office to receive a visitor badge and sign in. Anyone in the school without an ID badge will be asked for identification. The visitor badges will be issued by the Board and limited in number. Upon leaving the building, we require the badge returned to the office when you sign out.

## **RECOUNT WRITING**

During the month of September students experienced opportunities to practise various styles of writing and free writes. With the beginning of October, students will now shift their focus to the recount form of writing. A recount retells events that have already taken place, is written in the past tense, is in sequential order, and uses joining words that are connected to time (e.g. after, then). Students will be focusing on six writing forms throughout the year and will be working on recount writing from the beginning of October until approximately mid-November.

## **EQAO**

The individual results from the 2017-18 EQAO assessment, written in May/June 2017 by our Grade 3 and 6 students, will be sent home in October.

## **MEDICAL INFORMATION**

It is important that our school has up to date information on your child's medical condition. Please be sure to notify the school as soon as possible of any changes.

## **PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY & THANKSGIVING**

Monday, October 8th is Thanksgiving and Friday, October 26th is a P.D. Day. As a result, there will be no school on these days.

**BLACK & ORANGE DAY & PEANUT FREE**

With Hallowe'en coming up at the end of this month, we need to be extra vigilant about what foods are being sent to school in lunches. We have some students with severe allergies to nuts and nut products, so reading the labels is crucial. Look for items that are made in nut-free facilities. On Wednesday, October 31st, we are encouraging everyone to wear something black and/or orange.

**EXTRACURRICULAR SPORTS**

A HUGE Grizzly shout-out to all of our student athletes who did an excellent job representing Grizzly Nation at the annual Sarnia South Conference Intermediate Soccer Tournaments. We would like to extend a special thank you to Mrs. Bezaire, Mrs. Childs, Mr. Hogan, Mr. Van Bunderen and Mr. Kennefick who have given of their time to coach the girls' and boys' soccer teams.

**CROSS COUNTRY**

We have many enthusiastic cross country runners this year. The team will attend the Canatara Cross Country meet on Wednesday, Oct. 17 th and the rain date is Thursday, Oct. 18 th. The District meet will be held on Tuesday, Oct. 23th with a rain date of Thursday Oct. 25th . Thanks to our coaches, Ms. Moran and Mr. Steadman.

**TERRY FOX**

We THANK everyone who donated online to the Terry Fox Foundation and to the intermediate staff and students for organizing the campaign and event.

**IN CLOSING....** On behalf of all the P.E. McGibbon staff, we would like to wish every family a very Happy Thanksgiving.