



McNaughton Ave. Public School

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McNaughton Ave Public School  
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December 2023

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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 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 school year.

### ***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.

### ***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, such as fog or snow. If foggy, buses may be cancelled for the morning route, however students will be bussed home after school. If buses are cancelled due to snow, they do not run in the morning or the afternoon. 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.

### ***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, his/her teacher, and the reason for your child's absence, and when he/she 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.

### ***Driveways & Parking***

It is important that all parents follow the directions in the parking lot for entering and exiting for your safety and the safety of all our students and parents. **Please do not park or drop students off in the bus route.** Parents, who are dropping off for daycare, are to turn off their vehicle and take their keys out of the ignition, ensuring safety for all.

### ***Student Early Dismissal Changes***

McNaughton has a very large student population, and we are noticing that the number of students being dismissed early is increasing. We ask that you please call the office **before 3pm daily** if your child's end of day schedule is being changed (ex. pick up instead of bus, pick up at 2:30, etc.). Please also note that, when

students are being dismissed early (before 3:35pm), they will be dismissed from the **main front doors only to an approved adult on our pickup list.**

## ***Breakfast Program***

Thanks to the generosity of President's Choice and the Ontario Student Nutrition Program (OSNP), we are happy to announce that we are now offering a selection of healthy snacks to students each morning, in every classroom. Snacks include cheese strings, yogurt, oranges, apples, granola bars, tea biscuits, cereal, etc. We are happy to provide students with a healthy snack in the morning and throughout the school day.

## ***School Playground***

Effective November 27<sup>th</sup>, the playground equipment is no longer available for use during school and after school hours. **Once the freezing temperatures are consistent, our playground equipment is 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.

## ***Winter Break***

The last day before the Holiday Break is December 22nd, 2023. Classes will resume on Monday, January 8th, 2024. On behalf of the entire McNaughton Ave. Public School Staff, we wish our students and their families a wonderful and healthy holiday season. Continue to stay safe and see you in 2024!

## ***Message from CK Public Health***

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Chatham-Kent Public Health (CKPH) will be implementing the annual suspension process again in 2024 for all students with incomplete immunization records. We'd like to give you the opportunity to **report** your child's immunizations to CKPH or **visit your health care provider** to obtain missing vaccines before our first notices are mailed in early January. First notices are followed by a Suspension Order, which is mailed to those who still have incomplete records at least 4 weeks before the suspension date of **March 5, 2024**. Those students who have not received and/or reported required immunizations by the suspension date will be suspended from school for up to 20 days or until our records are updated.

The **Immunization of School Pupils Act (ISPA)** requires **parents/guardians to report immunizations** (or provide appropriate exemption documents) to CKPH for the following diseases if their children attend school in Ontario: Diphtheria, Tetanus, Polio, Measles, Mumps, Rubella, Meningococcal disease, Pertussis (whooping cough), Varicella (chickenpox - for children born in 2010 or later).

**Even if a student has all the required vaccines, if the vaccines have not been reported to CKPH, they will receive a first notice in the mail and could be suspended.** Immunizations are not automatically reported by health care providers to CKPH, and it is the parent/guardian's responsibility to ensure our records are up to date.

View your child's current record with CKPH and **REPORT IMMUNIZATIONS ONLINE** at [www.ckphu.com/vaccination](http://www.ckphu.com/vaccination).

You may also mail/drop off a copy of your child's record: Immunization Records, 435 Grand Ave. W., 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Chatham, ON, N7M 5L8

CKPH wants children to stay in school, so we are here to support parents/guardians to ensure records are up to date. **If you have questions about submitting your records or vaccine requirements call: 519-352-7270 ext. 2457.**

Thank you,  
Chatham-Kent Public Health

### ***December- Dates to Remember***

December 19	Holiday Concert FDK-2/3
December 21	Holiday Play Day
December 25-January 4	Holiday Break

**\*Please see printable Monthly calendar below**

# December 2023



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Classroom Door Decorating begins	Classroom Door Decorating begins	Field Trip to Sloan's Village (for participating classes)	Girls v-ball finals @ McNAPS		Classroom Door Decorating begins	
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
		Field Trip to Sloan's Village (for participating classes)			Classroom Door Decorating begins	
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
	Holiday Sweater Day 	Dress like your favourite holiday character  Forest Holiday Concert FDK-2/3	Holiday Colours Day CKSS Concert Band (all classes)	Holiday Headwear Day  	Pajama Day 	
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
		<i>Holiday Break</i>				