



McNaughton Ave. Public School

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McNaughton Ave Public School  
Telephone: 519-352-8252  
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**January 2024**

Mrs. Erin Van De Wiele, Principal  
Mrs. Elish Smith, Vice Principal  
Mrs. Michele Hosfeld, Secretary  
Mrs. Jennifer Quirion, Receptionist  
Mrs. Melanie Jones, Receptionist

### ***School Council***

Our next school council meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, January 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm**. All parents or guardians are welcome. If you are interested, please contact the office to be added to the email list. Meetings are held in the library.

### ***From the Office***

Welcome 2024! We are excited to welcome our staff and students back to McNaughton. We hope you all had a restful and relaxing Holiday Break and have a great start to 2024!

### ***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.

### ***Student Early Dismissal Changes- Reminder***

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**.

### ***KinderSTART***

Registering your child for Kindergarten is as easy as 1, 2, 3.

1. Find your eligible school at: [Address Check](#)

2. Complete the online registration form [www.lkdsb.net/kindergarten](http://www.lkdsb.net/kindergarten) in advance

3. Come to McNaughton Ave. Public School and meet our caring staff on Thursday, February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024, from 4:00pm - 7:00pm or Friday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024, from 9:00am - 3:00pm.

**Remember to bring:**

- Birth certificate or proof of Canadian Citizenship or Residency Status (if appropriate)
- Proof of residency (e.g., utility or tax bill, lease/rental agreement, etc.)
- Your child!

We look forward to meeting our new Eagles families and students!



### **School Playground**

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.

***January- Dates to Remember***

January 16

School Council

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





Happy New Year!

# JANUARY

2024



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	<b>Holiday Break</b>					
7	8 Return from Holiday Break	9 Harvest Fresh	10	11 Pizza Day 	12 Black and Gold Spirit Day	13 
14 	15	16 School Council- Harvest Fresh 5:30pm	17	18 Pizza Day 	19 Polka Dot Day 	20 
21	22	23 Harvest Fresh	24	25 Pizza Day 	26 Jersey Day	27
28	29	30 Harvest Fresh	31			
					