



## McNaughton Ave. Public School

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McNaughton Ave Public School

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**March 2024**

Ms. Erin Van De Wiele, Principal

Ms. Elish Smith, Vice Principal

Ms. Michele Hosfeld, Secretary

Ms. Jennifer Quirion, Receptionist

Ms. Melanie Jones, Receptionist

### Family Night with Steve's Pizzeria

**Wednesday, March 20th** - order from [Steve's Pizzeria](#) (455 Grand Ave E: 519-355-1700). A percentage of sales from the full menu will be donated back to school - be sure that you say you are ordering for "McNaughton Ave PS Fundraiser".

### School Council

Our next school council meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, April 2nd 6:30pm** - **there will not be a meeting in March**. All guardians are welcome. If you are interested, please contact the office to be added to the email list. Meetings are held in the Library/Learning Commons.

### From the Office

Thursday's Weekly Pizza Order deadline is **Wednesday, March 27th**. Payment methods available: School Cash, Cheque, Cash

### Student Council

The focus for **March** will be Women's History Month (announcements about influential women during the last two weeks of March)

**Inclusivity** will be the Wellness Focus for the March

Check the calendar for **March 1st, March 21st, and March 28th** for March Theme Days

## Ramadan

Did you know that many students in McNaughton Public School are going to be celebrating Ramadan? Ramadan is a special time for many Muslims around the world. It's a month of fasting, prayer, and reflection.

During Ramadan, Muslims fast from dawn to sunset, which means they do not eat or drink anything during the daylight hours. It is a time for them to appreciate what they have and to think about others who may not have as much. At the end of Ramadan, there's a big celebration called Eid al-Fitr, where families and friends come together to feast and enjoy each other's company.

Let's take this opportunity to learn about and celebrate the diverse traditions of our classmates! If you see a friend who is celebrating Ramadan, you can show your support by being understanding and respectful of their practices during this special time.

## The Winter Carnival or Le carnaval d'hiver

Our Winter Carnival or Le carnaval d'hiver will take place from March 6th, 7th and 8th. Students will participate in a variety of activities and learn about the traditions of the Quebec Carnival.

- Wednesday- Wear red, white, a toque and ceinture fléchée or a scarf as a belt
  - Beaver Tails will be delivered at the first break if purchased
- Thursday - Jersey Day
  - (Dress for outdoor activities)
- Friday - Pajama Day
  - school-wide parade
  - Bonhomme's Ball will take place throughout the day in the gym

## Big Box of Cards

We have a limited number of Big Box of Birthday Cards in the office should you want to purchase.

They are **\$25.00 per box** - first come first serve. Please come into the office to purchase.

## Breakfast Program

Without the generous donations from the *Ontario Student Nutrition Program* and *President's Choice Children Charity* we would not be able to provide the snack bins in each classroom as frequently as we do. We always accept in-kind donations as well as monetary donations. Should you want to make a monetary donation it can be found on School Cash Online "**Breakfast Program Donation**".

**Tax receipts are available upon request.**

## 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**.

## 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**

**Snow build-up**

**Ice or freezing rain**

**Clothing**

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## March - Dates to Remember

Monthly Focus - [Women's History Month](#)

March 1st - [Denim for Dementia](#)

March 4th & 5th - All About Ramadan (Learning Commons - School Wide Learning)

March 6th to 8th - [Winter Carnival](#) (School Wide Learning)

March 11th to 15th - March Break

March 21st - [Rock your Socks](#) - World Down Syndrome Day

March 25th - Grade 8 Grad Picture Retakes

March 25th - Sr. Kindergarten Grad Picture Sessions

March 27th - Deadline for Pizza Orders

March 28th - Anything but a Backpack Day (example: grocery bag, tote bag, small suitcase)

March 29th - Good Friday

April 1st - Easter Monday

## Future Important Dates

**April 8th - PA Day - NEW DATE**

April 15th-17th - Muskoka Wood (Grade 8 Field Trip)

May 13th Track & Field @ Chatham-Kent Secondary School

June 20th - Graduation - St. Paul's Congregational Church (450 Park Ave West)

# MARCH

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 <b>Wear Denim for Dementia</b>
						2 
3	4 <b>All About Ramadan</b>		6 <b>The Winter Carnival - Le carnaval d'hiver</b>			9
		5	6	7 Pizza Day	8	
10 	11 <b>Spring Break</b>					16 
17 	18	19 	20 <b>Steve's Pizzeria Family Dinner Fundraiser</b>	21 <b>Rock your Socks for World Down Syndrome Day &amp; Pizza day</b>	22	23
24	25 Kindergarten Graduation Pictures & Grade 8 Graduation Picture Retakes	26	27 <b>Thursday's Pizza Order Deadline</b>	28 <b>Anything but a Back Pack Day &amp; Pizza Day</b>	29 <i>Good Friday</i>	30
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