



Merlin Area Public School

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Thank you to our families who were available to connect with their child's teacher(s) for Parent-Teacher Interviews. We enjoyed having the opportunity to share your child's progress to date. Please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher throughout the year.

Many classes spend as much time as possible outside during the day. Please ensure that your children are dressed appropriately for the weather, e.g. rubber boots, hats, extra socks/mitts, etc. and that items are clearly labelled so that we can get them back to the child if they are misplaced. They may wish to have an additional set of clothing at school. This applies to all grades.

It is hard to believe the Winter Holidays are already here. Our final month of 2023 has come fast! We congratulate all our students for their hard work, achievements, and commitment to personal growth.

We are looking forward to the 2024 school year! I hope everyone enjoys their time with family & friends and has a safe & enjoyable holiday.

Bus Information- Zone 7

We may experience some heavy fog during the fall, and there could be bus cancellations. When there are bus cancellations due to fog, buses will not run in the morning but will run in the afternoon. MAPS is in ZONE 7. To check for any bus cancellations during the school year, please turn into the local radio stations or check the following website: www.schoolbusinfo.com

Playground Equipment

Please be advised that our playground equipment is closed and will not re-open until the Spring.

Remembrance Day

Remembrance Day was a stoic and reflective day we recognized on November 10 at the school. We were given a thoughtful assembly by Mr. Rankin, Ms. Jenner and the 4/5 class. We also appreciated our legion and community members' involvement in recognizing this memorable day.



Several of our students took part in the Legion Poster Contest. The first-place winners are as follows:

Junior Black & White	Junior Colour	Intermediate Black & White	Intermediate Colour
Jeden G.	Kaleigh B.	Kinley A.	Maci J.

Media & Events MAPS Winter Dress-Up Days



Our Events and Media Team are at it again. We look forward to our staff and students displaying their school spirit for these fun Spirit Winter Dress-Up Days.

Monday 18 - Holiday Sweater Day

Tuesday 19- Santa's Workshop Day (dress like someone/something from the North Pole)

Wednesday 20- Fancy Day

Thursday 21- Winter Wonderland (snowflake, snowball, snowman, snowwoman, snow person)

Friday 22- Long Winters Nap (PJ Day)



Food Drive

The Food Drive is taking place now. Please get your drive food items in as soon as possible to assist the Merlin Community Assistance Program. All items must be at the school for pick up by December 6. Thank you to everyone supporting this year's school Holiday Food Drive.



Winter Wonderland Celebration the Week of December 18th & Character Education

The Merlin Area Public School students will be celebrating the holidays with various activities over the month, with a focus beginning on the 14th.

In December, our students will read a book, "The Wishing Tree," celebrating the winter/festive season by reflecting on each child's wish for the world. They will also meet in their house teams to complete a particular task that will be displayed in our hallways the week leading up to the break.

We welcome Family and Friends On the 19th at 1:20 pm for our Character Education Assembly, and each class will share a message, song or dance with our community.

MAPS 2023 Volleyball Team

Our volleyball season is coming to an end. Our girls' and boys' teams participated in the semi-finals and are off to finals this week! Both teams have home-court advantage. The girls play on Tuesday, and the boys play on Wednesday at 4pm. Magnificent work, teams! We wish them the best of luck!

Thank you to those representing our COLTS and our excellent coaches, Mme. DeNure, Mrs. Coulter, Mrs. Vander Pryt, Mr. Rankin, and Mr. Hills.

Executive Members:

Chair- Mrs. Laura Walker
Vice Chair- Mrs. Melissa Walker
Secretary/Treasurer- Mrs. Mari-Lynn Mifflin
Teaching Staff Member- Miss G. Bombardier
All are welcome to join!

NEXT MEETING:

Our next school council meeting will be on February 26 at 6 pm. All are welcome to join us!



A memorable holiday lunch is being provided for your child/children by the Parent Council of MAPS with the help of many amazing volunteers on Wednesday, December 20.

The lunch will consist of pasta with marinara sauce, vegetables, a dinner roll, a juice box, and a cupcake for dessert.

Please let the school know if you do not wish your child/children to receive this lunch.

We are incredibly grateful to our Parent Council and the volunteers who make this special annual event happen! Thank you 😊

SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR

Holidays

Monday, February 19, 2024, FAMILY DAY
March 11-15, 2024, MARCH BREAK
Friday, March 29, 2024, GOOD FRIDAY
Monday, April 1, 2024, EASTER MONDAY
May 20, 2024 VICTORIA DAY

P. A. Days

Friday, February 2, 2024
Friday, April 26, 2024
Friday, June 7, 2024
Friday, June 28, 2024



*Have a safe and happy
Holiday!
We look forward to seeing
you all January 8, 2024*