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Office News

Welcome to 2024! We are delighted to see all our students back in the Den. The return to school in January marks the start of a busy few months. Students and educators are able to pick up where they left off in December with some renewed energy and maybe some new year resolutions. Teachers will be gathering assessment data throughout the month to use on Term 1 report cards, which come home in mid-February. If you didn't have a chance to have an interview with your child's educator(s) in November, this is an ideal time to connect with them to see how your child is doing.

We would like to say congratulations to Mrs. King-Nienhuis for accepting a teaching position at Mooretown Public School. We wish her all the best on this new adventure. While we say goodbye to one staff member, we welcome another one. A Grizzly welcome goes out Ms. Barrette-Miller who has joined the McGibbon family as a grade 1 teacher.

Inclement Weather (P.E. McGibbon is Zone 2)

In the event of inclement weather, listen to the local radio station or check the website www.schoolbusinfo.com for information regarding bus cancellations and school closures. Please keep the following in mind: in the event of fog, buses that are canceled in the morning will run in the afternoon. When buses are canceled in the morning due to snow, buses will not run in the afternoon.

Holiday Celebrations



It was absolutely amazing to see all our families at both our Holiday shows in the last week of December leading into the holidays. We are so proud of our students, and thoroughly enjoyed watching their many talents. Thank you again to Ms. Clift and Mrs. Paine for all their organization of these assemblies. Both of your special talents were highlighted throughout the presentations through our students.



We were fortunate to share a turkey dinner with all our students and staff on December 22nd. A huge thank you goes out to Imperial for their sponsorship of this meal, including the volunteers to serve the meal. Thank you to our parents who came out to help. This was a special treat for all of us.



P.E. McGibbon's Santa Shop was filled with excited shoppers and amazing volunteers in December. We are grateful for all the donations for our shop that were given to the school. The Santa Shop is an event that keeps

giving; the community gives items to the shop, students give the gifts they buy to family and friends, the school gives the money raised to the Inn of the Good Shepherd to adopt families for Christmas. This year we were able to adopt 20 families!! Thank you to Ms. Moran and Ms. Doornbosch for organizing this special opportunity for our school community.

Sports



Our intermediate volleyball teams wrapped up their seasons in December. It has been exciting to cheer them on; Go Grizzlies! We thank all our staff for going beyond their work day to provide these extra activities. Mr. Gardiner, Ms. Helps, Ms. Rops, and Ms. Hayter have been diligently working on developing the girl's volleyball skills and sportsmanship. Ms. Mason, Ms. McPhail, and Mrs. Kingma have been coaching the boy's team. The girl's volleyball team had an amazing season and developed their skills and sportsmanship. The boy's team brought home 1st place to the Den. We are so proud of both of the teams; you represented the Grizzlies well.



Kindergarten Registration

P.E. McGibbon will be hosting this year's KinderSTART registration on Thursday, February 2nd from 4:00pm-7:00pm, and Friday, February 3 from 9:00am to 12:00 pm. This is an opportunity for students new to Kindergarten in September 2024, and their parents, to visit the school and complete the registration process. If you have a child who will be 4 years old by December 31, 2024, please visit us during KinderSTART to register. If you know of a family with a child who will be 4 years old by December 31, 2024, please share our registration information with them. We look forward to meeting all our future Grizzlies.

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

1. Find your school.
2. Complete the online registration form @ www.lkdsb.net/kindergarten in advance.
3. Come and meet our caring staff on Thursday, Feb. 2, 2023, from 4:00pm – 7:00pm or Friday or Friday, Feb. 3rd, 2023, 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

Upcoming Events

- January 8th: Classes resume
- January 23rd: Parent Council @ 6:30 pm
- January 31st: Grade 7/8 (Steadman, Young, Helps, deSchiffert) Tubing Trip: Boler Mountain
- February 1st: KinderSTART 4-7 pm
- February 2nd: KinderSTART 9 am - 12 pm
- February 2nd: PA Day
- February 8th: Grade 3/4 (Veenendaal, Rops, Thompson, Brunton) Tubing Trip: Boler Mountain
- February 14th: Grade 5/6 (Hayter, Moran, Gardiner, Mason) Tubing Trip: Boler Mountain
- February 19th: Family Day
- March 11-15th: March Break