



Something to Hoot About!

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Upcoming Dates

Pink Shirt Day, April 12th

School Council Meeting, April 18th

McMurrich Voices Showcase, April 27th

Pizza Lunch, April 28

School Council Meeting, May 16

Spring Concert, May 18 (Winona Gym)

Victoria Day – No School, May 22

Pizza Day – May 26

Fun Fair, June 1

PA Day, June 2

School Council Meeting, June 13

Grade 6 Graduation, June 22

Pizza Day, June 23

Last Day of School, June 30

Class Placements

As the weather SLOWLY turns warmer and the days grow longer, we begin to plan for the next school year. Over the last month our school Staffing Committee has worked hard to create a staffing model for the 2023-2024 school year, based on projected enrollment and number of teachers that have been allocated to us at this time. Soon we will begin to place students in classes for next year. If you would like to share any information about your child to inform placement you can use the link below to add information. We value your input and your knowledge of your young person and while we do our best to grant most requests not all can be fulfilled. The placement process is long and provokes many in depth conversations among staff. School staff use a variety of factors in the placement of students including, but not limited to, academic strengths and needs, learning styles and abilities and social/emotional needs. Final placement of students is at the discretion of the administrators in consultation with teaching and support staff.

Please do not request a specific teacher or include comments about teachers as these entries will NOT be included in the placement meetings. We thank you for your consideration and support.

If you wish to complete this form, please make sure that you submit it before April 22, 2023.

[September 2023: Class Placement - Parent Input form](#)

April Lunch Survey

In order for us to ensure that students are properly supervised at lunch time please complete the [APRIL Lunch Survey](#). The lunch survey should be completed for every student whether they stay at school or not! Thank you!

McMurrich Updates

Elementary Summer School

The focus of the 2023 Elementary Literacy and Numeracy Summer School Program is to continue student engagement through the month of July. Programs, embedded in Literacy and Numeracy, are developed by the local summer school principal to reflect the local school focus. Programs are offered in-person to students in K to Grade 8, from July 4 to July 28, 2023. This year, one remote program will also be available. [Please click here for additional information](#)

International Day of Pink

The International Day of Pink started in Nova Scotia, when 2 students saw a student being bullied because he was wearing a pink shirt. The two students intervened. They wanted to do more to support the student and to prevent homophobic and transphobic bullying at their school. They bought pink shirts to wear for students in the school to take a stand against bullying. The International Day of Pink has spread, and people participate all around the world. Help take a stand against bullying and wear pink on **Wednesday, April 12th**.

Pizza Day

A reminder that pizza day dates are listed in the blue column of this newsletter. Please watch for the School Cash Online order forms the week before pizza day. School Cash Online closes each Tuesday before pizza day at midnight to allow enough time to order and organize pizza orders. If you have any questions, please email Eto Gordon at: ekgordon@gmail.com. School Council is always looking for Pizza Day volunteers to help distribute pizza.

School Drop Off

Please note that the area at the end of Hendrick Ave has been changed by the city to a No Stopping Zone for student safety. We continue to try to keep students safe during drop-off and pick-up times around the school. Please only park where it is legal and safe, and please do not use the staff parking lot for pick-up and drop-off.

Spring Has Sprung!

With spring's official arrival last week, we are seeing lots of wet weather. A reminder that we are an all-weather school, meaning that unless weather is hazardous, we go outside for recess. Students are reminded to come dressed for the weather. If your family needs any assistance with outdoor gear, please let us know.

