



MAY 2023 SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

-----UPCOMING EVENTS & INITIATIVES-----

MCMURRICH COFFEE BEAN FUNDRAISER

McMurrich Owls x The Common Espresso

Support our 2023 graduating class by purchasing **2lbs of dark or medium roast** (whole) beans via [school cash online](#) for \$25. **Running May 15th through to May 19th** – 100% of the profits (half of all orders) will go toward making this year's graduation celebration memorable! Coffee bean orders will be distributed to classrooms on May 26th for students to bring home.

THE MCMURRICH FUN FAIR



June 1st, 3:10pm - 7:30pm

~ **AVOID THE LINES & BUY IN ADVANCE** ~

Tickets and wristbands (which include unlimited entry onto bouncy castles) can both be purchased via [school cash online](#).

More info: www.eventwise.ca/mcmurrichfunfair2023

~ **VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED** ~

The Fun Fair is only 2 weeks away and we need your help!! The Fun Fair won't run without the support of the entire parent community! Volunteers are still needed to help with setup, bouncy castles, a BBQ, the book nook, a candy store, activities, games, bake sale, performances etc. [Signup here](#).

BONUS: All volunteers will be entered to win a pair of LEAF'S TICKETS & BLUE JAYS TICKETS!!!

FUN FAIR BOOK NOOK -- A CALL-OUT FOR DONATIONS

We will have a free **Book Nook** at the Fun Fair and are accepting **children book donations!** Please leave donations in the marked box in the school foyer (located in the corner).

BAKE SALE & INTERNATIONAL FOOD – DONATIONS NEEDED

Our delicious Fun Fair **Bake Sale** is BACK and we need your help!! Bake something fun, something silly, something goey and delicious and help raise money for our amazing school!! Not a baker? Store bought items are perfectly fine as well! (nut-free please)

Back by popular demand, our **International Food table** will be back this year as well!! Bring your family's favourite dish, your speciality, something you know how to whip up and share your cuisine with the school!

All donations can be brought to the main office June 1st between 8:00am - 2:30pm OR brought to the school field after 2:30pm.

STAFF APPRECIATION LUNCH

We will be hosting a **potluck** on Wednesday **June 14** to show our **appreciation for McMurrich's outstanding staff**. Please save the date! Should you like to make a food donation or volunteer, please sign-up here: <https://signup.com/go/cVwsLvc>

PRIDE DAY AND QUEER SONGBOOK ORCHESTRA (QSO) EVENT

Pride Day celebrations will be held on **June 15** with McMurrich's Pride Club! Local MP Jill Andrew will kick off the day, followed by a performance from **Queer Songbook Orchestra** and a **Pride Parade** around the neighbourhood. Stay tuned for plans to get our whole school dressed in rainbow colours!



GRADUATION CELEBRATION

Grade 6's & Grade 6 families – Please join us outdoors in the **school playground** after the graduation ceremony on **June 21st** to celebrate together and send off the graduates!! We will enjoy good music, a DJ, yummy food, games, good company and a send-off Merch gift for each student! Parents and families are welcome.



To make this event successful, we are **in need of some volunteers** to help coordinate and help with setup and cleanup on the day – if you can donate some of your time to help, please contact Carolina at Caroarenasg@gmail.com. Additionally, anyone interested in making a direct donation to help fund the graduation ceremony expenses and make it even more memorable, please contact Caroarenasg@gmail.com.

FREEZIES FOR GRAD!

Grade 6 students will be selling freezies in the school yard for \$1.00 afterschool on Thursdays and Fridays starting this week (May 18 & 19) to raise money for their graduation celebration.

MCMURRICH LABELS FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN

Put a label on it! Any items that are labelled are much more likely to come back home. A great way to get labels for your items AND help McMurrich is to purchase them through [this link](#) at **Mabel's Labels**. After you click on it, type in "School Council at McMurrich Junior Public School" and Mabel's Labels will donate to McMurrich 30% of whatever you spend! So far, we have raised \$94 just by folks getting their items labelled

REFLECTING BACK

SILENT AUCTION RECAP

The **McMurrich Super Spring Silent Auction** has wrapped up, having closed on May 8th. Thank you to all the generosity of our donors and the McMurrich community! We successfully fundraised **more than \$13K** for McMurrich.

Anyone who hasn't claimed their silent auction prizes need to be pick up this week! For those who haven't paid - if unpaid by May 16th end of day, the prize will go to the next highest bidder. Any questions, contact Noemi at: noemihallett@gmail.com.

TSLGBTQ+ PRIDE COMMITTEE RECAP

In March, we invited a **children's author** to meet with Kindergarten classes on the theme of different types of families, stories inside of each of us, which linked well with the **McMurrich Voices initiative**. We received great feedback from staff.

Additionally, the Committees **representatives attended the TDSB EnVision Conference** hosted at Oakwood Collegiate Institute, **to honour and celebrate 2SLGBTQIAP+ communities**, and to network with teachers, parents, students and community on issues faced across Ontario in addressing homophobia and transphobia. The focus of this year's conference is 2SLGBTQIAP+ Indigenous, Black, and Racialized Joy, Intersections, and Futurity.

In April, the Committee organized for **A Little Red Theatre** to deliver a series of theatre workshops that will continue through the Spring with McMurrich's Pride Club; it involves the making of a short video of the Pride Club's creative work. We will also be painting a series of artworks for the McMurrich Voices art project; the paintings will be displayed in the north stairwell of the school.

TREASURY RECAP

Thank you to our school community for contributing so generously to our recent fundraisers:



- **Dance-A-Thon** raised **\$4,248.13** (for dash and dot robots)
- **Wine Survivor** raised **\$1,840.00**
- **Marlies** tickets raised **\$876.00**
- The **Silent Auction Teaser** raised **\$3,602.00**
- **Pizza lunch** has made **\$10,402** to-date with 2 more to go
- The Super **BIG Silent Auction** raised **\$13,615**
(minus expenses, with a few receipts and payments pending)
- We expect the Fun Fair on June 1 to also raise money for the school as well

Over the past month the school council has funded a multi classroom author visit from Cory Silverberg on behalf of the Pride committee, a science workshop through York University, a Kinder trip to Downey's Farm, purchased a butterfly larvae set for the kinder classrooms, and contributed to supply purchases for the school wide Voices art project. We encourage teachers with remaining enrichment funds to put in their requests before the last week of school.

Funds we raise through the school council goes towards: enrichment initiatives for students, technology for the students, teachers for enriching the curriculum for their class, sports & music equipment, the playground rejuvenation, subsidising field trips, educational speakers, OPAL equipment, throwing a graduation for grade 6 students and much more.

LOOKING FORWARD

UPCOMING KEY DATES (led by school council)

May 15-19: Coffee Bean Fundraiser

May & June (Thurs & Fri's): Freezie Sales (Grad Fundraiser)

May 26: Pizza day

June 1: McMurrich Fun Fair

June 14: Staff Appreciation Lunch

June 15: Queer Songbook Orchestra performance & Pride Parade

June 21: Grade 6 Graduation

June 23: Pizza day

October 6: First Movie Night of the new school year

LOST AND FOUND

The Lost and Found is in the school basement. Students and their caregivers are welcomed to look through it. In order to keep it manageable, unclaimed items are removed at the end of each month. Come take a look! Pictures of Lost and Found items are updated daily in this [folder](#).

If you have questions, they can be directed to the lost and found organizer: olimpia.boido@gmail.com

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