



Something To Hoot About!

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22 December 2023

Upcoming Dates

Winter Break
December 25-January 5

First Day of School in 2024
Monday, January 8

PA Day
Friday, January 19

Class Photos
Wednesday, January 24

Term 1 Reports go home
Monday, February 12

PA Day
Friday, February 16

Family Day
Monday, February 19

Early Pick-up?

No problem.... however try to avoid pick up during recess times – you will be waiting while we locate your young person and they go back to their rooms to get their belongings!

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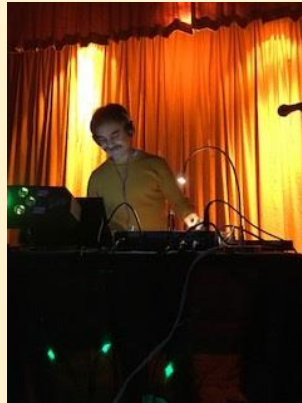
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1:55 – 2:05

December Update

Dance-a-thon



Thanks to Mr. Wellington for DJ'ing our Dance A Thon on December 1st. All classes from Kindergarten to Grade 6 had an opportunity to show off their sweet dance moves and raise money for McMurrich! Thanks to the generosity of our families and friends we were able to raise almost \$8,000.00.



Winter Concert

We had a wonderful gathering on December 14th to celebrate the coming winter with music and movement. We were treated to musical performances from a variety of classes and choirs and bucket drumming from Room 204! Thank you to our families for coming out to join the fun!

Our Kindergarten classes had their "Winter Concerts" throughout the week in the classrooms and we were thrilled to see so many coming to watch these lovely performances!



Library Commons Update

December was a busy month in the library! I am excited to report that the books and resources purchased last month at the GTA Resource Fair have begun to trickle into the library after being catalogued and processed by the TDSB Library Department. I look forward to getting these new books on the shelves and sharing recommendations with students in the New Year. We have lots of new novels, graphic novels, picture books and non-fiction titles spanning a variety of genres, subjects, authors and styles!

We are also gearing up to begin our participation in Forest of Reading Program. We have a number of new titles that will be shared with classes beginning in the New Year. All of these titles are by Canadian authors and span various age groups of students. As we move toward the end of the school year, students who participate in the Forest of Reading program will have the opportunity to vote on their favourites and hopefully we will be able to attend the Forest of Reading Celebration in the Spring. More details to follow!

Lastly, I would like to extend a big thank you to all families, students and staff who helped make the Scholastic Book Fair a success! This year we were able to raise almost \$4000 in Scholastic Dollars. With these Scholastic Dollars we have already purchased a number of new books for the Library. We will be adding new titles over the course of the year and also support classroom literacy by purchasing new books and other resources. Way to go Owls! I would also like to thank all of the parent volunteers who graciously lent a hand and their time to either set up the Book Fair, assist with sales or taking it all down when we wrapped things up! Without your help, there is no way we could have been as successful. Many thanks to Beverley Eadie, Sandra Valenzuela, Nicole Cohen, Sarah Marshall, Clare Frejd, Janna Fraser, Rodrigo Fritz and Sarah Bowness for all your assistance with the Book Fair!



TDSB Property and Dogs

Please remember that dogs are NOT allowed on TDSB property unless they are a certified service animal with proper documentation and apparatus.

If you bring your dog when picking up or dropping off please ensure that you have someone with you who can wait outside the fence with your furry friend.

Many of us have dogs and we love them however we do want to respect the By-Laws in place to create a safe, hygienic, and welcoming environment for all students.

Athletics Update

Mr. Perretta

Athletics Update

Our McMurrich Athletes have spent the past 2 months practicing hard in preparation for boys' volleyball and girls' basketball tournaments. All of the team members showed great progress over the course of the season and performed very well in their respective tournaments. Basketball games were filled with good shooting, solid defense, and unselfish play. Our volleyball games were filled with good serving, good passing, and exciting rallies. Congratulations on a great season! Special congratulations to our girls' basketball team on finishing off the season as semi-finalist's!

We have also just completed tryouts for boys' basketball and girls' volleyball and look forward to preparing for upcoming tournaments taking place in the new year. Go Owls!

Intramurals Update

Our intramural floor hockey program for students in grades 1 - 3 will commence immediately after the Winter Break. All of the students that signed up have been placed on 1 of 4 teams and schedules were distributed to those students (schedule attached below). Students are reminded to eat their lunches inside their classrooms and wait for our junior leaders to escort them to the gym on scheduled game days.

Tuesday, January 9th - Leafs vs Canadiens
Thursday, January 11th - Oilers vs Canucks
Friday, January 12th - Leafs vs Oilers
Monday, January 15th - Canadiens vs Canucks
Tuesday, January 16th - Leafs vs Canucks
Thursday, January 18th - Canadiens vs Oilers

Monday, January 22nd - Leafs vs Canadiens
Tuesday, January 23rd - Oilers vs Canucks
Thursday, January 25th - Leafs vs Oilers
Friday, January 26th - Canadiens vs Canucks
Monday, January 29th - Leafs vs Canucks
Tuesday, January 30th - Candiens vs Oilers

Land Acknowledgement

If you find yourself in the hallways of the school at 9:00 AM you will hear the Land Acknowledgement followed by O Canada. As a community we are working to stop in the halls to listen to the Land Acknowledgement. The Land Acknowledgement is one way to demonstrate a commitment to the Truth and Reconciliation (TRC) Calls to Action and the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. Thank you!!



Extra Ed.



After School Clubs

Winter 2024

McMurrich Jr. and Winona Sr. Public Schools

Register now online at [ExtraEd.ca](https://www.ExtraEd.ca)

Ukulele

Grades 1-3

Ideally suited to young hands, playing the ukulele fine tunes fine-motor skills. Our students practice strumming, picking, and chord formation as they progress from simple exercises to playing full songs.

Tuesday After School

Jan-16 to Mar-5 -- 3:15 to 4:15

\$ 238.00 +HST

Short Video Creation

Grades 4-8

Making a great video takes more than just hitting "record." We start our program by introducing students to the power of scripting, directing, and editing to make content that stands above the rest.

Tuesday After School

Jan-16 to Mar-5 -- 3:15 to 4:15

\$ 238.00 +HST

Robotics

Grades 1-8

Working in groups, students tackle each LEGO robotics build together. They make a plan, assign roles among their team, and follow step-by-step instructions to completion.

Wednesday After School

Jan-17 to Mar-6 -- 3:15 to 4:15

\$ 238.00 +HST

Science

Grades 1-3

Whether observing bubbles to understand surface tension, or visualizing how sound waves reverberate using lengths of string, we unravel complex concepts with fun and illustrative weekly experiments.

Wednesday After School

Jan-17 to Mar-6 -- 3:15 to 4:15

\$ 238.00 +HST



Chess

Grades 1-8

Chess study has many benefits away from the board. Students exercise the cognitive skills of focus, patience, and mindful decision-making, as well as interpersonal skills of respect and sportsmanship.

Thursday After School

Jan-18 to Mar-7 -- 3:15 to 4:15

\$ 238.00 +HST



Winter Session begins January 16th

EVERYONE IS WELCOME

Every child is able to participate in our programs, regardless of a family's economic circumstances. If cost is a barrier, parents may register their children and pay less, or even nothing, with no questions asked. Our programs are for everyone.



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