



Something To Hoot About!

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Upcoming Dates

Dance A Thon,
Friday December 1

Book Fair,
December 4-7

PA Day
Friday, December 8th

Holiday Market
Sunday, December 10

Winter Concert
Thursday, December 14th,
6:00 PM

Pizza Lunch
Friday, December 15

Winter Break
December 25-January 5

First Day of School in 2024
Monday, January 8

November Update

Food Drive

Under the guidance of the Be the Change Club, McMurrich surpassed the goal of collecting 800 items of non-perishable food for the Daily Bread Food Bank. Thanks to all our families for contributing to this important initiative!



Tour For Humanity

On Monday, November 20th, the Friends of Simon Wiesenthal Centre's Tour For Humanity presented two assemblies for our Grades 4, 5 and 6 students. Our students were attentive and caring participants while our facilitator spoke about stereotypes, prejudice, racism, and everyday heroes.

Regent Park Film Festival

November 20-23 all classes in Grades 1 -6 participated in the Regent Park Film Festival. These films were divided into Primary (Grades 1-3) and Junior (Grades 4-6) categories and addressed topics such as building community, cultural diversity, mental health and more. These topics are presented through the lens of people from key communities. Students were able to discuss the films and topics together after the screenings under the guidance of Mr. Marshall, our teacher librarian, and their classroom teachers. It was a wonderful week of learning!

Early Pick-up?

No problem.... however don't 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!

Recess times:

10:10 – 10:25
11:55 – 12:35
1:55 – 2:05

Please Join Us!

Ms. Craig

McMurrich's Winter Concert is on **Thursday, December 14th at 6:00 p.m.** in the McMurrich gym. Come and enjoy an evening of music to usher in the winter and holiday season. Currently, participating groups include Primary and Junior Choir, Ukulele class, rooms 301, 303, 306, 201 and 204. Classroom teachers will be in touch with their families if additional classes will be performing. We look forward to seeing you on December 14th!

Kindergarten teachers will contact their families about performances dates for their classes!

Library Commons

Mr. Marshall

Library Update

In Library news, there are a few items to share with our school community. Last week I had the opportunity to attend the GTA Resource Fair at the Exhibition Grounds. Every year, the TDSB and various book publishers and retailers organize this event for schools in the region. It is a great opportunity to browse books and other resources for our school library. While it was hard to stay within our budget because of all the great materials to choose from, we did purchase some amazing new titles that I am excited to introduce to students and staff in the coming weeks! The first part of our shipment arrived earlier this week and some of the titles have already made their way into classrooms - I look forward to hearing about these new books and the discussions they elicit during read alouds and of course, the recommendations that students share with their classmates and friends. The selections made encompass nonfiction related to the Social Studies and Science Curriculum, novels, picture books, early reader books, Canadian content and works by local authors. We also have added to our graphic novel collection, many of which have a social justice theme or are related to our ongoing work with anti oppression, antiracism and general interest. More titles will be arriving from the TDSB Library Distribution Centre soon (I hope), ready to hit the shelves!

We are also waiting (im)patiently for our Forest of Reading Titles to arrive. As always, McMurrich is participating in the Forest of Reading program again. As books come in, we look forward to sharing the Blue Spruce program with our Kindergarten and primary classes, Silver Birch Express with the primary and junior classes, Silver Birch with our Juniors and for some of our older readers, the Red Maple Series. All these books are by Canadian authors and historically have been exceptional reads! We will be starting up our Forest of Reading programs and activities in the New Year - stay tuned!

Book Fair

Lastly, it is hard to believe that December is just around the corner which means that the Scholastic Book Fair will be arriving very shortly! The Scholastic Book Fair will be running at McMurrich from Monday, December 4 - Thursday, December 7. Classes will be invited to come and peruse and purchase the materials for sale that week. The Book Fair will be open to classes in the afternoons and to families after school from 3:15 - 4:00 on Monday, and Thursday. We will also be staying open late on Tuesday, December 5 from 3:15 - 6:00 p.m. The book fair will accept cash, credit and debit forms of payment. Please note: there is NO online option to purchase this year as Scholastic has discontinued the online Book Fair option. The Scholastic Book Fair is a great way for families to acquire new titles, and a great way for the McMurrich Library to add to our collection and get books into the hands of all students and classrooms. If you are interested in volunteering at the Book Fair, you're not too late! We are still looking for assistance with taking down the Book Fair on Thursday, December 7 after 4:00, as well as, during the afternoons of Wednesday, December 6 and Thursday December 7 from 12:35 - 3:15. It would also be helpful if anyone is available after school on Tuesday, December 5 from 5:00 - 6:00. If you would like to help out, we'd be very appreciative! Please send an email to Devon.Marshall@tdsb.on.ca if you would like more information about volunteering during the Book Fair

Coach's Corner

Mr. Perretta

The McMurrich Owls are having a blast representing our school on many athletic teams. Our cross country, flag football, and soccer teams kicked off the school year with many exciting highlights. We had 14 students finish in the "top 20" at our area cross country meet and qualify for the conference finals. Special congratulations to Mateo who advanced to the City Finals and finished 11th overall. In addition, our grade 5 flag football team finished their season as Conference Champions and advanced to the City Finals. Way to go McMurrich!

Presently, our boys' volleyball and girls' basketball teams are practicing hard in preparation for their tournaments which are taking place in the next 2 weeks. Please check the McMurrich School Calendar ([McMurrich School Calendar Link](#)) for updates on future team practices and tournament dates. Go McMurrich Go!!

Boys Basketball and Girls Volleyball Tryouts

If your child is interested in trying out for the boys basketball or girls volleyball teams, please take note that team tryouts will be taking place in the latter part of December and early January. All parents are reminded to complete the permission forms on the EMA portal once they become available. An additional email will be sent out in the coming weeks with additional information.

Intramural Floor Hockey (grades 1 to 3)

We will be starting an intramural floor hockey program catered to students in grades 1 to 3 (commencing early January). If your child is interested, please click on the link below and **complete the google form no later than December 8th**. All games take place during the lunch hour. Students will be placed on teams and schedules will be distributed in the new year. Don't miss out on this opportunity. [Intramural Floor Hockey Sign up](#)

If you have any questions regarding team tryouts and/or intramural floor hockey, please feel free to contact Mr. Perretta at frank.perretta@tdsb.on.ca.



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.

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Dance-a-thon

FRIDAY DECEMBER 1, 2023



SCAN THE QR CODE FOR PLEDGE FORMS!

FUNDS WILL BE PUT DIRECTLY TOWARDS OUR
NEW PLAY STRUCTURE AND ENRICHMENT
ACTIVITIES

3 PAYMENT OPTIONS: CASH, SCHOOLCASH ONLINE,
SQUARE

PIZZA PARTY FOR THE CLASS WITH THE HIGHEST
AMOUNT RAISED PER STUDENT!!

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