



Something To Hoot About!

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Upcoming Dates

Grade 6's at Island School
April 3-5

PA Day
Monday, April 8th

International Day of Pink
April 10th

Poetry Night
April 17th

School Council Meeting
April 23rd

Kindness Showcase
May 2nd

Fun Fair
May 30th

Grade 6 Graduation
June 20th

Early Pick-up?

Please 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!

Recess times:

10:10 – 10:25

11:55 – 12:35

1:55 – 2:05

Spring Has Sprung!

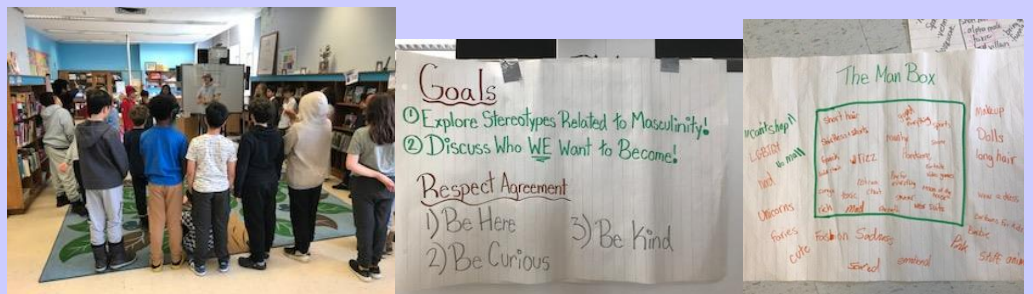
Grade 6's

There's no better sign of Spring than our Grade 6's having their Grad photos done! It was an exciting day to see our students donning their robes and collared shirts under the direction of Ms. Marshall, who got them ready for their big moment! This kicks off the last few months at McMurrich for our Grade 6's. Next week they will be attending the Island Natural Science School from April 3-5th. This is a "rite of passage" for all Grade 6 students in the TDSB and they will make memories that will last a lifetime! We look forward to enjoying these last few months at school with these young people and ensuring they're ready to move on to Grade 7!



Next Gen Men

On March 21st an organization called Next Gen Men worked with our identifying male students in a series of activities that focussed on discussing stereotypes and norms related to what it means to 'be a man.' The workshop for our Grade 6's looked at leadership qualities empowering and encouraging them to be caring and compassionate leaders in Grade 7. This program also ties into our overall school theme of Kindness.



SILENT AUCTION LAUNCHES TUESDAY!

SILENT AUCTION DONATIONS!

School Council is getting ready for our online silent auction on April 2nd! We are launching early because we have TWO pairs of Leafs tickets to auction!! Last year's auction raised more than 18 thousand dollars, which went towards our new play structure - coming this summer! The funds raised from this year's auction is being earmarked for new iPads in classrooms. McMurrich community, we need your help to gather more amazing prizes! If you or your employer have a prize to donate - please fill out this form to get in touch: <https://forms.gle/AqHakBU1gbqBLNpz6> Don't like forms? You can also email - mcmurrich.sa@gmail.com If you have a connection to a business - please ask on our behalf. We really appreciate your help! Thank you! Silent Auction committee

◆ The Super Spring Silent Auction launches NEXT TUESDAY! Get ready to bid. We are still accepting last minute PRIZES - please lobby your connections and email mcmurrich.sa@gmail.com!



GRAD WEAR & SPIRIT WEAR ON-LINE POP-UP STORE



Check out our McMurrich Merch store - open from now until March 29th!

<https://www.schoolwear.ca/mur/>

Grade 6 families - place your orders for grad hoodies and sweatpants (note: every grad will also be receiving a free grad t-shirt)

Other McMurrich families - you can order t-shirts, hoodies and sweatpants

Choose the items and sizes you want. Orders will be delivered to the school for FREE (put the school address in check out). A portion of the proceeds will go to the grad festivities in June.

Deadline to order McMurrich [Grad Wear and Spirit Wear](#) is THIS FRIDAY March 29th! Order here: <https://www.schoolwear.ca/mur/>

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.

McMurrich School Council Presents.....

Wine Survivor is a fun game and fundraiser for McMurrich, much like the famed show Survivor, except the end prize is wine (or in this case, LCBO gift cards, split between 3 lucky players).

This Wine Survivor will be raising money for the Grade 6 graduation.

Prize

1st Place wins 50% of the prize pool

2nd Place wins 30% of the prize pool

3rd Place wins 20% of the prize pool

How to play

(1) From March 18-29, you can purchase a ticket for \$40 through square at <https://square.link/u/vYPK5gQv> (\$20 goes towards the prize pool of an LCBO gift card and \$20 goes to McMurrich School Council)

(2) No need to email your receipt this time.

(3) You can follow along at www.mcmurrichschoolcouncil.com/wine-survivor. The current status of all players will be online. We will have names written as first name and last initial. (ie Jenn D)

Once you have done this, you have joined "the Island" and your name is placed into the draw. The more entries you buy, the better your chances of surviving and winning wine!

Nightly Draws

Starting April 1, each night, names will be drawn using "Wheel of Names" and an email will go out letting everyone know their status in the game.

Immunity

The first name will be given immunity meaning they are safe for that night's draw and the following night's draw.

Elimination

Each night, several names will be drawn, the names drawn are "voted off the island" (i.e. eliminated). If you are eliminated you have 2 options.

(1) You can accept your fate and the game is over for you

(2) You can buy back in for \$20 (only if it is your first time)

Buying Back In

If you are "voted off the island"/ eliminated, you can pay an additional \$20 for your name to be placed back in the draw (100% of this money goes to McMurrich School Council).

Is there a catch? Yes, there is!

(1) You can only buy back ONCE per ticket.

(2) You must pay by 3:00 pm the next day.

Are you ready for an Island adventure?...See you on the island!

Deadline to enter [Wine Survivor](https://square.link/u/vYPK5gQv) is also THIS FRIDAY March 29th! Enter here: <https://square.link/u/vYPK5gQv>



ELEMENTARY PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITY (PA) DAY

April 8, 2024

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As per the Ministry of Education's [Policy/Program Memorandum \(PPM\) 151](#), *Professional Activity Days Devoted to Provincial Education Priorities*, school boards are required to designate three Ministry mandatory PA Days. This year, these PA days will focus on the priority areas of Literacy and Mathematics, Curriculum Implementation, and Student Well-being, School Safety and Violence Prevention.

Additionally, school boards may designate up to four additional PA Days per school year with additional topics identified by both the Ministry and Toronto District School Board. Professional learning activities for PA Days will consider factors such as equity and human rights in education, anti-racism and anti-discrimination, Indigenous Education, and equitable learning opportunities for students with disabilities and special education needs. Please find information about the April 8, 2024 PA Day, below.

Monday, April 8, 2024

Target Audience: All Staff – Elementary

Topic: Literacy, Mathematics, Curriculum Implementation, Student Well-Being and Belonging

Length: Full Day (In-Person)

Presenter(s)/Facilitator(s): School-Based Staff

Description: School-based teams will review practical and effective strategies to support student learning with a focus on the following:

- Literacy: K-12 instructional strategies (i.e., critical and comprehensive literacy, CRRP, comprehension, striving/struggling readers, literacy across the curriculum, etc.), early reading instruction and universal design for learning.
 - The implementation of high-impact instructional practices in K-12 Mathematics through high impact instructional approaches and alignment with curriculum.
 - Curriculum implementation, for example, new and recently revised curriculum:
 - Language/Français, Grades 1-8
 - Indigenous-focused revisions to Social Studies, Grades 1-3
 - New learning on Holocaust education in Social Studies, Grade 6
 - Student Well-Being and School Safety
 - Implementation of new School Mental Health Ontario mental health literacy modules for Grades 7 and 8 students.
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SECONDARY PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITY (PA) DAY

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Please find information about the April 8, 2024 PA Day, below.

Target Audience: All Staff – Secondary

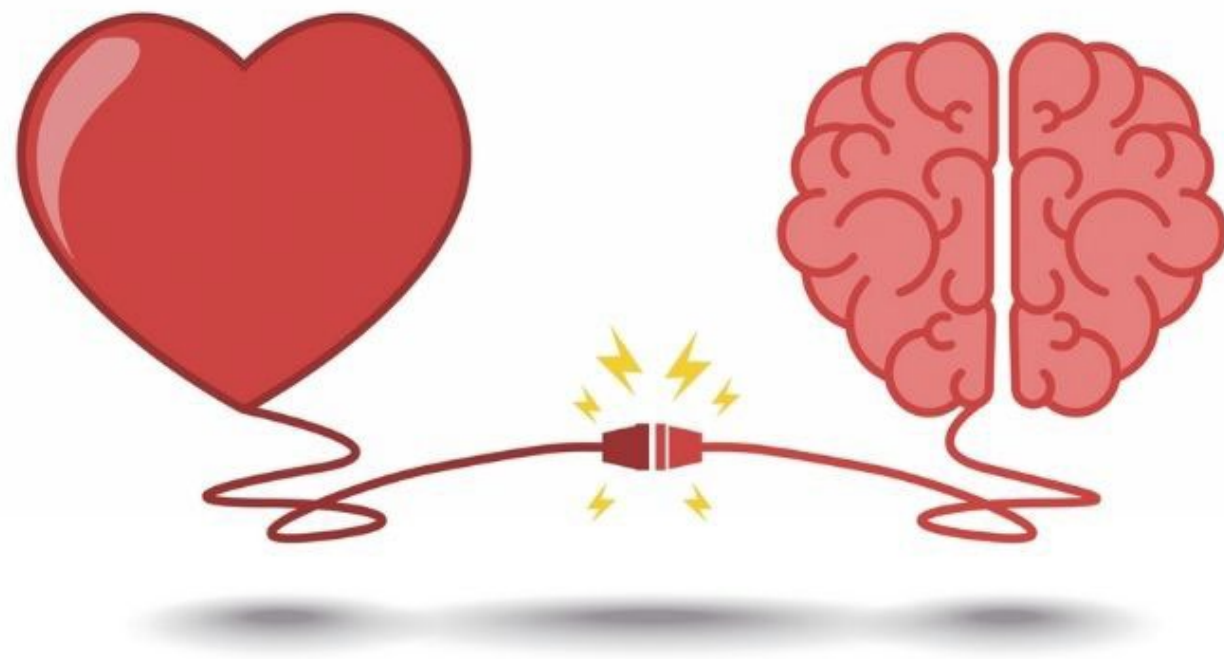
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 - The implementation of high-impact instructional practices in K-12 Mathematics through high impact instructional approaches and alignment with curriculum
 - Curriculum implementation, for example, new and recently revised curriculum:
 - The new de-streamed Grade 9 English/Français courses
 - Grade 10 Computer Studies - Digital Technology and Innovations in the Changing World
 - Connections to skilled trades and apprenticeship
 - STEM
 - Student Well-Being and School Safety
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CREATE

A MEANINGFUL CONNECTION WITH YOUR CHILD IN A HYPER-CONNECTED WORLD

This is **not another presentation** that outlines a list of skills or strategies you need to be the “perfect” parent. **This talk focuses on five key elements shown through evidence-based research** that directly impact your relationship with your child and/or adolescent. The **WHY** and the **HOW TO**. It will help parents understand that adjusting how they interact with and respond to **their child can dramatically impact their short- and long-term relationship**, especially when a child’s behaviour is most challenging and triggering.

You will leave this presentation feeling Empowered, Hopeful & Informed.

register



Thursday, April 25, 2024 | 6:30 - 8:00 PM
851 Mount Pleasant Road

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