



# Something To Hoot About!

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## Upcoming Dates

National Day for Truth and Reconciliation,  
Monday, September 30

Cross Country First Meet,  
Wednesday, October 9

Curriculum Night,  
Wednesday, October 9,  
6:00-7:00PM

PA Day, Friday, October  
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School Council Meeting,  
Tuesday, October 15<sup>th</sup>

Cross Country Conference  
Final, Wednesday,  
October 16<sup>th</sup>

Cross Country City Finals,  
Wednesday, October 23

Pizza Lunch, Friday,  
October 25<sup>th</sup>

## National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, September 30

September 30 is National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. Together we recognize the legacy of Canada's residential school system and continue to learn the many truths of these institutions. During Truth and Reconciliation Week, which takes place this year between September 23-27, we encourage schools to participate in events offered by the [National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation](#).



Orange Shirt Day, established in 2013 by Phyllis Webstad, recognizes the legacy of the Residential Schools System for First Nations, Métis and Inuit families and communities. By wearing orange, we acknowledge the truths of Residential Schools in Canada, we honour Survivors, and we remember the thousands of children who died, many of them buried in unmarked graves.

This year, TDSB and McMurrich will honour Orange Shirt Day on **Monday, September 30th**.

## Terry Fox Run Campaign Update

Congratulations to our McMurrich Community on raising \$4,100 for the Terry Fox Foundation this year! It was an amazing sight watching our entire student body participating on National School Run Day which took place on Thursday, September 26th. Special thanks to all the parents and community members who joined us. Way to go McMurrich!

### Early Pick-Up

If you need to pick up your young person early for an appointment, please avoid arriving during recess time, it will take much longer to get them to you!

AM recess: 10:10 – 10:25

Lunch recess: 11:55 – 12:35

PM recess: 1:55 – 2:05

# Student Entry Outdoor Line Up Order

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Line Number	Classroom
1	Ms. Masella - grade 1 (205)
2	Ms. D'Mello/Ms. Anker & Ms. Lynn/Ms. Sethi - (206)&(100) (DHH K-3)
3	Ms. Cochran - grade 1 (208)
4	Ms. Greenberg - grade 1 (207)
5	Ms. Burgher - grade 2 (210)
6	Ms. Porter - grade 1/ 2 (203)
7	Mr. McKenzie - grade 3/ 4 (303)
8	Ms. Patel - grade 2/ 3 (302)
9	Ms. McKenzie - grade 2 /3 (306)
10	Ms. Tavares - grade 4 (204)
11	Ms. White - grade 4/5G (209)
12	Mr. Davis - grade 5/6G (304)
13	Ms. Wagner/Ms. Seguin - grade 4 DHH (201)
14	Ms. Boegel - grade 3 (301)
15	Ms. Edwards - grade 4/ 5) (202)
16	Ms. Sanderson - grade 4/ 5 (212)
17	Ms. Barkin - grade 5/6G (200)
18	Ms. Cohen - grade 5/6G (213)
19	Ms. Rambaran - grade 6 (308)
<b>20</b>	<b>Mr. McCarter – Grade 5 (307)</b>

## McMurrich School Council Sign-Up

### Council Committees

You have the opportunity to sign up for a committee within the school council! It's important to note that you do not need to be a member of the school council to participate in a committee, so this is a great way to get involved and make a difference. If you're interested in contributing your ideas and helping to shape our school community, we encourage you to take this step.

To sign up for a School Council committee, simply visit the following link: <https://signup.com/go/qfjniYY>. We look forward to seeing your enthusiasm and commitment in action!

### Class Connectors

Coming soon is our Class Connectors program. This program started a few years ago by School Council as a way to help families build connections with each other. Every classroom should have a volunteer "Classroom Connector" – a parent/caregiver who will (a) organize a classroom roster and circulate it so families may connect with each other easily; (b) occasionally act as a liaison to School Council for their classroom when needed and (c) may wish to organize outside school class events like park meetups or meetup skate days.

Please complete the digital form to join your classroom roster or volunteer as a Connector (if you're interested). Please complete the [Class Connector Sign-Up form](#) by Friday, October 11<sup>th</sup>.

### Student Nutrition Program

We are excited to report that we have been awarded a grant for student nutrition through the PC Charities program. We are looking for any parents/caregivers that are interested in helping to develop our Student Nutrition program! Indicate your interest by signing up on the Council Committees sign-up list (see above) or reach out directly to Julie Whitfield and/or Laura Scott. Thank you!

## Boomerang Lunch

This year we will be adopting a "Boomerang Lunch" program for all students eating lunch at school.

Boomerang Lunch means that students will bring back all waste generated by their lunch, including wrappers, cores, pits, peels and any food not eaten. This has a number of advantages;

- you can see what your young person is eating and modify their lunch accordingly,
- organic waste can be disposed of in your municipal organics collection (we don't have organics collection at McMurrich),
- can help prevent insects and rodents in the classrooms.

Please make sure that there is a container to place organic waste in inside your young person's lunch bag so that it doesn't make a mess!

Water is always the preferred drink at school. A reusable water bottle can be refilled at our bottle filling stations throughout the day.

Please note that we are unable to accept lunch deliveries from delivery services such as Uber Eats and Door Dash.

## 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.



## Cell Phone Policy

As you may have heard the Ministry of Education introduced a new policy outlining use of mobile devices.

- **Students in Grades 6 and Below** - Students' personal mobile devices must be stored out of view and powered off or set to silent mode throughout the full instructional day, except when their use is explicitly permitted by the educator under the circumstances outlined above. If an educator sees a personal mobile device that is not stored out of view, they must require the device be handed in for the instructional day and the device must be placed, by the student, in a storage area in a location designated by the principal.

• **Please note that smartwatches are a mobile devices and are not permitted during the school day. If your young person brings a smartwatch to school they should leave them in their backpacks on silent.**

If you need to get in touch with your young person during the school day please contact the school's main office and we can get a message to them and let your young person know that if they need to contact you they should let their teacher know and they will facilitate that contact.

Students at McMurrich have access to Chromebooks throughout the day should they need a device to access curriculum.