



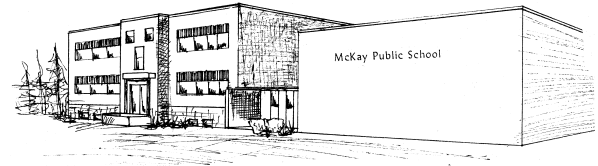
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Dear Parents/Guardians:

We are very proud of our McKay Families for demonstrating ongoing interest and concern for student achievement. Most parents have been to our school for Parent Interviews and have had the opportunity to discuss student strengths, weaknesses and strategies for improvement. We value this partnership and encourage ongoing communication with the McKay staff!

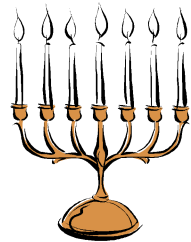
As the holiday season approaches, our students will learn about celebrations around the world, be involved in musical performances, artistic expression as well as critical thinking activities in all subjects to encourage deeper thinking and understanding.

Please be sure to keep the December calendar handy as many events are planned. We are hoping to see all families on December 14th from 6:15 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. for our "Holiday Open House". Please be watching for details.

On behalf of the entire McKay Staff, we wish you a happy and healthy festive season.



Merry Christmas



Happy Hanukka



Happy Kwanza

Feliz Navidad

How do different Nationalities wish Happy Holidays??

http://www.amazingmoms.com/htm/christmas_worldgreetings.htm

Afrikaans: Gesëende Kersfees	Gaelic: Nollaig chridheil agus Bliadhna mhath ùr!	Narodzenie
Afrikander: Een Plesierige Kerfees	German: Froehliche Weihnachten	Portuguese: Feliz Natal
African/ Eritrean/ Tigrinja: Rehus-Beal-Ledeats	Greek: Kala Christouyenna!	Pushto: Christmas Aao Ne-way Kaal Mo Mobarak Sha
Albanian: Gezur Krislinjden	Hausa: Barka da Kirsimatikuma Barka da Sabuwar Shekara!	Rapa-Nui (Easter Island): Mata-Ki-Te-Rangi. Te-Pito-O-Te-Henua
Arabic: Idah Saidan Wa Sanah Jadidah	Hawaiian: Mele Kalikimaka	Rhetian: Bellas festas da nadal e bun onn
Argentine: Feliz Navidad	Hebrew: Mo'adim Lesimkha. Chena tova	Romanche (sursilvan dialect): Legreivlas fiastas da Nadal e bien niev onn!
Armenian: Shenoraavor Nor Dari yev Pari Gaghand	Hindi: Shub Naya Baras	Rumanian: Sarbatori vesele
Azeri: Tezze Iliniz Yahsi Olsun	Hausa: Barka da Kirsimatikuma Barka da Sabuwar Shekara!	Russian: Pozdrevlyayu s prazdnikom Rozhdestva is Novim Godom
Bahasa Malaysia: Selamat Hari Natal	Hawaiian: Mele Kalikimaka ame Hauoli Makahiki Hou!	Sami: Buorrit Juovllat
Basque: Zorionak eta Urte Berri On!	Hungarian: Kellemes Karacsonyi unnepeket	Samoan: La Maunia Le Kilisimasi Ma Le Tausaga Fou
Bengali: Shuvo Naba Barsha	Icelandic: Gledileg Jol	Sardinian: Bonu nadale e prosperu annu nou
Bohemian: Vesele Vanoce	Indonesian: Selamat Hari Natal	Serbian: Hristos se rodi
Brazilian: Boas Festas (Good Holidays!)	Iraqi: Idah Saidan Wa Sanah Jadidah	Slovakian: Sretan Bozic or Vesele vianoce
Breton: Nedeleg laouen na bloavezh mat	Irish: Nollaig Shona Dhuit or Nodlaig mhaith chugnat	Sami: Buorrit Juovllat
Bulgarian: Tchestita Koleda; Tchestito Rojdestvo Hristovo	Iroquois: Ojenyunyat Sungwiyadeson honungradon nagwutut. Ojenyunyat osrasay.	Samoan: La Maunia Le Kilisimasi Ma Le Tausaga Fou
Catalan: Bon Nadal i un Bon Any Nou!	Italian: Buone Feste Natalizie	Scots Gaelic: Nollaig chridheil huibh
Chile: Feliz Navidad	Japanese: Shinnen omedeto. Kurisumasu Omedeto	Serb-Croatian: Sretam Bozic. Vesela Nova Godina
Chinese: (Cantonese) Gun Tso Sun Tan'Gung Haw Sun	Jiberish: Mithag Crithagsigathmithags	Serbian: Hristos se rodi.
Chinese: (Mandarin) Kung His Hsin Nien bing Chu Shen Tan	Korean: Sung Tan Chuk Ha	Singhalese: Subha nath thalak Vewa. Subha Aluth Awrudhak Vewa
Choctaw: Yukpa, Nitak Hollo Chito	Latin: Natale hilare et Annum Faustum!	Slovak: Vesele Vianoce. A stastlivy Novy Rok
Columbia: Feliz Navidad y Próspero Año Nuevo	Latvian: Prieci'gus Ziemsvet'kus un Laimi'gu Jauno Gadu!	Slovene: Vesele Bozicne. Screno Novo Leto
Cornish: Nadelik looan na looan blethen noweth	Lausitzian: Wjesole hody a strowe nowe leto	Spanish: Feliz Navidad
Corsian: Pace e salute	Lettish: Pricigus Ziemassvetkus	Swedish: God Jul and (Och) Ett Gott Nytt År
Crazanian: Rot Yikji Dol La Roo	Lithuanian: Linksmu Kaledu	Tagalog: Maligayamg Pasko. Masaganang Bagong Taon
Cree: Mitho Makosi Kesikansi	Low Saxon: Heughliche Winachten un 'n moi Nijaar	Tami: Nathar Puthu Varuda Valthukkal
Croatian: Sretan Bozic	Macedonian: Sreken Bozhik	Trukeese: (Micronesian) Neekiriisimas annim oo iyer seefe feyieech!
Czech: Prejeme Vam Vesele Vanoce a stastny Novy Rok	Maltese: IL-Milied It-tajjeb	Thai: Sawadee Pee Mai
Danish: Glædelig Jul	Manx: Nollick ghennal as blein vie noa	Turkish: Noeliniz Ve Yeni Yiliniz Kutlu Olsun
Duri: Christmas-e- Shoma Mobarak	Maori: Meri Kirihimete	Ukrainian: Srozhdestvom Kristovym
Dutch: Vrolijk Kerstfeest en een Gelukkig Nieuwjaar! or Zalig Kerstfeast	Marathi: Shub Naya Varsh	Urdu: Naya Saal Mubarak Ho
English: Merry Christmas	Navajo: Merry Keshmish	Vietnamese: Chung Mung Giang Sinh
Eskimo: (inupik) Jutdlime pivdluarit ukiortame pivdluaritlo!	Norwegian: God Jul or Gledelig Jul	Welsh: Nadolig Llawen
Esperanto: Gajan Kristnaskon	Occitan: Pulit nadal e bona annado	Yugoslavian: Cestitamo Bozic
Estonian: Ruumsaid juulup/hi	Papiamento: Bon Pasco	Yoruba: E ku odun, e ku iye'dun!
Faeroese: Gledhilig jol og eydnurikt nyggjar!	Papua New Guinea: Bikpela hamamas blong dispela Krismas na Nupela yia i go long yu	
Farsi: Cristmas-e-shoma mobarak bashad	Pennsylvania German: En frehlicher Grischtidaag un en hallich Nei Yaahr!	
Finnish: Hyvaa joulua	Peru: Feliz Navidad y un Venturoso Año Nuevo	
Flemish: Zalig Kerstfeest en Gelukkig nieuw jaar	Philippines: Maligayan Pasko!	
French: Joyeux Noel (Joyous Christmas!)	Polish: Wesolych Swiat Bozego Narodzenia or Boze	
Frisian: Noflike Krystdagen en in protte Lok en Seine yn it Nije Jier!		
Galician: Bo Nada		

Remembrance Day at McKay



McKay Staff and students participated in a Remembrance Day Assembly on November 11. Grades JK-8 gathered in the gym for a program with several presentations. The McKay Junior Choir led the assembly with the singing of *O Canada*. Henry Orford followed, playing *The Last Post* on the trumpet. Hailey Payne sang a song by the Dixie Chicks called *Travelling Soldier*. Many thanks to Hailey's accompanists who took the time from their busy schedules to participate in the ceremony. Each class made a wreath which was laid at the cross. The presentations finished with a duet by Natalie Vurro and Daphne Mowat singing John Lennon's *Imagine*. MCs of the ceremony were Breana Harris and Jessica McGregor.

Following the ceremony, the Junior and Intermediate classes walked to HH Knoll park where they joined other Port Colborne elementary schools in a ceremony at the Cenotaph. The primary classes stayed at McKay where they paused for two minutes of silence at 11am.

A big thank you to all the students who helped make our solemn ceremony a moving demonstration of remembrance. Lest we forget.

Book Fair

A big thank you for your support with McKay's Book Fair. Our sales allowed us to receive over \$1000 in Scholastic books for our new library. Thanks to our parent and student volunteers.



Choirs Helps Light Up the Hospital Sky



On Nov 17th our primary and junior choir members sang Christmas carols as the Port Hospital flipped the switch to turn on their *Ribbon of Lights*. The singers wore festive winter apparel to keep warm during the outdoor presentation. Each light bulb is sponsored by the public as a memorial to a loved one. Our choirs have sung at the *Ribbon of Lights* for 5 years now!

Up and coming for the month of December are the following dates:

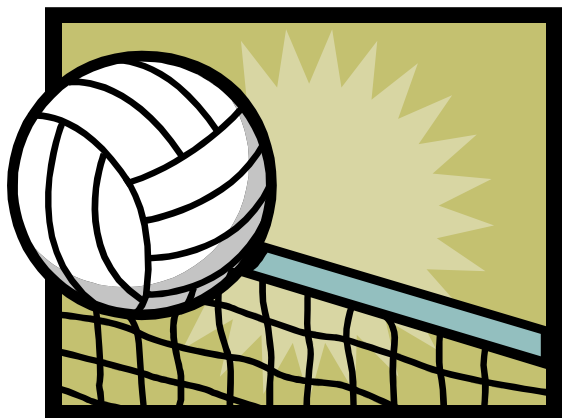
December 3 - singing as Santa arrives by tugboat along West Street

December 4 - singing carols at the Port Colborne Museum on King Street

December 16 - singing carols at Market Square and downtown businesses.

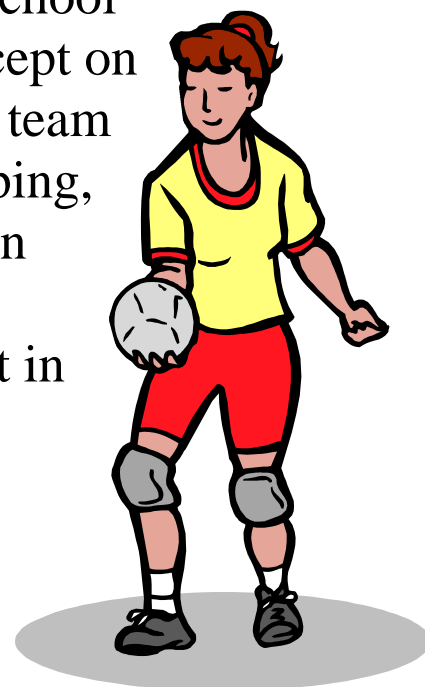
December 22 - McKay attends PC High School Band Concert.

The Intermediate boys' volleyball team enjoyed a very successful season. They were undefeated in the regular season and earned a first place pennant for the school! On November 18th, we competed in the Port/Wainfleet tournament against Winger, WEB, Steele St, Dewitt Carter, Oakwood and DSBN Academy. We beat all of them in the round robin portion of the tournament and wound up in championship vs Steele St. Unfortunately we came up short, losing 2 out of 3 and had to settle for a finalist pennant. Congratulations on a great season, boys!! McKay is proud of you! A big "Thanks" to Mr. Clarke for coaching the volleyball team.



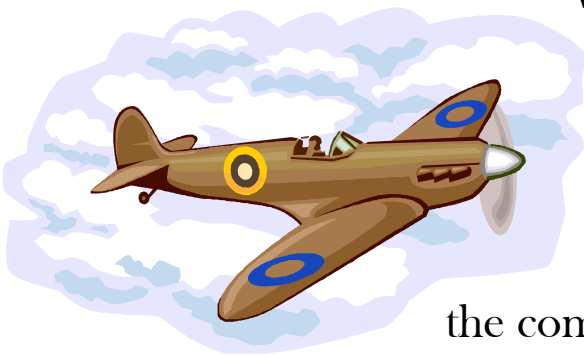
The Intermediate Girls volleyball team had a very successful season. The team of 14 girls was selected back in September and they showed great dedication for practicing every school day during September, October and November, except on Fridays. Tremendous dedication by the girls on the team led to a successful volleyball season in which bumping, setting and spiking became the norm. The girls won the regular season league by finishing in first place!!!!!! However, the Lady Lions came up short in the playoff tournament losing in the semifinals to WEB.

Mr. Benner is extremely proud of their dedication, teamwork and commitment to the three hit system which will prepare the Grade 8 girls for the next level of volleyball!!!! A big "Thanks" to Mr. Benner and Ms. Bomberry for coaching our girls.



Mme. Neville took her Grade 6 class to the **War Plane Museum in Hamilton** on November 18th. Our class had an opportunity to see one of the last bombers in the world, the Great Lancaster bomber. Students were involved with hands on experiments regarding air and

flight. We were fortunate enough to eat lunch under a bomber and sit inside a paratrooper drop plane. Thanks to all the students in the class as they showed great enthusiasm and respect representing McKay well in the community!



Operation Christmas Child

McKay students participated in Operation Christmas Child this year. This program provides a Christmas gift for children in developing countries around the world. Students brought in small toys, hygiene items, art supplies, candies, etc. or donated a small amount of money to pay for the shipping of the boxes. Our original goal was 12 shoe boxes but, due to the generosity of the students and their families, we ended up with 23 boxes and \$70 to go towards shipping. A big thank you goes out to everyone for your generosity and Mme. Clarke for coordinating this charitable event.



Holidays Around the World – December 14th at 6:15pm

McKay Public School will be having a Holiday Open House to celebrate *Holidays Around the World*. The entire school is invited to join us Wednesday, December 14th to take a journey around the world to discover how different countries celebrate the holidays. The school doors will open at 6:15 p.m. and families will meet in the gym for a carol sing at 6:30 p.m.. At 6:50 p.m., families will be given a passport to tour 6 different countries (classrooms), where they can participate in their different holiday traditions. Once your family has visited each country and received a stamp in your passport for each, it can be handed into the draw box as you leave. The draw will be held on Friday, December 17 a.m. and will be for a holiday treat basket put together by the Staff of McKay. The Me to We Club and Student Council will also be having a Bake Sale to raise money for a local charity. We look forward to sharing all these special holiday celebrations with your family.



Physical Activity for Children

Did you know that Canadian children/youth ages 6 to 19 spend an average of 8.6 hours per day, or 62 % of their waking hours, being sedentary?

Here are some ways to help your children meet the recommended 60 minutes of moderate-to-vigorous physical activity each day:

- Limit recreational screen time to no more than two hours per day
- Encourage children and youth to play outdoors
- Play outside with your children:
 - Go for walks, hikes, build snowmen, go tobogganing
 - Introduce your child to skates or skis so they can learn to slide
- Play catching games using a wide range of soft objects

For more information go to www.activehealthykids.ca or www.participaction.com



BAG 2 School

We will once again be collecting used clean clothes, shoes (tied together), drapes, purses and soft toys for our Bag 2 School fundraiser. Please bring bags (garbage, shopping bags etc.) to the office anytime before April 30th. At that time, the clothes will be

collected, weighed and the school will collect \$200 per ton. The more we have, the more funds will be raised for McKay. Thanks to all who have already donated and those who are still bringing items in to the school.



ATTENTION!!

ALL GRADE 7 & 8 MCKAY PARENTS & STUDENTS

There is an exciting FREE after-school tutoring program starting at McKay. We are offering help in both literacy and numeracy skills . Students will receive small group instruction and support two hours per week for a total of 20 hours absolutely free of charge. The only thing they are responsible for is committing to attending **all** sessions. Parents are responsible for providing safe transportation of their child from the school at the end of each session (approximately 4:30 p. m.)

Tutoring will be provided by Mr. Benner, a teacher here at McKay. All materials will be supplied by the school.

If you are interested please fill in the form below and return to the school by December 6th, 2011. If you have any questions or need further information, please feel free to contact the school.

Application Form for After-School Intermediate Tutoring

(To be filled in by parent/guardian and returned to office ASAP)

Student Name _____

Homeroom Teacher _____

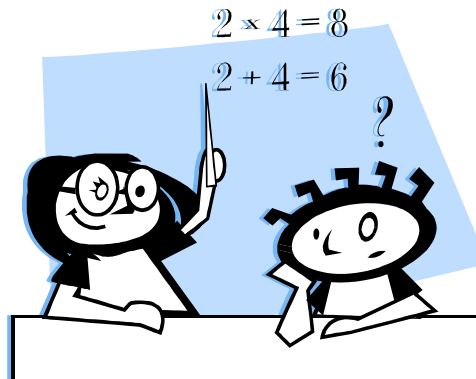
I would like more information about this learning opportunity.

(Parent Signature) _____

OR

I am interested in my child taking part in this learning opportunity and we are committed to completing the entire 20 hours of tutoring.

(Parent Signature) _____



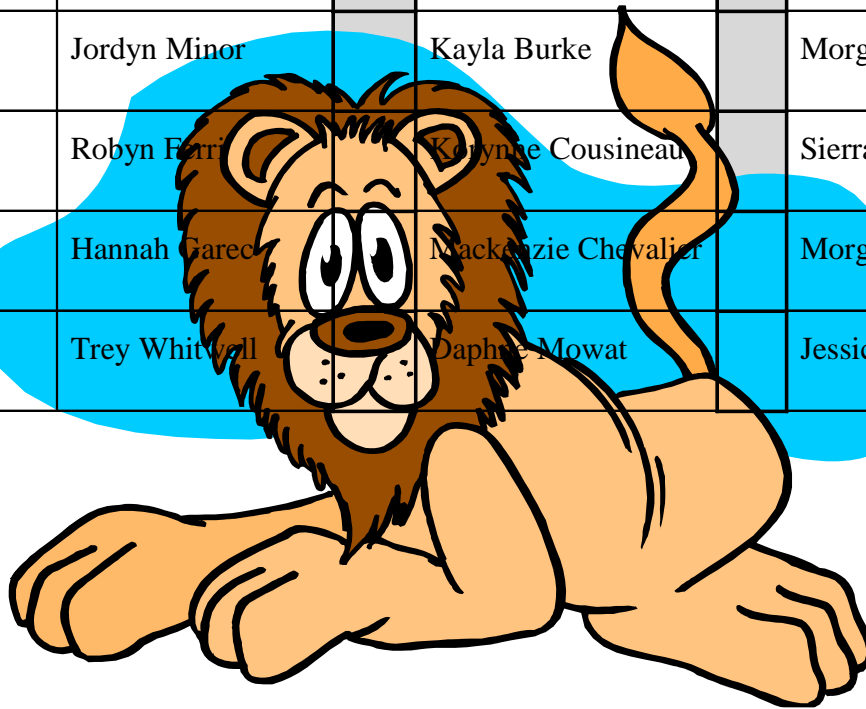
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**STUDENT RECOGNITION ASSEMBLIES
2011 -2012**

Assembly: Friday November 25, 2011 at 2:25 P.M.

“Integrity” AWARD WINNERS

Class	#1	Gr	#2	Gr	#3	Gr
Mrs. Buck JK/SK	Carley Scalzo	JK	Logan Biggs	SK	Aidan McDonald	SK
Mrs. Edwards JK/SK	Sam Tonnie	SK	Lily Hirsu	SK	Brody Bover	JK
Mrs. Bidoski Grade 1 / 2	Caitlin Rowlings	1	Owen Ragione	2	Makenna Marsh	1
Mrs. Robinson Grade1	Harris Chaudary		Marcelo Defreitas		Hanna Comeau	
Mrs. Hemauer Grade 3	Tyler Callon		Adam Wehlann		Alliegh Carter	
Mrs. Arnold Grade 3/4	David Busch	3	Kaitlyn Scalzo	3	Cherilyn Augustine	4
Mr. Benner Grade 4/5	Ashley Leggett	4	Alex Cosby	4	Caitlyn Chambers	5
Mrs. Hamilton Grade 6/7	Maren Brandt- Riesebosch	6	Haileigh Carter	6	Madeline Irvine	6
Mr. Clarke Grade 7/8	Micheal Fyfe	8	Zach Woolmer	7	Hailey Payne	8
Mr. Chaffart Grade 5FI	Maggie Deiter		Addie Hambly		Paige Kramer	
Mme. Klassen Grade 5FI2	Jordyn Minor		Kayla Burke		Morgan Proulx	
Mme Neville Grade 6FI	Robyn Ferris		Korynne Cousineau		Sierra Prokopetz	
Mme Vanderlaan Grade 7FI	Hannah Garec		Mackenzie Chevalier		Morgan Davies	
Mme Clarke Grade 8FI	Trey Whitwell		Daphne Mowat		Jessica McGregor	



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December, 2011 “Roaring Lion” Mystery Draw

() Yes, I have received and read the December, 2011 newsletter.

Child's Name _____ Gr. _____ Room # _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian _____

(If you have more than one child attending McKay School, please make a copy of this ballot for each student)

Skill Testing Question (answer found in this newsletter).

When is the holiday open house??

Due to office by Thursday, December 10, 2011