

# Fun Fair is coming to McKay



McKay School will be holding the 3rd annual Fun Fair. Plans are well underway with parent and staff involvement. This is sure to be an exciting evening. There will be a BBQ with hamburgers, hotdogs for sale, there will also be popcorn, slushies and water available. The fish pond, cake walk, inflatable twister, face painting, and scavenger hunt are just a few of the fun events planned for the evening. We look forward to seeing everyone out **Monday June 6 from 5:00 ~ 8:00 pm.** Please plan to come!

Dear Parents/Guardians:

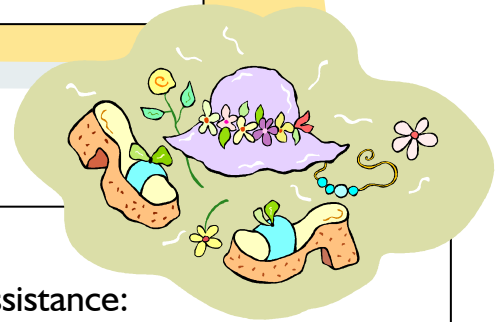
As I reflect on the 2010-2011 school year, I am pleased to report that our students have improved in all areas of development. The successes are many and the achievements could not have been possible without ongoing parental support along with the commitment and concerted effort displayed by our dedicated staff.

It does “take a village to raise a child” and we appreciate everyone’s help at McKay.

We have an exciting June planned. Please be sure to keep the June calendar handy. You are welcome to join us for our special events throughout the month.

We look forward to seeing all families at our 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Fun Fair on Monday June 6<sup>th</sup>!

*Mrs. R. Grenier*



## **Student Attire and Safety**

As the warmer weather approaches, we are asking for your assistance:

- Please be sure your child wears footwear that is safe for outdoor play to avoid injuries. Flip flops can be very dangerous when running, jumping rope and playing. Closed toes shoes, such as running shoes, are most suitable for school day activities.
- Please be sure shorts are of a reasonable length (short shorts are great for weekends and summer holidays). A good rule of thumb is to have the students arm by their sides, middle finger should touch the bottom hem. If shorts are deemed too short, the student will need to change or go home to get other clothes.
- Tank tops need to look respectable and must cover. Tube tops and low cut tops are not acceptable and will need to be changed.
- We must maintain an environment conducive to teaching and learning for all students.



**We appreciate your support and cooperation.**

## **EQAO Provincial Testing for all Grade 3 and 6 Students**

Our students will be participating in **EQAO testing**. Grade 3's will be doing the testing Monday May 30<sup>th</sup> to Wednesday June 1<sup>st</sup>. The Grade 6's will have the testing from Monday June 6<sup>th</sup> until Wednesday June 8<sup>th</sup>. We know they will work hard to achieve their best. Results will be communicated to all parents in the fall. Please remember to have your child rested, well fed and at school on time during the testing week.



## **Kindergarten Open House - May 18th**

Our new Junior/Senior Kindergarten students and families came to meet each other and get acquainted with McKay School. We look forward to welcoming our newest families and Lion cubs in the fall!

## **SAC Fun Fair - Monday, June 6, 2011**

Our **School Advisory Council** is hosting a Fun Fair at McKay School on Monday, June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2011 starting at 5:00 p.m.

We will be offering hot dogs, hamburgers, popcorn, slushies and water for purchase. There will be many fun games, prizes, etc., for everyone to enjoy!

Thank you for sending in an item for your child's class "Theme Basket". We are looking forward to a fun filled, family night to end our school year! Please plan to join us for a great time!

We would also like to take a moment and send "Thanks" to Ms. Evans, Malori Lee's mom, for the generous donations made by her and Field's Department store here in Port Colborne. A special "Thanks" also goes out to Mrs. Chastelet, for her dedication and volunteer hours. She is an extreme asset to McKay.

***We are also in need of volunteers to help out that evening, either by volunteering your time or donating a cake to our cake walk. Your help is much appreciated.***



## GRADE 8 GRADUATION



We'd like to congratulate our Grade 8 students at our Graduation Ceremony being held on Monday, June 27th at 6:30 p.m. in our school gymnasium. This will be exciting night for all in attendance.

Grade 7 Parents - We need help with decorating the gym, providing refreshments and assistance in serving on graduation night as done in past years. This will in turn come around next year when the grade 7's are graduating. A notice will be sent home shortly to ask for volunteers. Please send it back to the school ASAP.

## Awards Assembly

Please plan to join us on Tuesday, June 28th at 9:00 a.m. for our Awards Assembly. At this time, we will recap the Grade 8 Graduation awards given on grad night, hand out classroom Proficiency, Citizenship and Most Improved trophies and certificates.

## SUMMER SCHOOL FOR GRADE 7 AND 8 STUDENTS

Students in Grades 7 and 8 are eligible to attend the

District School Board of Niagara Summer School Session to improve Language and Mathematics skills. Registration forms are due NOW! Grade 8 students may sign up for a new Grade 9 course - Physical Education. Please call your child's teacher if further information is required.

## Badminton

The McKay badminton team went to compete at the tournament at Port Colborne High School. All of the students tried their best, and many of them placed very well.

For the girls doubles: Olivia Regehr and Rebecah Fuaco placed 1<sup>st</sup>

Kaitlyn Bitner and Erin Hamilton placed 3<sup>rd</sup>

In boys doubles: Brady Ursacki and Justin Torok placed 3<sup>rd</sup>

Devlin Mayne and Dylan Guillion placed 5<sup>th</sup>

In boys and girls singles: Savannah Horvath placed 4<sup>th</sup>,

Emma Beaudin and Adam Augustine placed 3<sup>rd</sup>

Jojo Carbone placed 2<sup>nd</sup>

In mixed doubles: Savanah Prokopetz and Noah Fuaco placed 3<sup>rd</sup>

All of the students gave their all and did their best. Since all of the students did incredibly well at Port High, a number of students got to go play at Brock University. All of the students that went gave their all but only Brady Ursacki and Justin Torok were able to place, and they did outstanding to place 3<sup>rd</sup> at Brock!

It was a great year for the Lions in badminton, let's hope we can keep the trend going next year!

## Festival of the Arts

May has been busy in the Arts Department of McKay Elementary! During the first week of May each class and our Junior School Choir performed at the Port Colborne Festival of the Arts and did very well with 7 gold, 7 silver and 1 bronze standing as follows:

J/SK -Edwards- bronze in choral speaking *I'm Thankful*

J/SK- Robinson- gold plus the Koroway Memorial Scholarship in class choir *Be Happy With Yourself*

gr 1/2- silver for choral speaking *An Alleycat With One Life Left*

gr 2- gold and the LaPointe Scholarship for choral speaking *Don Gato*

gr 3- silver for class choir singing *Alouette*

gr 4- gold for class choir singing *Pick a Pocket or Two*

gr 5FI- silver for class choir singing *Button Up Your Overcoat*

gr 5/6- gold and the University Women's Scholarship for choral speaking *The Ballad of the Bluenose*

gr 6FI- silver for class choir singing *Look Beyond Tomorrow*

gr 7FI- silver for class choir singing *Humpty Dumpty*

gr 7/8- gold and the Festival Scholarship for choral speaking *Lost Generation*

gr 8FI- silver for class choir singing *Imagine*

Junior School Choir- gold for singing *The Circle* and *If My Voice Had Wings*

Congrats to all. We at McKay are very proud of your hard work and support of our local Festival.

We also had a group of grade 6FI drama students attend the DSBN Showcase Festival on May 26 to perform *The Speech* and *The Deal* for area DSBN schools. Congrats to Hope, Meagan, Kassie, Aurora and Emmee for their recess times in rehearsal and their outstanding performances.

And finally our grade 6FI class attended local market on Friday, May 27 for a flash mob sing/dance of the Glee performance *Jump*. It was so much fun and the local market goers were amazed. Look for the scene on YouTube!

Mrs. MacMillan



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## *McKay's Play Day - Tuesday, May 24, 2011*

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### *The Royal Games Came to McKay*

*On Tuesday May 24th the students at McKay School participated in a Royal Wedding themed Play Day. The students were placed in 16 different colour groups and participated in eight different events. The events included Release the Doves, King and Queen Soccer Kick, Croquet, Royal Ring Relay, Bubbles and a Tea party. The students each signed a royal guest book that we will be sending to Prince William and Catherine to congratulate them on their wedding. The students each got to make a crown for themselves and helped to make a team banner. A fun day was had by all.*

*An enormous "Thank you" goes out to Mrs. Bidoski for planning the "Royal Games" play day games.*



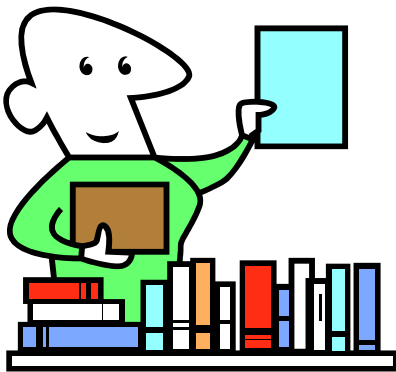
## **Jump Rope For Heart**

A big thank you to all the students and their families who participated in the Jump Rope For Heart event. McKay raised \$2586.08 for the Heart and Stroke Foundation. Our top fund raising classes were Mrs. Robinson with \$503.75 and Mrs. Arnold with \$493.08. Our top fund raising student was Dawson Swartz with \$164 in pledges. Congratulations! We are Lion Proud!



### **McKay School Library**

The library will be closing for inventory on June 6, 2011 for the 2010-11 school year. Please check your home for any McKay library books and return them as soon as possible. We are looking for parent volunteers to help with the inventory. This task involves scanning every book in the library and making sure the shelves are in order. If you are able to come in - even if it is only for an hour - all help is greatly appreciated. Please contact the school at 834-4753.



With our new library opening later this year, we are directing much of our fundraising efforts towards the purchase of new books and resources for the library. However, before we make purchases we would like to see if our McKay families might have new or almost new books that they would like to donate. Please bring new or gently used books to the office prior to the end of June and let us know if you would like the books returned to you if they are **not** used in the library. We'd like to thank the following families who have already made a generous donation of books for our new library.

**Hockings**  
**Ovenden**  
**Rose-Orford**  
**Morin**  
**Lee**  
**Irvine**  
**Augustine**

**Bissonette**  
**Dendy**  
**Dezenosky**  
**Holloway**  
**Minor**



# May - "Cooperation" AWARD WINNERS

Class	#1	Gr	#2	Gr	#3	Gr
Mrs. Robinson JK/SK	Colin Moss	sk	Noah Armbrust	jk	Landen Gravelle	JK
Mrs. Edwards JK/SK	Ben Rogers	JK	Wyhler Visser	JK	Blake Rochefort	SK
Mrs. Bidoski 1 / 2	Mackenzie Bettle Gaudet	2	Phoenix Dezenosky	1	Nicholas O'Connor	1
Mrs. Hemauer Grade 2	David Busch		Abby Donofrio		Keonna Camilleri	
Mrs. Buck Grade 3	Madilyn Torok		Ashley Leggett		Cherilyn Augustine	
Mrs. Arnold Gr. 4/5	Mallory Jackson	4	Isaac Cousineau	4	Morgan Proulx	Hayley O'Connor 4
Mr. Benner Grade 5/6	Daniel Etty	6	Makayla Bissonnette	6	Brydon Read	6
Mr. Clarke Grade 7/8	Kaitlyn Bitner	8	Kyle Novak	8	Jessica Fobert	8
Mr. Chaffart Grade 5EF	Kaylee Young		Evelyn Visser		Blake Thompson	
Mme Neville Grade 6EF	Jade Anderson- Pfaff		Alexander Lipianu		Emmee VanHelvert	
Mme Vanderlaan Grade 7EF	Starr Lund		Sky Lund		Jessica Riel	
Mme Clarke Grade 8EF	Noah Fuaco		Savannah Prokopetz		Emily Deiter	

## Volunteer Tea Wednesday June 15<sup>th</sup> 10:30 – 11:30

We would like to take the time to thank all of our wonderful volunteers who help McKay run so efficiently. If you have volunteered at McKay for the 2010/2011 school year, in the classroom, breakfast club, special event days (eg. Fun Fair, track and field or other event) or even come to help out on school trips. Please come to McKay's school gymnasium on Wednesday June 15<sup>th</sup> from 10:30 – 11:30 our staff would like to take the time to show our appreciation.



## REMINDER - McKay School Goes Paperless in September



As you may have noticed, we have been sending automated phone calls home. We are giving parents reminders of important events around McKay school without sending home paper notices. We are also encouraging parents to find school information on the schools website [www.dsbns.org/Schools/mckay](http://www.dsbns.org/Schools/mckay). **Starting in the new school year (September 2011)** we will be minimizing our paper usage even more. A paper copy of our school calendar will go out to every student at the beginning of every month. On the bottom of the calendar you will find the link for our school's website, which we encourage you to check frequently for updates and additions. We thank you in advance for your continued support in helping McKay go green.



### **McKay's Got Talent....**

...and lots of it! Students, start thinking and practicing for our upcoming Talent Show on Tuesday June 28<sup>th</sup> (time to be determined). Mrs. MacMillan is planning a show like none before! Sign up for auditions in the Music Room (#13) until Friday, June 17<sup>th</sup>, when the auditions will begin. Practice, Practice, Practice!!! Moms, dads, grandmas, grandpas and friends are all welcome to attend. No pets, please.



### Thursday Night - After School Program

McKay has created an opportunity for all students from grade 5 - 8 to keep physically active. We have had our sports club running for a few weeks on Thursday nights and it has been highly successful. For the remainder of the school year from 330 to 430, students will have the opportunity to play ball hockey, basketball and soccer every Thursday after school with Mr. Benner in the gym. There is no sign up fee or permission form and students are able to come hang out and have some fun. Just another quality program offered by McKay Public to help students succeed.



# Track & Field

McKay's Track & Field team participated in the Area 2 meet last Tuesday in Ridgeway. All 63 of our students worked very hard and put forth a tremendous effort. Congratulations to all of our athletes! Results from 1st-8th place are as follows:

Atom Girls: Celena Harris- 2nd 100m, 1st HJ (set new record), 6th in LJ

Kendra Cousineau – 4th in 400m

Atom Boys: Patrick Vout – 6th in TJ

Pewee Girls: Caitlyn Deruiter – 1st 100m (set new record), 1st TJ, 1st LJ (set new record)

Victoria Rivers – 5th 200m

Wynne Reichheld – 7th 800m

Falyne Sneek – 8th 100m

Pewee Boys: Stephen Koiter – 2nd 800m

Alexander Lipianu – 3rd 400m, 3rd 800m

Brydon Read – 2nd TJ, 3rd LJ

Dezmin Swartz – 4th HJ

Bantam Girls: Starr Lund – 1st 1500m, 4th HJ, 7th 100m

Jessica McGregor – 4th SP

Natalie Vurro – 2nd 400m

Heather Izzard – 7th TJ

Breana Harris – 7th 400m, 8th 200m

Bantam Boys: JoJo Carbone – 1st TJ, 2nd HJ, 6th 100m

Ryan Dendy – 3rd TJ, 5th SP, 6th LJ

Adam Augustine – 7th 400m

Henry Orford – 7th 800m

Brady Ursacki – 6th 1500m

Midget Girls: Kaitlyn Bitner – 1st LJ, 2nd 100m, 2nd TJ

Bryanna Hockings – 1st 400m, 3rd 800m

Emma Beaudin – 2nd SP, 7th HJ

Jenna Midgey – 2nd 200m, 4th 100m

Rebecca Fuaco – 6th TJ, 8th HJ

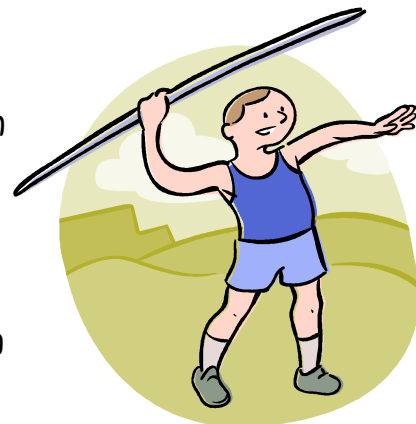
Lianne Bankert – 5th 400m, 5th 800m

Relay Teams:

Atom Girls 6th, Pewee Girls 1st (set new record), Pewee Boys 5th,

Bantam Girls 3rd, Midget Girls 2nd

The DSBN track meet will be held on June 13th @ NOC. 17 of our athletes qualified for this final meet! WAY TO GO LIONS!!! GOOD LUCK!



## PLANNING TODAY TO ENERGIZE EDUCATION TOMORROW

During the 2009/10 school year, the DSBN engaged in a system-wide review of our school buildings which enabled trustees to gain an overview of how our facilities are being used, and to identify potential areas for growth and revitalization in the future.

The majority of school boards throughout Ontario are facing the challenge of declining enrolment because of changing demographics. Parents are having fewer children later in life, which reduces the number of students starting Kindergarten each year.

One way school boards can address the issues of declining enrolment and aging facilities is through accommodation reviews. Through this process, education can be rejuvenated by building some new schools, consolidating some schools, renovating some schools and closing some schools.

At their most recent meeting, Trustees passed a Facilities Planning report which examines how to provide optimal learning spaces for students by initiating three phases of accommodation reviews beginning in September, 2011. Phase one accommodation reviews will undertake an in-depth study of central and south St. Catharines and Thorold secondary schools as well as elementary schools in Fort Erie.

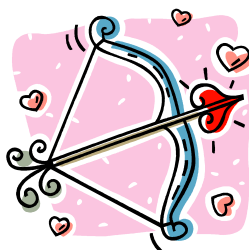
Over the coming months, Board staff will begin to assemble an Accommodation Review Committee (ARC) for the two reviews. Each committee will undertake an in-depth study of the school planning areas and provide recommendations that will help guide Trustees in their decision making. Each ARC will include a business community member and/or a municipal representative, parents, a trustee, and DSBN staff. All ARC meetings will be open to the public, and the public will also have an opportunity to provide feedback during specially scheduled public meetings.

Moving forward, our goal is to continue serving students with excellent programs. The accommodation review process will ensure that funding is spent on enriching the educational opportunities for students

The full report, along with information about accommodation reviews is available at [www.dsbn.org/arc](http://www.dsbn.org/arc).

### **Important Dates 2011/ 2012**

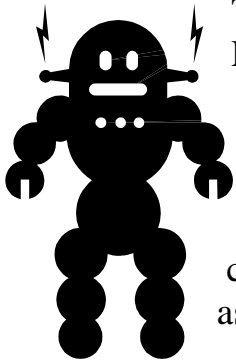
- \* September 6<sup>th</sup>: First day of school
- \* September 23<sup>rd</sup>: Early Release Day
- \* October 5<sup>th</sup>: World Teachers Day
- \* October 7<sup>th</sup>: PA Day
- \* October 10<sup>th</sup>: Thanksgiving Day
- \* November 19<sup>th</sup>: Early Release Day
- \* Dec 26<sup>th</sup> – Jan 6 : Winter Holidays  
(return Jan. 9)
- \* January 20, 2012: PA Day
- \* February 2: Kindergarten Open House
- \* February 20<sup>th</sup>: Family Day
- \* March 9<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup>: March Break
- \* April 6<sup>th</sup>: Good Friday
- \* April 9<sup>th</sup>: Easter Monday
- \* May 18<sup>th</sup>: PA Day
- \* May 21<sup>st</sup>: Victoria Day
- \* June 8<sup>th</sup>: PA Day
- \* June 28<sup>th</sup>: Last Day of school



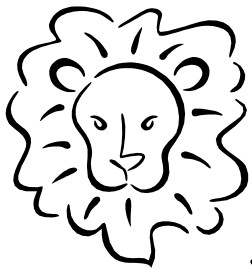
## Breakfast Club and Our Volunteers

Students from Kindergarten through grade 8 have been enjoying a healthy breakfast with us Monday through Friday. It is a huge success. The Breakfast Club promotes healthy eating, recycling and friendship. We have some very dedicated volunteers who enable us to provide our school with this wonderful club. *More volunteers are needed so that we can continue to succeed.* Some volunteers enjoy to setting up and serving our students, while others enjoy preparing the food. The food can be prepared in the morning or the afternoon. If you have some time to share with our Breakfast Club please contact the school. It is the volunteers that make it a success.

We are very fortunate to have so many people that help out at our school from Breakfast Clubs to Class rooms to special events provided to our students. **If you are one of our wonderful volunteers we would like to celebrate your achievements and kindness on Wednesday June 15<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 in the school gym for our Volunteer Tea.**



On Monday, May 2nd, the **McKay Junior Lego Robotics team**, consisting of Krista Dafoe, Travis Bird, Blake Thompson and Stephen Koiter, participated in the Provincial Lego Robotics competition in Waterloo. They did fabulous! At the actual Lego Robotics part of the contest, they took first place. However when taking everything into account, they came in second place against all school boards in Ontario! Way to go McKay Junior Lego Robotics Team! On Monday, June 13 these students and their parents are invited at the Mayor's office in Port Colborne to be commended for the fantastic job they did. A television crew will be on hand, as well as various journalists.



\*\*\*\*\*Note to Parents: There will be a last day McKay "Roaring Lion" newsletter listing all award/certificate recipients' names, student supply list, etc. Please watch for it along with your child's Term 2 Report Card at 3:15 on Tuesday, June 28, 2011.

### June, 2011 "Roaring Lion" Mystery Draw

(    ) Yes, I have received and read the June, 2011 "Roaring Lion" newsletter.

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade and Room Number \_\_\_\_\_

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

Skill Testing Question (answer found in this newsletter). **McKay's fun-filled FUN FAIR date is:**

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

Deadline for draw is Monday, June 6, 2011