

McKay Public School



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JUNE

- 4: Regional Track and Field @ WCSS
- 6: Jump Rope and Hoops for Heart event
- 7: PD Day - no school
- June 10 - 14: Camp (Int.)
- 12: Welcome to Kindergarten
- 14: Gr. 3 FI Garrison Rd. students visit McKay
- 17: Paul Davis Social Media presentation (parent session in the evening)
- 19: Volunteer Tea (10-11am)
- 19: Harvey's Hamburger Day - (Orders through School Cash Online Only)
- 20: New to Gr. 1 French Immersion Open House
9:00am - 10:30am or 11:30am - 12:55pm
- 24: Primary Talent Show
(11:15am - 12:55pm)
- 25: Gr. 8 Graduation
- 26: Report Cards go home
- 26: End of Year and Student Recognition Assembly
(9:00am)
- 27: Junior/Int. Talent Show
(11:15am - 12:55pm)
- 27: Last Day of School

A MESSAGE FROM THE OFFICE...

It was an amazing year at McKay and we would like to thank the many people who make our school a great place to be (i.e., volunteers, staff, school council members, and students). This year at McKay, staff and students worked diligently at achieving our academic school goals set out for the year.

In addition to our academic goals, we worked toward our goal of supporting students' well-being. Through a variety of initiatives and programs organized by staff, students and our youth counsellor (i.e., Community Club, Zones of Regulation, Alert Program, Friends for Life, PALS, sports teams, and recess clubs), students were actively engaged in activities that promoted self-regulation, cooperation, collaboration, and empathy for others.

Classes for September...

The staffing process for the next school year has started and will continue throughout the summer. Preliminary class lists are generated during this time of year. As a school, we work to organize class placements to ensure that our students are placed in the best academic environment to promote student success.

Registration week is August 26 to August 30; the office will be open from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The school will be closed on September 2nd and will re-open for the first day of school on **Tuesday, September 3rd, 2019.**

On behalf of McKay Staff, we thank you for your continued support and wish you a very safe and happy summer. We are already looking forward to another amazing year! **See you on September 3rd.** Stay proud, Lions!

Second Break/Leaving the School

Just a reminder that students must have written permission from their parents prior to leaving school at second break (12:55-1:35pm). Students are advised to return to the school by 1:30pm, without outside food and drink. Thank you for your cooperation.

Gr. 8 Graduation – 6:15pm (doors open)

Just a reminder that our Gr. 8 Graduation is planned for Tuesday, June 25th. A letter has been sent home with information about ticket requests and specific details pertaining to this very special event. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact your child's teacher or the office. We are currently seeking volunteers who can provide a few treats for after the ceremony. Please call the school if you are interested in helping!



Appropriate Dress for Warmer Weather

With the warm weather approaching, we ask that you please review appropriate dress at school with your child. You can refer to our school Code of Conduct which is in your child's agenda.

Extra Clothing: In an effort to limit calls home and interruptions at work, we encourage parents to consider providing your child with extra socks, pants, shorts, etc., during this time of year. Although we try to make appropriate decisions to limit the students play on the field when it is extremely wet outside, sometimes accidents happen.

In general, it is expected that clothing covers the student's front and back and has appropriate covering over the shoulders and midriff and it does not reveal undergarments. Clothing is to be of a length that is appropriate to a school environment and activity, that does not reveal undergarments in the normal range of movement (for example, pants, shirts and shorts).

Dressing for success means that no staff member or student should be showing undergarments/underwear at any time. If the dress attire is not appropriate, then the individual will be asked to change their clothing and/or clothing will be provided by the school. If inappropriate dress remains a problem, parents will be contacted. Thank you for your cooperation.

Book Fair

A big thank you for your continued support with McKay's Book Fair. From our sales we received \$1500 in Scholastic books for our library. A special thank you to Sophie Hillhouse and Lillie Rozic for their help.

Moving?

If you plan to move from the McKay area, please inform the office as soon as possible so that we can adjust class assignments accordingly. Thank you.



♥ Welcome to Kindergarten

Kindergarten Spring Open House

Wednesday June 12th, 4:30 – 6:30pm

First Ride Program 5:00pm

If you have Junior Kindergarten aged children at home or know someone who does (who live in our school area), please ask them to register now for the 2019-2020 school year. Also, please let any new families to the neighbourhood know that they should register their children at our school as soon as possible.

Mornings at McKay

This is just a reminder to our families that **supervision in the morning begins at 8:40am**. Students are asked to remain outside until the bell rings at 8:55am., as this is when all students will be permitted to enter the building. In the event that it is raining outside, the doors will be open for students to enter at 8:40am., at which time, they will go directly to their homeroom where there is supervision. **Students who are going to the Breakfast Club may enter at 8:40am**, which is in the Learning Commons.

Skateboards, Scooters, and Rollerblades

Long-boards, skateboards, scooters and rollerblades, etc., are not to be used on school property. If these items are brought to school, they must be walked on to school property, and must be stored securely (i.e., bikes and scooters locked up at the bicycle rack). Please remember that the school is not responsible if items are lost or stolen.



Harvey's Hamburgers

We are excited to share that we are offering an opportunity for you to purchase Harvey's hamburgers for your child(ren) on Wednesday, June 19. Proceeds will go to the Big Brothers Big Sisters Program. The cost is \$2.50 per burger (plain), ketchup and mustard will be provided in the classroom; vegetarian burgers are also offered. These burgers are **ONLY** available through School Cash Online. There will not be extra burgers to buy on that day.

Schools (ALMOST) out for the summer!

Summer is right around the corner and the sun is shining! But before you or your students run outside for lunch break, gym class, track and field or other outdoor activities, make sure you remember the 5 S's...

- **Slip:** on some clothes that will protect your skin from the sun (loose-fitting and tightly woven are best).
- **Slop:** on some sunscreen that is at least SPF 30 and filters UVA & UVB rays (broad-spectrum). Put sunscreen on 20 minutes **BEFORE** you go outside, so it can soak in. Don't forget your ears, nose and feet if you are wearing sandals! Lips should also be protected with SPF 30 lip balm.
- **Slap:** on a wide-brimmed hat to protect your face, ears and neck
- **Seek:** shade when outside between 11am-4pm
- **Slide:** on some sunglasses that have 100% UVA & UVB filters.



Sun damage can happen quickly, so make sure to remind youth about these 5 S's.

For more information on sun safety visit https://www.niagararegion.ca/living/health_wellness/sunsafety/sun-safety-tips.aspx

Kids Boost Immunity

Kids Boost Immunity (KBI) is a free online learning resource for Canadian students that pairs local learning with a global reward: vaccines for children in developing nations through UNICEF. Students review a series of lessons on topics such as the immune system, vaccines, antibiotics and global inequality and then take online quizzes to solidify learning. The more a student learns, the more vaccines they earn for children in need through UNICEF. Since March 2018, 680,275 questions have been answered and 37,161 vaccines have been earned for children in support of UNICEF!

To learn more about Kids Boost Immunity, and how you can incorporate this in lesson plans for the 2019/2020 school year, visit <https://kidsboostimmunity.com/>

Lunch Ladies: Special thank you to the lovely ladies from the Port Colborne/Wainfleet School Lunch Program, who drop off lunches every week for our students. They're always nutritious and SO delicious. Your generosity is sincerely appreciated. Thank you!

Important Social Media Presentation

We have invited a social media expert to McKay PS to speak to students regarding safe and responsible use of technology. Paul Davis will deliver two informative sessions during the day; each session is customized to the audience (junior classes, followed by intermediate students). **He will also deliver a presentation in the evening (6:30pm) that is geared specifically to assist parents who would like to learn more about how to keep their children safe online.**

SOCIAL NETWORKING AND ONLINE SAFETY AN EVENING FOR PARENTS WITH PAUL DAVIS

MCKAY PS

JUNE 17, 2019

6:30 PM

Topics include

SNAPCHAT / INSTAGRAM / FACEBOOK

SMARTPHONES & DIGITAL TRAILS

CYBERBULLYING - SEXTING

ONLINE GAMING & SECURITY



**All parents welcome
ACCOUNTABILITY &
RESPONSIBILITY IN A
DIGITAL WORLD**



Welcome to Grade 1 French Immersion Open House

We are excited to welcome your child to our *Grade 1 French Immersion Program* next year. Please consider joining us for the Open House on *June 20, 2019*. We invite you to observe a block of instructional time for typical day in *Grade 1 French Immersion*.

Your choices for observation include:

9:00am - 10:30am OR 11:30am - 12:55pm

Please call the school to confirm your attendance for one of these sessions. *Merci!*

Jump Rope for Heart and Hoops for Heart

Once again, this year the students at McKay School will be participating in activities to raise funds for the Heart and Stroke foundation. All of the students took home a fundraising package with a pledge sheet and relevant prize information in May. Our Jump Rope for Heart and Hoops for Heart event will take place on Thursday, June 6th during periods 3 and 4 for the junior and intermediate classes and periods 5 and 6 for the primary students.

The Grade 7 and 8 students, with a minimum donation of \$3.00, may choose to participate in the Hoops for Heart tournament. All other students will be developing and demonstrating their skipping skills in the Jump Rope for Heart activity. All students are asked to collect pledges or to bring in a minimum donation of \$2.00 to support this worthy cause.

The Jump Rope for Heart participants are encouraged to come prepared for this outdoor activity. It is recommended that the students have sunscreen, a hat, and a water bottle.

We are looking forward to a great, fun-filled day.

Thank you, Lions, for always helping others.

Mme. Tremblay and Mrs. Bidoski



Fun Fair

Thanks to your donations, support and participation, we raised \$2500. Thank you, Lions, for another amazing event. Proceeds will go toward the purchase of a new playground structure.

Volunteer Tea

We would like to thank all our volunteers who help at McKay PS. Our students benefit immensely from your support (e.g., reading with students, driving to games, volunteering at events, preparing and serving for breakfast club). As a show of our appreciation, we invite you to our upcoming Volunteer Tea in our Learning Commons on June 19, from 10:00am- 11:00am. Hope to see you there!

School Bus Rules

The NSTS website contains links to school bus safety videos for Kindergarten, Primary and Intermediate students.

At the Stop	Be 5 to 10 minutes early and stand on the inside of the sidewalk/ shoulder away from the roadway.
When the Bus Arrives	Line up in a straight line, wait for the bus to come to a complete stop and the doors to open, and never touch the outside of the bus.
Getting on the Bus	Get on the bus one at a time, hold the handrail as you climb the stairs, and go directly to your seat and get settled.
Riding on the Bus	Sit with your back to back of the seat and your bottom to the bottom of your seat with your school bag on your lap and use your quiet speaking voice so that the bus driver can concentrate on driving.
Getting off the Bus	Stay in your seat until the bus comes to a complete stop, only get off the bus at your school or at your bus stop, look for your parent/ guardian before you get off the bus if that is your routine, and always tell the bus driver if you do not see your parent/ guardian at the bus stop waiting for you if that is your routine or if you missed the stop.
Crossing in Front of the Bus	Watch and wait for the bus driver to signal to you to cross the road once it is safe to do so.



2019-20 BACK TO SCHOOL STUDENT TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION

On Monday, **August 19, 2019** Niagara Student Transportation Services (NSTS) will post specific back to school transportation arrangements for each student enrolled, including bus route numbers, stop locations and times.

Please visit www.nsts.ca and sign-in to the secure parent portal to get your child's student transportation information. To sign-in to the portal you will need your child's Ontario Education Number (OEN) which can be found on their report card. While signed-in, please subscribe to the delay and cancellation module for direct and timely emails regarding student transportation that impacts your child's bus route.

Eligibility information is also available through the portal including walking directions if your child lives within the walk zone of the school and is not eligible for transportation service.

Changes to home, pick-up or drop-off addresses must be made through your child's school. During the summer you may notify NSTS of address changes so we can make sure a bus stop is available for your child to start the school year, however, NSTS is not authorized to change student address information.

With the availability of the secure parent portal, *NSTS will not mail student transportation notices* with the exception of Kindergarten students or new students to the system who do not have an OEN to sign-in to the portal.

Please contact your school or NSTS if you have questions regarding your child's transportation arrangements.