

McKay Public School



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Calling all parents & caregivers

IT'S TIME TO REGISTER!

Join us for an evening of learning & FREE workshops!

Wed. November 6, 2019
4:00 to 8:15 pm at Eden High School
535 Lake Street, St. Catharines

Registration, Food & Child Care are FREE!

Register online at www.dsbnschools.org/pic
OR speak to someone in your school office for assistance



Early Bird Draw!

Register before October 2, 2019
and you could WIN \$500 of support
for your School and School Council!



Parents
Matter
At DSBN

A MESSAGE FROM THE OFFICE

October was a busy month with great things going on at McKay. We continue to be a very active school with many opportunities that promote respect, responsibility and academics. Your child's academic and social development are important to us and we encourage open communication. Please do not hesitate to contact the school with any questions or concerns. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs. Labrie for filling in while we hired another full-time secretary. She did an amazing job and she will be missed immensely. We would like to extend a warm welcome to Ms. Handley from Centennial High School. She will start with us on November 4th. Please stop in to say hello the next time that you're at the office.

Safety Reminder-Halloween Treats

Halloween can be a risky time for our students and staff who have life threatening food allergies. Please be vigilant to ensure that you do not send nut-based Halloween treats to school with your child. We know that you're caring parents and we appreciate your support with this very important matter.

Progress Reports - November 7th

Students will be coming home with their Progress Reports on Thursday, November 7th. Parents and guardians will have an opportunity to discuss their child's progress. An invitation for an interview has been sent home from your child's homeroom teacher. Our official interview night is Thursday, November 14th, with multiple interview options throughout the week. Thank you for taking the time to be invested in your child's academic career.

PD Day - November 15th

On Friday, November 15th, teachers will be involved in school-based professional development. Students will not attend school on that day.

Wednesday, November 6th 4pm-8pm

As seen on page 1 of our newsletter, the DSBN Parent Involvement Committee invites you to join us for an evening of learning, sharing, and networking with a focus on ideas for all DSBN parents, caregivers and School Councils.

Grades 4-8 Krispy Kreme Playground Fundraiser

Krispy Kreme order forms/payments are due to the office by Thursday, November 14th. Because the maximum number of orders that can be accommodated is 500, orders will be accepted on a first come, first served basis. Krispy Kreme delivery will occur on November 19th.

On behalf of the School Advisory Council and McKay Staff, thank you for supporting our playground fundraiser.

Book Fair

Our Scholastic Book Fair will be arriving this month - Tuesday November 12 to Friday November 15. We invite you to share in this celebration of books and reading with us. Students and parents will have the opportunity to pick up some great reading materials at great prices directly from Scholastic.

The book fair will be open Thursday evening during Parent Teacher Interviews for family viewing and purchases. All proceeds will go into new books for our library.

Thank you in advance for your continued support.

If you would like to volunteer, please contact the school with dates and times you are available.



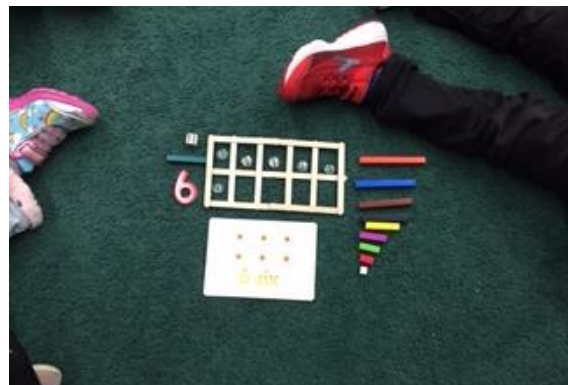
Volunteers Needed

Name:

phone #:

Date/Time available:

JKs Show Their Numbers



McKay School Council Presents

Annual Holiday Event

Saturday, Nov. 30th

10:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

Join us for a pancake breakfast,
choir sing, and our silent auction!

Pick up your poinsettia orders!

Check out our penny sale items!

We will also have our Book Fair!

If you are interested in donating to our
silent auction, or need more
information, please contact

McKay School at 905-834-4753

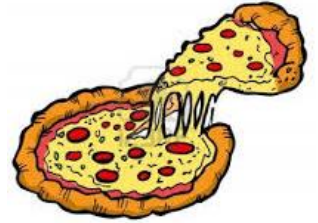
School Advisory Council

We have great members on our School Advisory Council (SAC), and we are always looking for new members. You're encouraged to please come out to one of our monthly meetings to share your ideas on ways that we can support our students at McKay School. Hope to see you at our next School Advisory Council Meeting.

Next meeting: Tuesday, November 12, 2019, 4pm, McKay Staff Room

Attendance Matters: Perfect Attendance Pizza Party

We will now be recognizing students who had perfect attendance for the month at our Student Recognition Assemblies. These students will be invited to a free pizza party each month in recognition of their accomplishment.



School absenteeism can set off troubling chain of events

"As early as kindergarten, missing more school affects things like third-grade reading scores, third-grade math scores," said Dr. Mandy Allison, one of the authors of a U.S. policy statement. "What we also know is that missing school in younger grades leads to missing school in older grades, and missing school in older grades is linked to school dropout."

Allison said school dropout and poor attendance in adolescents is linked to drug and alcohol use, as well as a greater likelihood of unemployment or work in lower-paying jobs. "It's this chain of events that starts at a very young age." CBC, 2019

McKay Surpasses Terry Fox Goal!

We did it, Lions! We surpassed our Terry Fox Challenge goals and made a \$4,345.29 donation to the Terry Fox Foundation. We all enjoyed watching Mrs. Crowe have her head shaved for the 5th time in honour of Terry Fox and those who have fought and are currently fighting cancer. We were also kept in suspense as we went through an elimination draw to see what two other staff members would be joining Mrs. Crowe. Mr. Tempest and Mr. Clarke-Louie were the last 2 staff members standing and are now rocking their new DO's. A special thank you to Mr. Donohue for shaving these wonderful McKay staff members' heads. We look forward to doing this again next year!



High School Open Houses:

PORT COLBORNE
Nov. 27 | 6:00 pm

**WELLAND
CENTENNIAL**
Nov. 28 | 6:00 pm