

## McKay School “Roaring Lion”

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Dear Parents and Guardians:

October 2011

Our McKay Lions are off to a great start! Students are demonstrating enthusiasm for being back at school, renewing friendships and reaching out to welcome our many new students! All students were reintroduced to our CHAMPS approach to creating a safe and civil school. Our goal is to create a co-operative, peaceful environment for learning. What is CHAMPS? Champs will help classroom teachers to overtly teach students how to behave in every school situation. CHAMPS reflects the behaviour expectations that we expect from our students. The CHAMPS acronym is used to define our expectations for a variety of activities.

**C-Conversation:** Can students talk to each other during this activity?

**H-Help:** How can students get questions answered during this activity?

**A-Activity:** What is the task/objective of this activity? What is the expected end product?

**M-Movement:** Can and how should students move during this activity?

**P-Participation:** What does active and responsible participation look like for this activity?  
(Similar to A and M)

On behalf of the McKay Staff, we would like to wish all the families a peaceful Thanksgiving.

Sincerely,



Mrs. R. Grenier, Principal.



## Student Safety First - Leaving School at Lunch Hour

We are very concerned about student safety and we will take all necessary precautions to ensure that we provide a safe environment for our students.

Please take note of the following:

1. Students will be asked to produce a note signed by a parent if they wish to go off school property for lunch (unless the blanket form, included in the first day package, has been signed.)
2. Students are expected to use extreme caution when off school property and must return on time for class.
3. Parents are asked to discuss expectations with your child. Be sure to give your child guidelines as to what kind of food you wish them to buy. Please refrain from sugary drinks and candy, as on many occasions, that is what we see.
4. We also expect children to use the crossing guard provided at the corner of Fielden Ave. and Killaly St. The other option would be for the children to cross the streets at the lights, the corner of Steele St. and Killaly.

## McKay's Milk and Store Program

Students are encouraged to drink milk. Statistics show that many school-aged children do not get the recommended amount and this is an excellent way to help.

Milk (chocolate and white) is sold at the School Store for 75 cents on a daily basis. We are providing other "Heart Healthy Snacks" at the store including rice cakes, popcorn, cheese and crackers, nutri-grain bars, bottles of water and frozen fruit pops. Slushies will be coming soon.

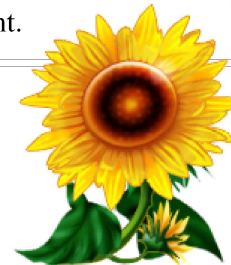
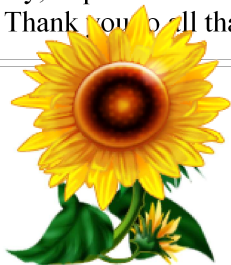
## OPEN HOUSE B.B.Q.

We had our "Meet the Teacher" open house on Thursday, September 15<sup>th</sup>. We had a fun, casual night where families enjoyed a meal together, met new friends and were introduced to the McKay Staff.



## McKay's Float at the Wainfleet Fall Fair

Everyone at McKay is excited about coming 1<sup>st</sup> in the Wainfleet Fall Fair "McKay Family's Walking Float" in the Wainfleet Parade on Thursday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>. This year's theme was "Fall Harvest" and we were proud of our creativity to put together another winning float. Thank you to all that participated and came to this wonderful family event.





### Reminder

Parents and guardians are once again asked to finalize any necessary arrangements with their children before they leave for school each day or have it written in their organizers. Given our enrollment, the volume of requests asking us to deliver telephone messages to students is often overwhelming. Your understanding and cooperation is greatly appreciated.

### P.A. Days -

there will be no school all day, our teachers will be involved in workshops.

- Friday, October 7, 2011
- Friday, January 20, 2012
- Friday, May 18, 2012
- Friday, June 8, 2012
- Friday, June 29, 2012



### Early Release Days –

The Board has allocated the afternoon for professional development of teachers.

- Friday, September 23, 2011
- Friday, February 17, 2012.

### Bus Students:

- ❖ The morning buses for **all** students will be running as usual.
- ❖ The afternoon buses will arrive at home **3 hours earlier** than usually. This means that buses will pick up the students at approximately 12:15 p.m. You can expect your child(ren) to arrive home about 3 hours early. Students waiting for their buses may eat their lunch as normal and they will be supervised until the buses arrive.

All **students that walk** to school will be released at 12:00 p.m., the beginning of period 4.

### Important Dates 2011/ 2012

- \* September 6<sup>th</sup>: First day of school
- \* September 15<sup>th</sup>: Open House BBQ
- \* 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 18<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 4:00-6:00
- \* 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

# Magazine Fund Raising Campaign

## Magazine Subscriptions

It's that time of year again, time to renew your magazine subscriptions. Order forms and electronic purchases are due Monday October 3, 2011.



## Terry Fox Run

The entire school participated in the Terry Fox Run again this year, on Wednesday September 28, 2011. Remember to do your part in the fight against cancer. Money will be collected until Thursday October 6.

## Visitors to the School

- Just a reminder that **all visitors** are asked to check in at the office when you enter the school. Parents should be entering the school through the front doors (off Fielden Ave.) and sign in and out at the office. It is for the safety of all students that we encourage entering the school to sign in at the office.
- **If you are picking up your child due to illness or for any other reason during the school day it is necessary for the office staff to be notified by writing the child's name and reason in the sign out book in the office.**
- At the end of the day, if parents wish to pick up their child, we ask that you wait **outside your child's exit door** and not in the hallway near the classroom. The hallways are narrow and the teachers are trying to get all of the students ready to go home with jackets and backpacks (and soon boots). We ask that buggies and wagons remain outside for safety reasons. We thank you for your cooperation in looking out for the safety of all our children.



## Street Crossing

The City of Port Colborne hires Crossing Guards to ensure the safety of your children while crossing some of our busy streets coming to and from school. Please remind your children to cross with our crossing guard. We also encourage parents who pick up their children from school to use the crossing guard, especially if the busses are in the Bus Loading Zone. Students are reminded to walk their bikes and refrain from cell phone or headset use when crossing.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

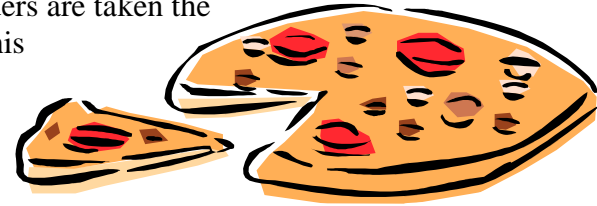
## Agendas / Organizers

Student agendas or organizers are used by all the students from grades 1 to 8. We encourage students to have their agendas at school each day. Students will record assignments, tests and reminders in the agenda. Parents are asked to check and sign agendas on a daily basis. This will ensure that parents are aware of any assignments or projects that must be completed. Help your child become responsible for their own learning. Parents and guardians can finalize any necessary arrangements with their children before they leave for school each day or have it written in

their organizers. We would like to thank parents who pre-paid last year and encourage parents who have yet to pay to get the \$6.00 in to the teacher ASAP

## Weekly Pizza Days

Every Wednesday, McKay students can order pizza at \$1.00 a slice. Orders are taken the morning (9:00 a.m.) of each pizza day. We ask students to help support this Intermediate Division fundraiser. Grade 7 and 8 student and teachers distribute the pizzas to the classrooms upon delivery. After our recent survey the veggie pizza that we will be offering is with sauce, cheese and pineapple. This encourages students to try a healthy version of a childhood favourite. Thank you to everyone who sent the survey back to the school and that helped make our final decision.



## Breakfast Club Begins at McKay!

We are very pleased to inform the McKay families our Breakfast Club is up and running thanks to our wonderful volunteers! Research shows that children are able to concentrate and learn better when they have eaten breakfast.

*If any parents would like to assist with the Breakfast Club (set up, clean up, serving) by volunteering any of your free time or if you would like to make a monetary/food donation, please call the school.*

## R-E-S-P-E-C-T

Our Character Trait for September is Respect. Take this short self evaluation and decide for yourself if you are a "respectable person". We will be focusing on helping our students learn about what Respectful behaviour looks like, sounds like and feels like. Our September Recognition Assembly was on Thursday September 29, 2011.

Are you a Respectful Person?		
True	False	
		I treat other people the way I want to be treated.
		I am considerate of other people.
		I treat people with civility, courtesy and dignity.
		I accept personal differences.
		I work to solve problems without violence.
		I never intentionally ridicule, embarrass or hurt others.

# *“Respect”* AWARD WINNERS

Class	#1	Gr	#2	Gr	#3	Gr
Mrs. Buck JK/SK	Aylee Camilleri	SK	Madison Busby	SK	Ethan Yalowica	JK
Mrs. Edwards JK/SK	Lucas Bilodeau- Cardiff	SK	Kevin Capecchi	SK	Summer Schumacker	JK
Mrs. Bidoski Grade 1 / 2	Kayleigh Carter	2	Phoenix Dezenosky	2	Jayne Wiggins	2
Mrs. Robinson Grade 1	Cheyenne Duquette		Keeland Horrocks		Vallie Rose Reed	
Mrs. Hemauer Grade 3	Abby Donofrio		Liam Pearce		Sarah Serabian	
Mrs. Arnold Grade 3/4	Eryka Moar Andrew Arth	4 4	Tate Davies	4	Senzenina DeFreitas	3
Mr. Benner Grade 5/6	Jade Hedden	4	Troy Nichols	5	Elijah Cousineau	4
Mrs. Hamilton Grade 7	Megan Baird	7	Jack Ingebrigtsen	7		
Mr. Clarke Grade 7/8	Jazzy Hopper	7	Breana Harris	8	Brian Busch	8
Mr. Chaffart Grade 5FI	Kendra Cousineau		Jessenia Sosa		Damien Pikel	
Mme. Klassen Grade 5FI2	Isaac Cousineau		Mollie Crago-Ruffett		Hannah Riel	
Mme Neville Grade 6FI	Marcie Akershoek		Nigel Lamb		Blake Thompson	
Mme Vanderlaan Grade 7FI	Austyn Moar		Danielle Bursey		Mackenzie Minor	
Mme Clarke Grade 8FI	Hannah Donofrio		Lauren Horinga		Robyn Pirson	

## STUDENT COUNCIL

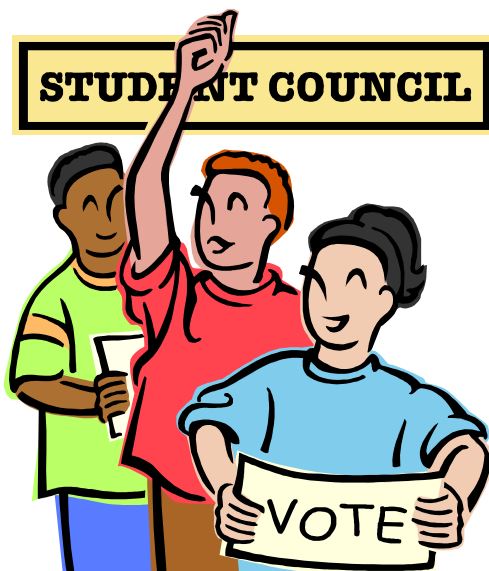
The new 2011-2012 Student Council has been elected! Thank you to all students who ran for positions! We heard some great speeches in the gym and it was a tough decision for the staff and students. Congratulations to the following students who will be serving on Student Council this year:

### Class representatives

Mrs. Robinson - Cheyenne Doucette  
Mrs. Bidoski - Phoenix Dezenosky  
Mrs. Hemauer - Abby Donofrio  
Mrs. Arnold - Eric Marr  
Mr. Benner - Ashley Legget  
Mrs. Hamilton - Montana Noonan  
Mr. Clarke - Brian Busch  
M. Chaffart - Kendra Cousineau  
Mme Klassen - Makana Scott  
Mme Neville - Laura Pante  
Mme Vanderlaan - Laura Ferreira  
Mme Clarke - Emily Frumusa

### Executive Council

Prime Minister - Hannah Donofrio  
Deputy Prime Minister - Bryan Marr  
Secretary/Treasurer - Trey Whitwell  
Social Convenor - Sierra Prokopetz



## ME TO WE

On Tuesday September 27th, 13 students, along with Mme Vanderlaan and Mrs. Buck, attended We Day at the Air Canada Center in Toronto. They, along with 18 000 other students heard great motivational speeches from people such as Rick Hansen, Danny Glover, President Mary Robinson, Patch Adams, Michael Landsburg and many more. They also heard performances from Joe Jonas, Nelly Furtado, Classified, Shawn Desman, Neverest, and City and Colour. The purpose of We Day is to motivate students to think beyond themselves...to lead local and global change. The 13 students who attended We Day will be part of a Me to We Club at McKay and will be hosting events in the local community to help others in need. We Day will be broadcast on Much Music and CTV on October 30th.



Students that attended We Day: Hannah Donofrio, Trey Whitwell, Alyssa MacPherson, Paul Slipak, Victoria Joyce, Breana Harris, Mackenzie Minor, Caitlin Deruiter, Meagan Riedke, Megan Baird, Jack Ingebrigtsen, Sierra Prokopetz, Bryan Marr

# VOLLEYBALL

We had over 35 girls try out for the intermediate volleyball team and 14 were able to make the team this year. It was a tough decision and the tryouts were very competitive a BIG thank you goes out to the girls who tried out for the team. Congratulations to:

Sky Lunn  
Star Lunn  
Jessica MCGregor  
Daphne Mowat  
Sandra Graves  
Natalie Vurro  
Breanna Harris



Sierra Konig  
Jessica Riel  
Savvanna Minor  
Mackenzie Panunte  
Cynthia Richardson  
Cindey Gauvon  
Hannah Donofrio

# SOCCER

The season starts in at the end of October and the girls will be practicing everyday but fridays! Thank you for all of your efforts Mr. Benner and Miss Bomberry!

- Primary Soccer kicked off with tremendous force this September. The *Transformer* teams played after lunch on Mondays and Wednesdays with the following results: **Megatron 0 vs Shockwave 0**
- **Optimus Prime 0 vs Sentinel 1**
- **Megatron 0 vs Optimus Prime 0**
- **Shockwave 0 vs Sentinel 2**
- **Megatron 0 vs Sentinel 1**
- **Shockwave 0 vs Optimus Prime 1**

**Finals will be Monday October 3<sup>rd</sup>....stay tuned**

The students had much skill and fun. Outstanding plays during the games by Matteo, Abby, Jason, Nina, Marcelo, Keonna and Courtney.

Our McKay boys and girls soccer teams played in a one day tournament. Both teams demonstrated great sportsmanship and team effort. They were highly competitive in their league competing against schools from Port Colborne and Welland.

## **Girls Team**

Lilias Aryes  
Hannah Charuk  
Kendra Cousineau  
Hannah Donofrio  
Addie Hambly  
Breana Harris  
Lauren Horinga  
Jessica McGregor  
Starr Lund  
Savannah Minor  
Mackenzie Panunte  
Cynthia Richardson



## **Boys Team**

Adam Augustine  
Jo Jo Carbone  
Matt Climenhage  
Ryan Dendy  
Daniel Etty  
Michael Fyfe  
Stephen Koiter  
Alex Lipianu  
Tyler Latham  
Devansh Patel  
Brydon Reid  
Brady Ursacki



N Due to an increased enrollment this year, we were asked to reorganize some of our classes. Please review the following for your own information. All of the grey areas are classes or staff that has been adjusted.

# McKay School Staff

## 2011 - 2012

**Principal - Mrs. R. Grenier**  
**Vice-Principal - Mr. G. Watson**  
**Secretary - Mrs. P. Kennedy**

JK/SK Kindergarten (Full day program)	Room # 4	Mrs. K. Buck Mrs. M. Bomberry (CCW)
JK/SK Kindergarten (Full day program)	Room # 5	Mrs. K. Edwards Mrs. M. Belvedere (CCW)
Grade 1	Room # 6	Mrs. M. Robinson
Grade 1/2	Room # 9	Mrs. A. Bidoski
Grade 3	Room # 10	Mrs. J. Hemauer
Grade 3/4	Room # 12	Mrs. G. Arnold
Grade 4/5	Room # 1	Mr. B. Benner
Grade 6/7	Room # 20	Mrs. P. Hamilton
Grade 7/8	Room # 19	Mr. N. Clarke
Grade 5 French Immersion	Room # 3	Mr. R. Chaffart
Grade 5 French Immersion (2 <sup>nd</sup> class)	Room # 11	Ms. C. Klassen
Grade 6 French Immersion	Room # 2	Mme H. Neville
Grade 7 French Immersion	Room # 16	Mme J. Vanderlaan
Grade 8 French Immersion	Room # 17	Mme S. Clarke
Music	Room #13	Mrs. C. MacMillan
Learning Resource Teacher (LRT)	Room # 8	Mrs. R. Augustine
LRT, Drama, Art & Music (Intermediate)	Room #	Miss. K. Bonisteel
Prep		Mrs. K. McMahon
Prep		Ms. L. Stuart
Design and Technology	P.C.H.S.	Mr. J. Sherk
Educational Assistants		Mrs. R. Chevalier, Ms. J. Burns, Ms. A. Morrison
Custodian		Ms P. Cormier
Youth Counsellor		Mrs. J. Grundy
Noon Hour Supervisors		Mrs. A. Busch, Mrs. P. Richert, Mrs. K. Thornton Mrs. C. Buchanan & Mrs. D. Medlicott
Cleaning Staff		Mrs. C. Chandler, Mrs. S. Poulin, Mrs. R. Rozic



Our school will also be offering an instructional coach that will assist our teachers and students with some resources and learning tools that will enrich the understanding of the curriculum. We would like to welcome **Mrs. L. McIntyre** to McKay school Monday's, Tuesday's and Wednesday's.

# McKay Lions

## Lion Pride

We are extremely proud to be McKay Lions! Our school has undergone some fantastic changes that will enhance the opportunities for our students!!

We now have Daycare right in our school, located downstairs in the old library. The renovations have created a wonderful, bright and safe space for the children to play! Some of our students are making good use of this service that is available before school, after school on Early Release Days and PA Days.

Our gym has been freshly painted and looks great with our beautiful new stage curtains. Safety mats are coming soon which will have McKay graphics to further enhance our Lion Pride.

The new Library (“Learning Commons”) is currently under construction. The new library will offer a warm, bright place for students to enjoy reading. We are hoping to have our opening day before winter break.

The trim and front doors have just been painted and our school is looking beautiful!!

The DSBN has helped to make these improvements possible. We are very thankful for everything that has been done to provide our staff and students with a wonderful learning environment and a school building to be proud of!!



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October, 2011 “Roaring Lion” Mystery Draw

( ) Yes, I have received and read the October, 2011 “Roaring Lion” newsletter.

Child’s Name \_\_\_\_\_ Gr. \_\_\_\_\_ Room # \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Parent/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_

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

Skill Testing Question (answer found in this newsletter). Where should children cross the street when going out for lunch:

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Due to office by Friday, October 14, 2011.