

# McKay Public School



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## SEPTEMBER

11, 18: Pizza Days  
13: Early Release  
Day - 12:15 p.m.  
dismissal  
18: Meet the  
Teacher Open  
House (4:30 - 5:30,  
classrooms will be  
open, 5:30 - 6:30  
pizza distribution  
in the gym)  
24: SAC Meeting  
6:30 p.m.  
25: Sub Day  
26: Terry Fox Walk  
27: Recognition  
Assembly  
Primary - 9:00 a.m.  
Jun./Int. 9:45 a.m.

## A MESSAGE FROM THE OFFICE

### Welcome Back!

We hope that everyone had a relaxing summer. It is our great pleasure to welcome you to the 2019-2020 school year at McKay Public School! As always, we have returned from the break re-energized and ready to work together with you to make McKay the best possible environment for your child(ren).

We value the communication that we have with our parents. If you have a concern, please feel free to stop in for a chat or call the school. Please be assured that we will continue to do our very best to support our students because our children deserve the very best that education has to offer.

The beginning of the school year is always an exciting time for teachers and students alike. We are looking forward to a positive, fun, and productive year.

To keep our records up-to-date, please verify, complete and return all the forms that were sent home on the first day of school. Agendas are available for purchase (Gr. 1-8) to be used as an organizational and communication tool for McKay students; the cost is \$5. Purchase options include cash or School Cash Online.

### Meet the Teacher - Pizza Night

We hope to see everyone at our upcoming event on Wednesday, September 18<sup>th</sup>. Pizza order forms have been sent home, however, don't hesitate to call the school if you want to order pizza. It's not too late. For those families who have ordered, tickets will NOT be distributed. Staff will have class lists at each table with orders listed. Please note: **4:30-5:30 p.m. parents will be invited to visit and tour their child(ren)'s classroom. Pizza will be served in the gym from 5:30-6:30 by staff.** Water will be available (free of charge). We hope to see you all!

## Information Packages

On their first day, your child brought home a number of important forms which need to be completed. Please return the completed and signed forms to your child's teacher as soon as possible (by Monday, September 16th, please).

It is vital to keep student information up to date throughout the year. In the unfortunate event that your child takes ill or is injured, we will make every effort to reach you, but we also need additional names and numbers in case we cannot contact you. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

## Accidents Can Happen...

Is your child insured for medical or dental costs in case of an accidental injury? The District School Board of Niagara does not provide medical payments coverage for students. If you have no other coverage, it is important that parents/guardians purchase this coverage to ensure that medical or dental costs are covered in case of accident. Reliable Life Student Accident Insurance forms have been sent home with each student to assist you in getting coverage. Or you can visit [www.insuremykids.com](http://www.insuremykids.com) to apply online. It costs as little as \$8 per student for one year of basic school day/school activity coverage.

## Bicycles/Boards

Many students enjoy riding their bike, skateboard, or scooter to school. Please be aware that our policy and the recommendation of the Niagara Regional Police is that only students in Grades 4-8 be allowed to ride their bicycles to school. Students must wear a bicycle helmet and **walk their bicycle/board on and off school property**. All personal property is the responsibility of the student. Students must lock their bikes and scooters securely in the racks. The school cannot store these items in the school. All students should understand and obey the rules of the road and practice safe cycling/boarding behaviour.



## Fitness and Nutrition Breaks

The second Nutrition Break is considered the lunch break and students are welcome to stay for lunch provided that they follow our simple rules:

- Remain in your seat, no walking around during the eating portion of the break;
- No loud talking, be respectful of your neighbours;
- Clean up after yourself, dispose of garbage and make sure that your desk is clean;
- You must have written permission from your parent/guardian to leave the school property.

Students who leave school property are expected to return on time (1:30 p.m.). Failure to be responsible for their timely return, may result in students losing this privilege, temporarily or permanently, depending on the severity of the problem.

## **Lunchroom Supervisor Needed...**

We are actively seeking a responsible adult who would like to become a paid lunchroom supervisor at our school. Work hours would be from Monday - Friday, 12:55- 1:35 p.m. If you're interested, or know someone who would be an excellent candidate, please contact the office ASAP at 905-834-4753. Thank you!

## **Bell Times for 2019-2020**

Entry bell: 8:55 a.m.

Classes begin: 9:00 a.m.

First Break: 10:35 - 11:15 a.m. (40 minutes)

Second Break: 12:55 -1:35 p.m. (40 minutes)

Dismissal: 3:15 p.m.

**\*Supervision begins at 8:40 a.m.**



## **Medical Reminder**

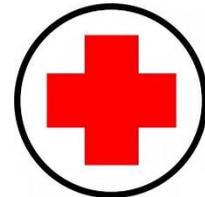
### **Keeping our School Safe and Healthy**

If you have a child with a Prevalent Medical Condition (Anaphylaxis, Asthma, Diabetes, and/or Epilepsy) we want to make sure we have a current Plan of Care to support your child.

The Plan of Care form is a new document that replaces the Emergency Action Plan. All parents of children with Prevalent Medical Conditions are asked to fill out the new Plan of Care and submit to the school.

You can download the forms here [dsbn.org/prevalent-medical-conditions](https://dsbn.org/prevalent-medical-conditions).

For more information, please contact the school.



## **No Nuts Please!**

We have a few children and some staff in our school with severe nut allergies.

We request that you do not send nut-based foods to school with your child. We

know that you're caring parents and we appreciate your support with this very important matter.

Thank you!



## Student Recognition Assemblies

We will have monthly Student Recognition Assemblies at McKay; we will highlight and acknowledge those students who demonstrate the character traits valued throughout the DSBN. We value and honour all of the following traits:

Respect, Responsibility, Integrity, Caring, Optimism, Perseverance, Courage, and Cooperation. We will also recognize students who demonstrate academic excellence and effort. The assemblies will take place on the last Friday of every month. Our school focus is promoting positive, responsible behaviour and we have implemented some **TRIBES**, **ZONES** and **CHAMPS** strategies to provide the framework for our students.

As always, parents are welcome to attend.

## FOOD... glorious food!

- Pizza will continue to be offered at McKay School on Wednesdays. Orders will be accepted through School Cash Online. Those who still want to pay cash, may purchase pizza if there are extra slices remaining. **Please note... we cannot guarantee that pizza will be available for all cash orders.** Cost is \$1 per slice and it remains a healthy option with whole wheat crust and pepperoni, or plain cheese.
- Milk will also be available at \$0.75 per day. Chocolate and white milk are offered on a weekly basis.
- Thanks to our volunteers: Mrs. Doherty, Mrs. Royer, Mrs. Edwards, and Mme Tremblay for taking on the **Breakfast Program** again this year. We are pleased to be able offer a very nutritious breakfast for those students who may have missed it on their way in to school. Breakfast is so essential for sustaining energy levels that enable the students to be productive and engaged in school. Our program has already started up. Breakfast is available at 8:40am. Donations are always welcome!

## 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, September 24, 2019

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Location: McKay Staff Room

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# The Terry Fox National School Run Day

## Thursday, September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2019

***39 years ago, Terry Fox ran the Marathon of Hope. He ran for our brothers, for our sisters, for our mothers, for our fathers, for our children.***

In today's world, most of us know someone who is affected by cancer. Terry Fox showed us that it is the ordinary people who make a difference. His dream was to have a world without cancer. What a dream!

On Thursday, September 26<sup>th</sup>, Canada will cheer for its youth as they provide us with the opportunity to give once again. From coast to coast, thousands of schools and millions of students are expected to take part in a Terry Fox fund-raising event to commemorate the 39<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Marathon of Hope.

McKay students will be collecting pledges, as well as a toonie for Terry. Students and parents are encouraged to show their spirit and support this worthwhile event. Over the past 20 years, McKay staff and students have raised \$50 000 for the Terry Fox Run for cancer research. We are looking forward to receiving continued support from our McKay families to help further cancer research. You can donate online by going to our school website and looking for the link or by sending in cash or cheques made out to the Terry Fox Foundation.

### TOONIES FOR TERRY

Please try to donate at least one toonie for the cause!  
This year, our children will run for our brothers, for our sisters,  
for our mothers, for our fathers,  
for us.

Please sign and return the permission form below to ensure that your child has the opportunity to participate. Thank you for your participation and support.

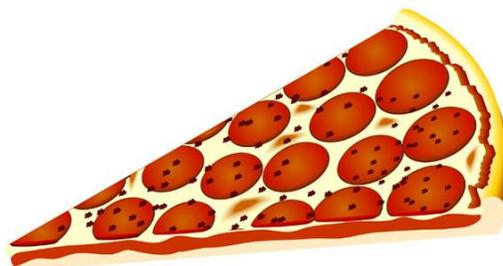
Sincerely,

*Mrs. Augustine, Mrs. Hamilton & The McKay Staff*

### Free Pizza Party

Congratulations to the classes who returned their first day packages to the office in record time... Gr. 7/8-Mme Vanderlaan and Gr. 5/6-Mr. Clarke-Louie.

Their pizza parties will take place on Thursday, September 12<sup>th</sup>. Congratulations!!!





Boys & Girls Club of Niagara  
A good place to be



McKay Public School  
320 Fielden Avenue, Port Colborne

Monday & Friday  
3 p.m. - 6 p.m.

This program is designed for children ages 6 - 12 years old, and promotes healthy living, social skill development, academic success and goal setting. With qualified staff, children will play gym games and sports, complete homework and learning activities as well as do leadership and goal setting activities. This ensures children will be safe, healthy, connected to others, connected to the Club and develop skills which will help them in their development into the teen years. A snack is provided.



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## Encourage your student to follow these basic usage guidelines to get the most out of DreamBox.

**Finish lessons completely.** It's okay to make mistakes along the way, just be sure to complete each lesson you start. DreamBox assesses user comprehension and adapts accordingly.

**Work independently.** Getting help from others can advance students beyond their current abilities and lead to frustration.

**Click the Help/Hint button when needed.** No other tools are needed—DreamBox lessons are designed for students to think through problems without the use of pencil and paper.



## 24/7 access is easy as 1-2-3!

Your child can access DreamBox from any computer—anywhere, anytime:

1. Go to <https://play.dreambox.com/login/42cv> and click on your student's school.
2. Enter your child's user name and password at the login.
3. Click on the DreamBox icon and you're ready to start learning!



Questions? Review the [DreamBox basics online](#) or email [support@dreambox.com](mailto:support@dreambox.com) and a member of the DreamBox Client Success team will be in touch shortly.



Visit [dreambox.com](http://dreambox.com)



## 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.



## The McKay Newsletter...

Last year, we sent home hard copies of our newsletter only with the youngest child in the family AND only upon your request (see the form below). We will continue to do the same for this school year.

For your convenience, our newsletter is always posted on our web site and can be accessed at [mckay.dsb.org](http://mckay.dsb.org). If you would prefer to have the newsletter emailed to you, please include your email address below. Thanks for your support as we move towards an environmentally-friendly option for communication.

\_\_\_\_\_ We will still require a hard copy of the McKay Newsletter, it will be sent home with the youngest child in the family.

\_\_\_\_\_ We would prefer that you send the McKay Newsletter to our email account at:  
\_\_\_\_\_ (please print clearly)

\_\_\_\_\_ No thanks, we will access the McKay Newsletter online @ [mckay.dsb.org](http://mckay.dsb.org)

Name of youngest child: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

