

February 2012

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Together!!

Keeping your children safe!

As a reminder to parents, **class begins at 8:50 a.m.** It is very helpful for your child, the students in the class, the teachers and the office staff to have students arrive on time. If a circumstance arises that you will be late, please call the school prior to class, to notify the office. When the student arrives, please visit the office to sign in. When entering the school, please be sure to use the Fielden Street entrance and sign in to our visitor's book, when coming into the school. Our office now has a sliding window where Mrs. Kennedy can greet and assist you with any questions you may have.

Outdoor safety

Fresh air helps us to stay alert, but with the cold, snowy weather, outdoor play can be dangerous if students do not adhere to the snow safety rules:

1. Stay off of icy patches or the large ice balls in the play yard.
2. Refrain from pushing or shoving.
3. Use snow for building structures
4. When coming inside, line up carefully and quietly, so you can hear directions from supervisors.

Indoor Safety

1. Students are reminded to wear proper footwear and walk in the halls.
2. Students need to pick up their clothing and boots and keep them neatly in their lockers.
3. Due to extreme cold, we are sometimes required to have Indoor nutrition breaks, we ask that all students eat their lunch and play a game, read a book or talk in their classrooms respectfully.



EFN Make Change for Children Week



The 5th Annual Make Change for Children Campaign is happening February 20th-24th, 2012. All funds raised by the Campaign go towards the Poverty & Emergency Relief Fund, which was set up by the EFN in 2008 to support extraordinary, emergency, personal or school-related needs of individual students brought about by financial hardship. Since 2008, \$85,000 has been granted to 3400 DSBN students.

We invite you to consider contributing to the *Make Change for Children WEEK OF CHANGE February 20 – 24th, 2012*. Donations can be directed to a specific DSBN school or Niagara area. For further information please contact the EFN office at 905-641-2929 ext. 54103 or efn@dsbn.org.

Our school will be participating in this fundraiser so please stay tuned for more information.

MacMillan's Cookie Dough Fundraiser

We will once again be having MacMillan's Cookie Dough fundraiser, beginning Tuesday January 31st. There will be prizes awarded to the top 3 sellers in the school and all of the students participating will receive a sundae party. All proceeds to benefit McKay School students. Our fundraiser will be running from **February 1st until Thursday February 16th**. We would like to all order to the school prior to the end of February. Thank you in advance for your dedication to McKay and our students.

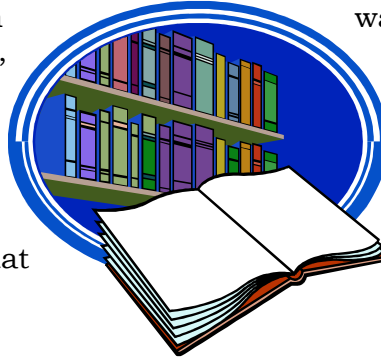


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Our Kindergarten Open House took place on Thursday February 2, from 4:00 – 6:00. We are asking our McKay families that have Kindergarten age students in their area to spread the word. **McKay school will be open to registration.** Any student that will be 4 on or by December 31 2012 is welcome to attend and must bring birth certificate and immunization record.

Literacy Night

Our Literacy Night, held on Wednesday January 25, 2012, was a great success. We had a number of families come out to visit our new "Learning Commons" also known as our Library. There were lots of games and fun that



was shared amongst our McKay families. The winners of the Literacy night Word Bingo game are: Emma Haywood – gr. 1, Nigel Lamb – gr. 6FI and Madison Busby – in SK.

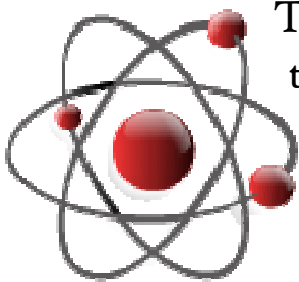
Friday January 27, was our "snuggle up and read" in the gym. It was a great opportunity for families to spend some quality time with their children.



French Immersion Road Show

Some of our French Immersion teachers along with the Principal and Vice Principal visited our French Immersion feeder schools, and their grade 3 & 4 students. A group of present McKay French Immersion students enlightened the grade 3's & 4's with an interactive presentation and slide show, highlighting the French Immersion experience at McKay. They travelled to Fort Frie, Ridgeway, Stevensville, Crystal Beach, Wainfleet and here in Port Colborne, getting everyone excited about learning and speaking in French. McKay hosted a "French Immersion Open House Night" on January 31st for students interested in French Immersion for Grade 4 and 5 next year and the response was fabulous. We have many students that are interested in becoming McKay Lions!

Science Fair



The intermediate students have been hard at work on their Science Fair projects. The Science Fair is taking place on Friday, February 3rd starting at 9:00am in the gym. Judging will take place throughout the morning. All families are encouraged to come out to take a look at the great projects from 9:00am-11:00am.



Vaccines and Elementary School Children

At this time of year, Niagara Region Public Health conducts an annual review of vaccination records for all elementary school children in the Niagara region. If the vaccination information we have on file for your child is NOT complete, you will receive a suspension letter in the mail from Public Health next month (March 2012).



Please take a moment to ensure that your child's immunizations are up-to-date and that you have reported your child's vaccinations to Niagara Region Public Health using ONE of the following:

- **WEBSITE:** www.niagararegion.ca
- **TELEPHONE (Immunization Report Line):** 905-688-8248 or 1-888-505-6074 ext. 7459
- **FAX (a copy of your child's Immunization Record):** 905-688-8225

In most cases, we are missing vaccination information about your child's:

- booster dose of diphtheria, pertussis, tetanus and polio (DPTP/Quadracel) between the ages of 4 and 6; **and,**
- second dose of the measles, mumps, and rubella (MMR) vaccine.

If you are a parent/guardian not wishing to immunize your child, you will need to provide Niagara Region Public Health with an original legal exemption document (i.e., a statement of medical exemption, or a statement of conscience or religious belief affidavit).

Please call the Vaccine Preventable Disease Program at 905-688-8248 or 1-888-505-6074 ext. 7425 if you have any questions or concerns.



Some Key Dates in the sports world!

- The grade 4/5 and 6 FI will be skating at the West Side Areana on Feb. 6 @ 930.
- Boys Basketball game, Mckay @ Winger Feb 2nd, (no girls game due to Science Fair)
- McKay @ Oakwood Feb 8th.
- Homework club every Monday and Thursday for the month of February.
- Playoff Basketball.
- Tournament @ Port High February 15th - Girls am, boys pm.



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Thank You

received from: McKay Public School
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This contribution was received on December 28, 2011.

Thank you so much for your recent generous donation of 297.5 pounds of Food donated by students of your "Me to We McKay Club to the Port Cares Food Bank.

We could not possibly do the work that we do in the community if it were not for the generosity of community supporters like you. Port Cares provides a wide variety of programs and services to the residents of Port Colborne, Wainfleet and the Niagara Region. Our mission is to facilitate efforts to improve the quality of life for the residents by undertaking initiatives and by responding to identified community needs. There are many identified needs for which we do not have the resources and your generous contribution will assist Port Cares as we endeavor to meet some of these additional services.

On behalf of Port Cares and the people we serve, our heartfelt thanks. In response to your generous donation, we have added your name to our newsletter mailing list.

Thank you so very much
Lynda Reinhart

Lynda Reinhart, Executive Director

Port Cares (Port Colborne Community Association for Resource Extension)

“Caring” AWARD WINNERS for January



Class	#1	Gr	#2	Gr	#3	Gr
Mrs. Buck JK/SK	Emma Armbrust	JK	Flynn Collins	SK	Lillie Rozic	SK
Mrs. Edwards JK/SK	Ryland Horrocks	JK	Samuel Tonnie	SK	Abby Huisman	SK
Mrs. Bidoski Grade 1 / 2	Nicholas O'Connor	2	Mackenzie Andrews	1	Braydon Camilleri	2
Mrs. Robinson Grade1	Kyanna McIntee		Hunter Gillmore		Matthew Chambers	
Mrs. McMahon Grade 3	Fayth Fidler	3	William Booker	3	Mackenzie Bettle- Gaudet	3
Mrs. Arnold Grade 3/4	Jessica Minor	3	Malori Lee	4	Deakyne Rosinski	4
Mr. Benner Grade 4/5	Ethan Carter	4	Brenton Charuk	5	Justin Woolmer	5
Mrs. Hamilton Grade 6/7	Mehreen Chaudary	7	Carly Irvine	7	Megan Lunn	6
Mr. Clarke Grade 7/8	Mystical Snake	8	Falynne Sneek	7	Zach Woolmer	7
Mr. Chaffart Grade 5FI	Sergio Heupel		Kristiana Riel		Skylar VanHelvert	
Mme. Klassen Grade 5FI2	Nicole Kantymir		Tiana Bilodeau		Celena Harris	
Mme Neville Grade 6FI	Sydney Minor		Paige Taylor		Camryn Wade	
Mme Gardiner Grade 7FI	Matthew Climnhage		Joel Bilodeau		Mackenzie Panunte	
Mme Clarke Grade 8FI	Savannah Horvath		Jessica Riel		Emily Frumusa	

McKay Public School

February, 2012 "Roaring Lion" Mystery Draw

() Yes, I have received and read the February 2012 newsletter.

Child's Name _____ Gr. _____ Room # _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian _____

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

Skill Testing Question (answer found in this newsletter).

What should we ensure is up to date?

Due to office by friday, February 10, 2012

