



Something To Hoot About!

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23 February 2024

Upcoming Dates

Pancake Treat Day
Friday, March 1

School Council Meeting
March 5, 7:00

Spirit Week
March 4-8

March Break
March 11-15

Grade 6's to Island School
April 3-5

Grade 6 Grad Photos
Wednesday, March 27

Lice Check
Thursday, March 28

Fun Fair
May 30th

Early Pick-up?

No problem.... however, try to avoid pick up during recess times – you will be waiting while we locate your young person and they go back to their rooms to get their belongings!

Recess times:

10:10 – 10:25

11:55 – 12:35

1:55 – 2:05

PANCAKE TREAT Day Returns!

The Be the Change (BTC) Student Leadership committee is a group of committed, students who want to create positive change in their community. As a group we meet every Tuesday to talk about issues that concern us, brainstorm, plan and then implement different school initiatives to raise awareness and funds.

We are excited to be bringing back Pancake Treat Day for our third initiative this year. School Cash Online submissions are due on Wednesday February 28th, this will allow us to organize and ensure we have enough supplies for all students who are participating. This year our theme for Pancake Treat Day is to continue our school-wide conversation on Mental Health and Well Being, Global Goal #3.

Students are invited to wear comfy PJ's. All funds raised will be going towards Kids Help Phone. Note: students are reminded that they must still bring lunch to school.

Pancake Treat Day will be taking place on Friday March 1, 2024.



Spirit Week is Coming!!

Our student group of Differencemakers is working on organizing a Spirit Week for March 4-8th. To help everyone beginning planning here are the days:

Monday, March 4 – Sports Jersey/colours day

Tuesday, March 5 – Anything But a Backpack Day

Wednesday, March 6 – Pyjama/Comfy clothing & Stuffy Day

Thursday, March 7 – 80's Day

Friday, March 8 – McMurrich Spirit Day (Blue & Yellow Day)



Loose Parts Donations

Thank you to everyone who has made donations to our Outdoor Play and Learning (OPAL) program by leaving donations by the shed in the morning! Wagons, old castle parts, wooden planks are all appreciated! We were most excited by the new MILK CRATES!!!! The students were so happy to find new crates to add to our collection! Milk crates are one of the most highly sought after items in the OPAL shed.

We also love old chairs, big construction waste bags and anything with wheels!

Thank you for your donations!



SILENT AUCTION DONATIONS!

School Council is getting ready for our online silent auction in May. Last year's auction raised more than 18 thousand dollars, which went towards our new play structure - coming this summer! The funds raised from this year's auction is being earmarked for new iPads in classrooms. McMurrich community, we need your help to gather more amazing prizes! If you or your employer have a prize to donate - please fill out this form to get in touch:

<https://forms.gle/AqHakBU1gbqBLNpz6>

Don't like forms? You can also email - mcmurrich.sa@gmail.com

If you have a connection to a business - please ask on our behalf. We really appreciate your help!

Thank you!

Silent Auction committee

Sensory Path

Next time you are in the school you may see our Sensory Path on the main floor outside of the kindergarten rooms. This path was designed and installed by the TDSB's Autism Support Team. It is used by students who need a body break and includes different kinds of movements and mindful activities as young people journey through the pathway.



Athletics Update

Mr. Perretta

ATHLETICS UPDATE

All Gender Volleyball and All Gender Badminton

We have just concluded tryouts for All Gender Volleyball and Badminton. It was quite amazing having seen such a great interest in both sport disciplines. All team members are looking forward to their respective tournaments which will take place in the months of March and/or April.

Boys Basketball and Girls Volleyball

Boys basketball and girls volleyball seasons are now coming to a close. Our school participated in a number of basketball tournaments over the course of February and our teams performed very well and represented our school in a positive manner. Special congratulations to our grade 5 boys basketball team who won their tournament and also their quarterfinal match. Good luck in the semifinals next week! Go Owls!

Intramural Handball Update

Our junior handball program is progressing well with over 70 students participating. The introduction of handball has been well-received and the abundance of passing is impressive. Special thanks to our junior students who continue to volunteer their time and officiate these friendly games.

Intramural Soccer Sign Up (Grades 1 to 3)

We will be starting an intramural soccer program catered to students in grades 1 to 3 which will commence in April. If your child is interested, please click on the link below and **complete the google form no later than March 8th** .. All games take place during the lunch hour. Students will be placed on teams and schedules will be distributed in the beginning of April. Don't miss out on this opportunity.

[Link to Primary Soccer Sign Up](#)

Spring Sports

Our Spring Sports line up is fast-approaching. All students in grades 4 to 6 will soon have the opportunity to sign up for Ultimate Frisbee and Track and Field. More information will be shared at a later date.

Communication Board

We were lucky to receive two communication boards from TDSB Deaf and Hard of Hearing Department. These assist in helping any student who requires some support communicating for a variety of reasons. Students can feel safe and supported when they are able to communicate their needs to an adult or a peer!

You can find them on the fence surrounding the Kindergarten playground.



Inviting all **tdsb** K-Gr.8
parents and caregivers to

BUILDING MATHEMATICAL MINDS (PART 2)

Supporting Your Child in Acquiring
Math Skills For Success

**Wednesday, March 6
6:30-8:00pm (on Zoom)**

Session Overview:

Join us for Part 2 of Building Mathematical Minds as we delve deeper into math strategies to support your child's learning at home. We will also have an opportunity to engage in an interactive Q&A session with the presenters. Let's continue to work together to enhance your child's math journey.

Presenters:

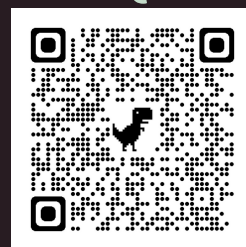
Jason To (Co-ordinator, Secondary Mathematics and Academic Pathways), Onika Brown (Principal), Simon Mgaya (Principal), Jamile Lewis (Math Learning Partner), Gail Bedeau, Uloma Onyido, Mubarak Baker (School Improvement Process Coaches), Lisa O'Dell (Former K-12 Coach)

3 Ways to Register

1. CLICK HERE TO REGISTER

2. VISIT bit.ly/part2mathminds2024

3. Scan QR Code



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