



Mini-Hoot

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Updates and Reminders

It's been a great start to the school year and we're excited to see our students beginning to settle into this new school year! Here are a few things to look forward to and some reminders.

Drop Off and Lates

Thank you for the quick drop offs in the morning – it makes for a much smoother transition to the school day, especially for those young people who find goodbyes hard!

As we move into the second week of school we want to remind Kindergarten parents to drop your young people off at the gate, please don't enter the kinder playground. If your young person is having a challenge separating, please ask the teacher or ECE for help – they are very skilled!

Parents who are dropping off for grade 1-6, if you are staying to chat with other parents please do so on the grass or on the other side of the fence – the pavement is crowded and it can be difficult for our younger students to navigate through the adults as they follow their teacher inside!

If your young person's class has gone inside by the time you arrive they need to head to the office for a late slip. Thank you!

Safe Arrival

If your young person won't be attending school you can call the Safe Arrival line at 1-833-250-2290 – you can call this number at any time, you don't need to wait for the office to open at 8:00 am. You can also download the SchoolMessenger app available for free in the App Store for Apple or Android devices. The app allows you to note absences as well and avoid the call out from the school.

Packing Snacks

If you pack snacks for your young person please try to pack them in a container SEPARATE from their lunch box so that they can just bring their snack outside for recess. It is much easier for students to manage a small snack at recess rather than their entire lunch box.

School Council

Our first School Council meeting of the year will be on Tuesday, September 30th, 7:00 PM in person. Participating in School Council is a great way to get to know other parents and get involved in McMurrich!

Lice Check

We will be having a whole school lice check on September 29th. Thank you to our School Council for funding!

McMurrich's Terry Fox Run

McMurrich has a long and proud tradition of supporting the Terry Fox Foundation through our participation in the school run day. This year, the Terry Fox Foundation is celebrating the 45th anniversary of Terry's historic run! McMurrich's event will be held on Thursday, September 25th in our school yard. This is the McMurrich specific fundraising

link: <https://schools.terryfox.ca/McMurrichPSToronto> Terry Fox had a dream. Please support us as a school while we work to [Finish It](#).

Pizza Lunch

Pizza Lunches are back. Our first Pizza lunch is Thursday, September 25th. Last day to place orders is Monday, September 22, 2025.

<https://tdsb.schoolcashonline.com/>

All Weather Play

We do go outside to play in all weather so a change of clothes, especially socks is an essential backpack item....especially if your young person is really good at playing!

Extra Ed

Extra Ed will be offering after school programs again beginning the week of September 22nd. Please see the flyer attached for registration.

PA Day

Friday, September 26th is a Professional Activity Day, there is NO school for students. Staff will be engaged in learning that includes Literacy, Math, Early Reading Screeners and Special Education processes and procedures.

Reminder: Boomerang Lunch

This year we will be adopting a "Boomerang Lunch" program for all students eating lunch at school.

Boomerang Lunch means that students will bring back all waste generated by their lunch, including wrappers, cores, pits, peels and any food not eaten. This has a number of advantages;

- you can see what your young person is eating and modify their lunch accordingly,
- organic waste can be disposed of in your municipal organics collection (we don't have organics collection at McMurrich),
- can help prevent insects and rodents in the classrooms.

Please make sure that there is a container to place organic waste in inside your young person's lunch bag so that it doesn't make a mess!

Water is always the preferred drink at school. A reusable water bottle can be refilled at our bottle filling station throughout the day.

Please note that we are unable to accept lunch deliveries from delivery services such as Uber Eats and Door Dash.



AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

FALL 2025

MCMURRICH JR PUBLIC SCHOOL



Register online now at: [ExtraEd.ca](https://www.ExtraEd.ca)



Musical Theatre

Sing, Dance, Act!

Kindergarten - grade 3

Our program builds the skills needed to connect music with story. Pitch, tone and breathing exercises are complemented by lessons in interpreting lyrics and connecting to the meaning of a song.

Monday After School

Sep-22 to Nov-3 \$177.00 +HST
3:15 to 4:15

Robotics

Amusements & Arcades

Grades 1-6

Working in groups, students tackle each LEGO robotics build together. They make a plan, assign roles among their team, and follow step-by-step instructions to completion.

Tuesday After School

Sep-23 to Nov-4 \$206.50 +HST
3:15 to 4:15

Musical Theatre

A show to Share

Kindergarten - grade 3

Our program builds the skills needed to connect music with story. Pitch, tone and breathing exercises are complemented by lessons in interpreting lyrics and connecting to the meaning of a song.

Monday After School

Nov-10 to Dec-15 \$177.00 +HST
3:15 to 4:15

Robotics

Robot Travels

Grades 1-6

Working in groups, students tackle each LEGO robotics build together. They make a plan, assign roles among their team, and follow step-by-step instructions to completion.

Tuesday After School

Nov-11 to Dec-16 \$177.00 +HST
3:15 to 4:15

Ukulele

Note & Chords

Grades 3-8

Ideally suited to young hands, playing the ukulele fine tunes fine-motor skills. Our students practice strumming, picking, and chord formation as they progress from simple exercises to playing full songs.

Monday After School

Sep-22 to Nov-3 \$177.00 +HST
3:15 to 4:15

Minecraft

Create & Build

Grades 1-8

In this fun and hands-on art class, students explore different materials and techniques to create unique, imaginative works of art. From paint to collage to unexpected combinations, every project encourages creativity, confidence, and artistic discovery.

Wednesday After School

Sep-24 to Nov-5 \$206.50 +HST
3:15 to 4:15

Ukulele

Tunes & Melodies

Grades 3-8

Ideally suited to young hands, playing the ukulele fine tunes fine-motor skills. Our students practice strumming, picking, and chord formation as they progress from simple exercises to playing full songs.

Monday After School

Nov-10 to Dec-15 \$177.00 +HST
3:15 to 4:15

Minecraft

Overcoming Obstacles

Grades 1-8

Using the Minecraft Edu program, Minecraft club leaders pose challenges and lead projects that inspire thoughtful, imaginative and innovative ways of using the virtual tools at hand.

Wednesday After School

Nov-12 to Dec-17 \$177.00 +HST
3:15 to 4:15

Art Club

Explore Techniques

Kindergarten

From week-to-week we introduce a variety of artistic mediums. Our students practice pencil sketching, collage, watercolour, 2D sculpting, and many other imaginative avenues for image making.

Tuesday After School

Sep-23 to Nov-4 \$206.50 +HST
3:15 to 4:15

Chess

Board & Pieces

Kindergarten - grade 6

Chess study has many benefits away from the board. Students exercise the cognitive skills of focus, patience, and mindful decision-making, as well as interpersonal skills of respect and sportsmanship.

Thursday After School

Sep-25 to Nov-6 \$206.50 +HST
3:15 to 4:15

Art Club

Mixing Mediums

Kindergarten

From week-to-week we introduce a variety of artistic mediums. Our students practice pencil sketching, collage, watercolour, 2D sculpting, and many other imaginative avenues for image making.

Tuesday After School

Nov-11 to Dec-16 \$177.00 +HST
3:15 to 4:15

Chess

Opening Moves

Kindergarten - grade 6

Chess study has many benefits away from the board. Students exercise the cognitive skills of focus, patience, and mindful decision-making, as well as interpersonal skills of respect and sportsmanship.

Thursday After School

Nov-13 to Dec-18 \$177.00 +HST
3:15 to 4:15

Economic Inclusivity

Every child is able to participate in our programs, regardless of a family's economic circumstances. If cost is a barrier, parents may register their children and pay less, or even nothing. Details available at registration.

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