



# Mini-Hoot

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## Updates and Reminders

### Reporting on Student Progress

Progress Reports went home on Monday, November 10<sup>th</sup>. This week teachers will be meeting with parents to discuss students' progress and Friday, November 14<sup>th</sup> is a PA Day for this purpose. There will be no school for students on Friday, November 14<sup>th</sup>.

### Lost and Found

While families are in the school this week meeting with teachers, please take the time to visit our Lost & Found located in the basement at the south end of the hall. Our Lost & Found volunteers have worked hard to sort out clothing and belongings to make them easier to identify and reclaim.

### Author Visit

We are pleased to announce that Melanie Florence, Cree/Scottish author of the picture book *Stolen Words* will be visiting McMurrich on November 26<sup>th</sup>. Every class will meet with Ms. Florence who will read her book and talk about storytelling and the power of language. Thank you to McMurrich's School Council for supporting this event!

### Dance-a-Thon 2025

Get ready McMurrich!!! Our annual DANCEATHON is coming up on Friday, November 28<sup>th</sup>! This school council led fundraiser is always a HUGE hit with the kids – come ready with your smiles, dancing shoes and any other festive gear!

The kids will dance along to McMurrich's own DJ Wellington, who will entertain students and teachers alike with amazing music, dancing and high-energy fun!! A big thanks to student council, which will fund the purchase of glowsticks for all students – always a hit!!

We are counting on the generosity of you – our McMurrich families – to make this year's fundraiser a success! We can't do it without you! Last year, we were able to raise nearly \$10,000, which allowed us to purchase new library furniture and more - a wonderful contribution to McMurrich!

This year, the funds raised will be used to enhance the hands-on STEAM programming.

Share this link with family and friends so that they can sponsor a student and raise money for McMurrich!

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### **Outdoor Play**

The weather is starting to change and our students go outside to play every day and in all weather. Boots, hats, gloves/mitts and layers of clothing are important. Please be aware of changing weather conditions, packing extra socks is always a good idea and extra clothing if your young person is prone to getting wet during vigorous play! Let us know if you need any support with outdoor clothing for your young person.



## **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 McMurich),
- 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.