Something To Hoot About!

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25 September 2026

Upcoming Dates

Terry Fox Run
September 28, 2026

Pizza Lunch
September 30, 2026

Curriculum Night
October 8, 6:00 – 7:00

Cross Country Conference Qualifier
October 14

Picture Day
October 20

Cross Country Conference Final
October 20

Cross Country City Final
October 29

School Day Schedule

8:45 – First Bell

8:50 – Entry Bell

10:10 – 10:25 – AM recess

11:35 – 12:35 – Lunch

1:55 – 2:05 – PM recess

3:15 – Dismissal

If a student does not enter with their class they must sign in at the office OR ELSE THEY WILL BE MARKED ABSENT.

September News

The school year is off to a great start with fall sports like flag football, soccer, borden ball and of course cross country running. Thanks to all our coaches for supporting these athletics programs at McMurrich, it definitely enriches the school life for our students.

Student Nutrition Programming

Our Student Nutrition Program (SNP) will be starting up again next week. The program delivers a nutritious "morning meal" including 3 food groups to students each day. The success of our SNP is due to our amazing volunteers who work hard each day to prep, pack and deliver the food to the classrooms. Our program also includes a "snack bar" that features food such as smoothies, pita with Wowbutter and granola, energy balls and more! In order to ensure that the program is sustainable we are asking for a donation of $20 in the fall and then again in the winter. In order to donate please use this link to our fundraising page on the Toronto Foundation for Student Success site. The TFSS will issue tax receipts directly to you and all donations are deposited into our Student Nutrition account.

School reorganization

Every September, schools review actual student enrolment as compared to initial projections from last April and reorganize classes where required.

As a result of changing student enrolment at our school, McMurrich will need to reorganize our classrooms from Grades 1-6 in the mainstream program. We have been granted an additional teacher in the junior grades (4-6), however all classes will see a reduction in the number of students in each class. Ultimately this change will benefit student learning.

Families of students affected by the change in class placement will receive an email tomorrow.

The new classes will be up an running as of Monday, September 28th.

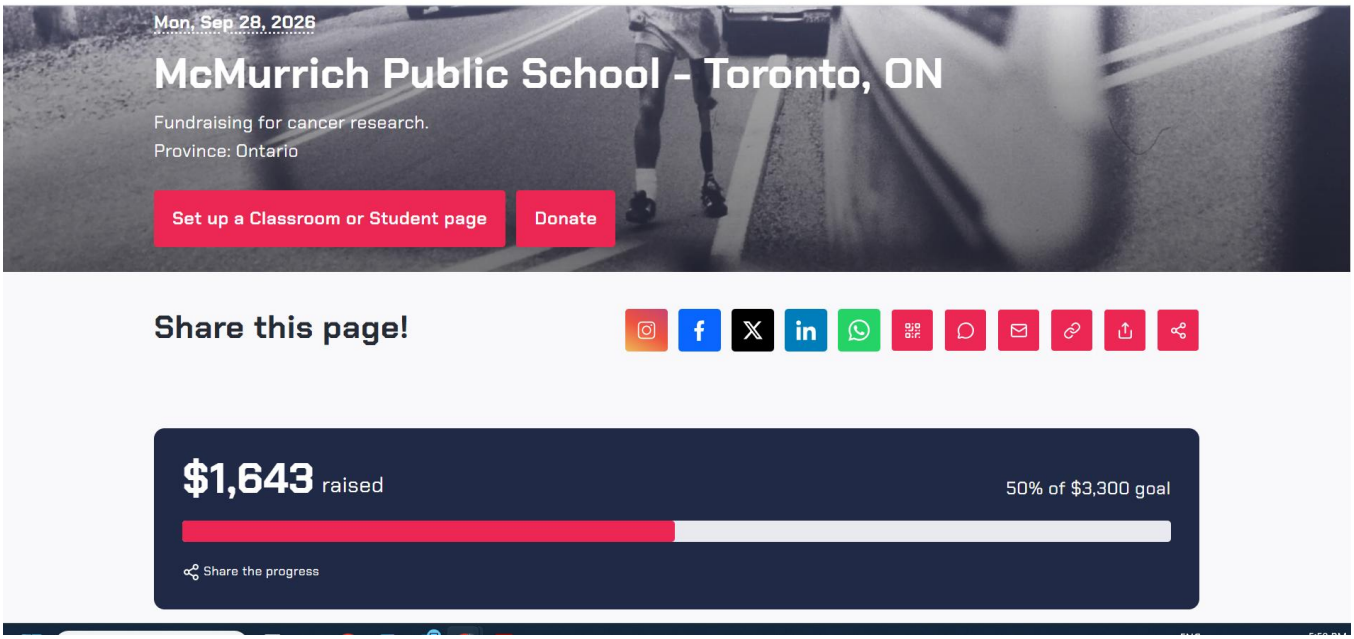
We know that for students and parents, changing classes may be difficult and may require an adjustment period. Students will be supported as they transition through these classroom changes.

Teachers are instrumental in the reorganization process working collaboratively to place students in settings to help them achieve success this school year.

Curriculum Night

Our annual Curriculum Night will take place on Thursday, October 8th from 6:00 – 7:00 PM. This will be a great opportunity to meet your young person's teachers and learn about the program for the year!

We look forward to seeing you there!



In 1980 Terry showed us what courage, compassion and determination look like. Today that example is needed more than ever and we are inspired to join 4,000,000 Canadian students who are leading the way. By fundraising for innovative research our school community is literally changing the lives of Canadians facing cancer. Thanks to your donation, we're driving cancer research forward, faster than ever.

Terry started a marathon against cancer and together, we can **"Finish It"**.

Help us meet our fundraising goal this year by donating to our McMurrich Fundraising page!

Student Entry
Outdoor Line Up Order

Kindergarten classes will all meet in the kindergarten yard in the rear of the school at 8:45.
ECE's and teachers will greet students at the gate.

Line Number	Outdoor Line Up Order - September 2026 Classroom	Entry Door
1	Ms. Masella - grade 2 (205)	4
2	Mr. Chemel/Ms Seguin (Primary DHH)	4
3	Ms. Cochran - grade 2 (208)	4
4	Ms. Robinson - grade 1 (207)	4
5	Ms. Burgher - grade 1/2 (210)	4
6	Mr. McKenzie - grade 3/ 4 (303)	4
7	Ms. Patel - grade 2/ 3 (302)	4
8	Ms. McKenzie - grade 3 (306)	4
9	Ms. Tavares - grade 4G (204)	4
10	Ms. White - grade 4/5G (209)	4
11	Ms. Schnarr/Ms. Sethi - grade 4/5 DHH (201)	6
12	Ms. Boegel - grade 3 (301)	6
13	Ms. Sanderson - grade 4/5 (212)	6
14	Ms. Edwards – grade 4/5 (202)	6
15	Ms. Barkin - grade 5/6G (200)	6
16	Ms. Sidney - grade 5/6G (213)	6
17	Ms. Rambaran - grade 6 (308)	6
18	Ms. Harland - grade 5/6 (307)	6
19	Ms. Dunnell – grade 4 (203)	6

Digital Device Policy

As you may have heard the Ministry of Education introduced a new policy outlining use of mobile devices.

- **Students in Grades 6 and Below -** Students' personal mobile devices must be stored out of view and powered off or set to silent mode throughout the full instructional day, except when their use is explicitly permitted by the educator under the circumstances outlined above. If an educator sees a personal mobile device that is not stored out of view, they must require the device be handed in for the instructional day and the device must be placed, by the student, in a storage area in a location designated by the principal.

If you need to get in touch with your young person during the school day please contact the school's main office and we can get a message to them and let your young person know that if they need to contact you they should let their teacher know and they will facilitate that contact.

Students at McMurrich have access to Chromebooks throughout the day should they need a device to access curriculum.

EARLY PICK UP

If you need to pick up your young person early for an appointment, please avoid arriving during recess time as you will need to wait until the end of recess. We are not able to redeploy staff supervisors to track down students!

AM recess: 10:10 – 10:25

Lunch recess: 11:55 – 12:35

PM recess: 1:55 – 2:05

Boomerang Lunch

McMcurrich is a Boomerang Lunch 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.



TDSB Property and Dogs

Please remember that dogs are NOT allowed on TDSB property unless they are a certified service animal with proper documentation and apparatus.

If you bring your dog when picking up or dropping off, please ensure that you have someone with you who can wait outside the fence with your furry friend.

Many of us have dogs and we love them however we do want to respect the By-Laws in place to create a safe, hygienic, and welcoming environment for all students.