

MacLeod's Monthly

MacLeod's Landing Public School 2016

FEBRUARY

195 Silver Maple Road
Richmond Hill,
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ADMINISTRATOR'S MESSAGE

As we begin Term 2 we ask all parents to continue to encourage their children to persevere with their learning. Teachers are looking for students to use class time wisely, to complete activities fully and to participate actively in class. Term 1 Report cards will be coming home on Tuesday, February 16. Please take some time to read through the report card with your child, highlighting and praising all the things they are doing well. This is also a good time to discuss a few things they can do to improve, and to set goals for the remainder of the school year.

During the professional activity days this month our staff will be involved in a variety of activities to support your child's learning. We will be involved in school improvement planning so that we can continue to better meet the needs of each student.

Every February, we celebrate the legacy of Canadians of African Heritage, past and present. The celebration has been a part of Canadian society since the 1950's. Lieutenant Governor Hal Jackman declared February as Black History month in Ontario in 1993, and in 1995 the Honorable Jean Augustine made the same declaration in the House of Parliament in Ottawa. These declarations set the stage to acknowledge the contributions of peoples of African Heritage to the cultural, economic, political and social fabric of Canada dating back to the early 1600's. This also increased awareness that people of African Heritage have made significant contributions through their ideas, words and actions and are an integral part of Canadian and world history.

February 8 marks the Lunar New Year. As we welcome the Year of the Monkey, we wish all those celebrating a year of joy, health and prosperity!

Finally, we remind you that Monday, February 15th is Family Day - a province-wide statutory holiday. Family Day occurs the third Monday of February each year. It is a time to celebrate the importance of family and we wish you and yours well as you spend the day together.

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Weather Watch

This is a reminder to all parents to ensure that their child is dressed for the outdoors when he/she comes to school. Students have a 30 minute outdoor recess in the morning and a 40 minute outdoor recess after eating their lunch.

Getting some fresh air is important for all students. ***Students should be wearing a scarf, hat, gloves or mitts, boots, snow pants and a warm winter jacket.***

It is also important that all students have a pair of indoor shoes. This will assist in maintaining the cleanliness of our school. As well, if the fire alarm sounds we do not have time for the children to stop and put on outdoor footwear. Thank you for your cooperation!

STUDENT ABSENT OR LATE?

If your child is going to be away from school for any reason, please give the office a call at 905 398 7945, and leave a message between the hours of 5:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m. On a busy day with many absences, confirming the whereabouts of every absent child can take quite a while and could result in a child missing for some time. The York Region District School Board has been advised by the police that if a student has not arrived at school, and after all steps have been taken to contact the parents, emergency contact etc., they wish to be informed immediately. Please make sure that the school office has been provided with emergency contacts that can be easily reached.

February is

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Parking Lot Reminder

We would like to remind our community that the South parking lot (off of Shirrick Drive) **is for parents who are bringing their children to the Child Care and Child Care staff only.** MacLeod's Landing students can be dropped off at the front of the school off of Silver Maple Road, by using our front loop or along Shirrick Drive so they can use the path to walk to the school yard.
Thank you for your cooperation!

MacLeod's Landing is now on twitter! Follow us @MacLanding to get updates about ongoing events, calendar notices, and lots of other great information!



Annual School Council Meeting Dates:

Tuesday, February 2 Tuesday, March 8
Tuesday, April 5 Tuesday, May 3
Tuesday, June 7

Busing Eligibility

Did you know that students' busing eligibility changes throughout their school career? Your son's/daughter's eligibility to ride the school bus may change according to his/her grade and distance from home to school. Below are the provisions for eligibility identified in the Board's Transportation Policy #680:

- All YRDSB students in JK-3 who live within 1.2 km of their school are **not** eligible for transportation
- All YRDSB students in Grades 4-8 who live within 1.6 km of their school are **not** eligible for transportation
- All YRDSB students in Grades 9-12 who live within a transit served area are **not** eligible for transportation

To view Board Policy #680: Student Transportation, please visit www.yrdsb.edu.on.ca. For more information about bus transportation and to determine your son's/daughter's eligibility please visit www.schoolbuscity.com.



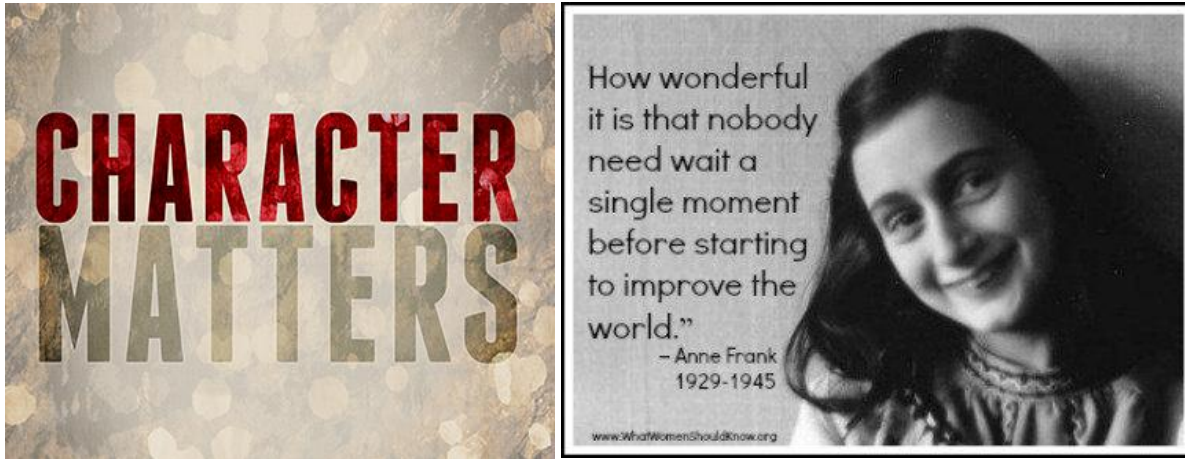
Projected Enrollment

Are you moving before next September? If so, please let us know as soon as possible. We are currently projecting our student enrolment for September 2016. These numbers help us hire sufficient staff and support personnel. It is important that we know as soon as possible whether you may be leaving the MacLeod's Landing community before September.

Please call our office with any information: 905-398-7945

Character Matters! Our Monthly Focus is INITIATIVE

Each month we will be highlighting a different character trait and recognizing the good character development of our students. Initiative is the power or opportunity to do something before others do. It is the energy and desire that is needed to do something, or a plan or program that is intended to solve a problem. We take initiative to help others at MLPS!



Bus Cancellation

To ensure the safety of students, school bus service may be cancelled from time to time due to inclement weather, extreme temperatures and/or poor road conditions. In these cases, parents and students should develop alternate care/transportation arrangements.

Since some busing schedules begin by 7:00 a.m., cancellation decisions must be made by 6:00 a.m. to allow time to communicate this message to bus drivers. Cancellation decisions will only be made after thorough consultation with the Safety Officers of school bus companies servicing York Region and are based on several factors including precipitation, air temperature, road conditions and weather forecast. Please note the following;

- A decision to cancel school bus service will be **region-wide** meaning all school buses, vans and taxis will not operate.
- **School bus routes may be cancelled when severe weather is not affecting all municipalities in York Region.** Both the YRDSB and YCDSB operate many regional educational programs. Students attending these programs are transported over large attendance areas encompassing several municipal boundaries. This limits the ability to cancel bus service using a municipality or zone methodology.
- Unless otherwise stated, schools will remain open and parents can make arrangements to transport their children to and from school even if school bus service is cancelled. **If buses are cancelled in the morning, they will not operate in the afternoon. Therefore students transported to school by parents will require the same transportation home.**

Parents, students and school staff are asked to access the following radio and television stations after 6:00 a.m. to receive bus cancellation information:

RADIO

590 AM	640 AM	680 AM	860 AM	1010 AM	1050 AM
1540AM	1580 AM	88.5 FM	89.9 FM	92.5 FM	93.1 FM
94.9 FM	95.9 FM	97.3 FM	98.1 FM	99.1 FM	99.9 FM
101.1 FM	102.1 FM	104.5 FM	100.7 FM	107.1 FM	

TELEVISION

CITY TV CTV Barrie CFTO TV CP24 GLOBAL NEWS

A bus cancellation message will also be available at www.schoolbuscity.com and by calling 1-877-330-3001, or by following the YCDSB and YRDSB on twitter. Please note that school bus charters for fieldtrips will not operate when buses are cancelled due to inclement weather.

Lunar New Year

February 8 marks the Lunar New Year for members of the Chinese, Korean and Vietnamese communities. This is the year of the Monkey. People born in 1944, 1956, 1968, 1980, 1992 and 2004 are born in the year of the "Monkey". Many rituals are associated with this festive occasion. They include cleaning house, paying off debts, settling old arguments, and other means of making a "fresh start." To celebrate, people may light firecrackers, hang poetry, enjoy a family feast (oranges and apples are considered lucky fruits), exchange gifts (adults may give children laisee, red envelopes filled with money), and buy new clothes or new shoes.

We wish all staff, students and community celebrating Lunar New Year a happy and joyful celebration in the company of family and friends.



A Message from our Trustee

Corrie McBain

Although winter still feels far from over some days, we are now halfway through the school year. With report cards coming home, this is a good time to review progress and celebrate what your children have learned both inside and outside of the classroom. This is also a good time to set goals for the months ahead.

One of our goals set out in the Board of Trustees' [Multi-Year Plan](#) is to "continuously increase student achievement and well-being through a culture of caring and learning." Developing this supportive culture includes engaging parents/guardians and other members of the school community in public education and working together to create safe and supportive school environments that enable students to thrive.

As parents/guardians, there are many ways you can get engaged in your child's education and support their learning, including talking with them about school, communicating with teachers, attending school events or school council meetings, and volunteering in the school. However you get involved, know that you are making a difference.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, I wish you all the best an enjoyable and successful second term.

UPCOMING DATES:

February 2: School Council

February 8: Lunar New Year

February 15: Family Day

February 16: Report Cards go home

February 22: Coffee Talk – evening
