



## UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Thursday, April 2**  
**Pizza Lunch**
- **Friday, April 3**  
**Good Friday (no school)**
- **Monday, April 6**  
**Easter Monday**
- **April 7 - 8**  
**Grade 5 Scientist in Schools**
- **Wednesday, April 8**  
**Pink Day**  
**School Advisory Council (6:30)**
- **April 8 - 10**  
**Grade 2 Scientist in Schools**
- **Thursday, April 9**  
**Lunch Lady**
- **Thursday, April 16**  
**Pizza Lunch**
- **April 17 - 21**  
**Grade 1 Scientist in Schools**
- **Wednesday, April 22**  
**Earth Day**
- **Thursday, April 23**  
**Lunch Lady**
- **Friday, April 24**  
**Assembly @ 9:00 a.m.**
- **Tuesday, April 28**  
**School Show - A Kid's Life**
- **Wednesday, April 29**  
**School Show - A Kid's Life**
- **Thursday, April 30**  
**Pizza Lunch**

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## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

We are just finishing another fantastic month at McKee. Our parents, staff and students have shown their spirit by supporting many activities and events throughout March. Our newsletter will be filled with many images of fun, laughter and school spirit.

Unfortunately, our field area is quite muddy, therefore parents are reminded to ensure children have outdoors footwear and a second set of clothes in the event of falling on the soiled field.



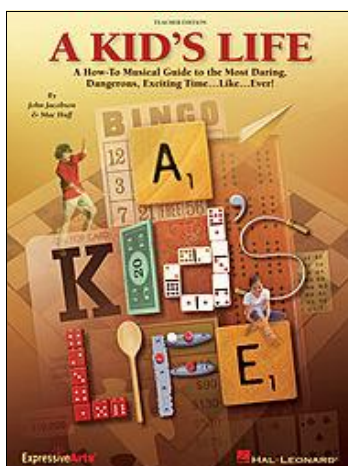
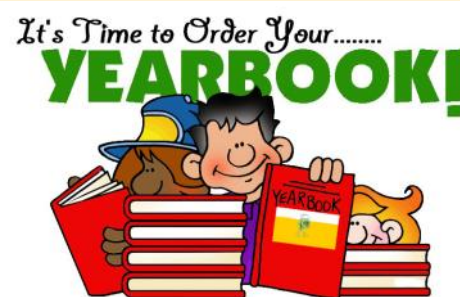
We are continuing to experience many students who are arriving late to school in the morning. For Grade 1-5, supervision begins at 8:30 a.m. and our doors open at 8:40 a.m. At 8:45, students are marked late and need a late slip. Attaining a late slip can take up to 30 minutes depending on the line up outside our main office. Please help our students be good citizens. Punctuality is a lifelong skill.

We are experiencing difficulty in maintaining order in our bus loop. A reminder to parents that there is no parking on our bus loop at any time during the day. Cars should not be left unattended for any period time. With warmer weather upon us, parents are encouraged to walk to school or park a block away.

Staffing for 2015-2016 has begun and I shall report our school organization at the next SAC meeting **Wednesday, April 8 at 6:30 p.m.** in our staff room. Parents are welcome to attend. We would also welcome any feedback parents might have to our Thursday lunches (Pizza Lunch and Lunch Lady program). As we move into planning for next year, we would like to maintain the current schedule of Thursday lunches. Feedback can be sent to school by written note or email — [mckee@tdsb.on.ca](mailto:mckee@tdsb.on.ca)



We are continuing the tradition of producing a McKee PS Yearbook. This year, we will be filling our pages with wonderful school memories of special events taking place during the 2014-2015 school year. The yearbook will be in full colour with a glossy cover to be distributed at the end of June. Be sure your child has this special keepsake to help them remember the memories, fun and friends of this school year. Last year we sold all of our copies and had some disappointed students who did not order in advance. The cost of the yearbook is \$20.00 per book. Payment by cheque to be made out to McKee PS is the preferred payment method. Attached to this email is an order form. If you are interested, please print and complete this form and submit it to your child's teacher with payment by April 30, 2015.



We are all very excited to be part of another McKee school musical titled "A Kid's Life". The play is a fun yet thought-provoking story which discusses the abundance of technology in a kid's world and questions the over-reliance on technology as a form of entertainment. This is a lively show with singing, dancing, and a stellar cast, that imagines what fun a typical kid's life might be if all techno-gadgets suddenly stopped working. There will be two evening performances, one on the 28<sup>th</sup> and the other on the 29<sup>th</sup> of April beginning at 7:00 p.m. Please contact your teacher to find out when your child will be performing. There is no cost for admission, but we will be raffling off a VIP seating prior to the start of the show. We certainly hope to see all of you there.

## International Day of Pink - Wednesday, April 8

The International Day of Pink is a day of action, born when a youth in a high school in Cambridge, Nova Scotia was bullied because he wore a pink shirt to school. His fellow students decided to stand up to bullying; hundreds of students came to school wearing pink to show support for diversity.

We invite everyone to make a difference and participate. The goal of the International Day of Pink is to bring this message across the world, through an international day of action that anyone can take part in. We encourage groups to not only wear pink in support of diversity, but to also hold events and activities that will engage their community and challenge gender stereotypes.

The International Day of Pink is more than just a symbol of a shared belief in celebrating diversity - it's also a commitment to being open minded, to being understanding of differences and to being respectful of each other.

## Top Fundraisers!

- 3<sup>rd</sup> highest: Ms. Hung
- 2<sup>nd</sup> highest: Ms. Kemerer
- **1<sup>st</sup> highest: Ms. Secord-Swann**



## Classes who raised over \$500!

- Ms. Secord-Swann
- Ms. Kemerer
- Ms. Hung
- Ms. Fung
- Ms. Rosenberg
- Ms. Coles
- Mr. Gagnon
- Ms. Shantz



## Pizza Lunches for the classes who raised the most money:

- Kindergarten: Ms. Secord-Swann
- Primary: Ms. Fung
- Junior: Ms. Kemerer



**Grand Prize:** Blue Tooth Player ~ Leon Z. ~ Ms. Coelho

### Divisional Prizes:

**Kindergarten:** Plasma Car ~ Fariza ~ Ms. Hung

**Primary:** Bicycle ~ Lily ~ Ms. Kandaharian

**Junior:** Bicycle ~ Pearly ~ Ms. Kemerer



## Character Education

During the afternoon of Monday, March 30, we enjoyed two different assemblies: one to highlight the March character trait of honesty with help from some of our grade 1 classes and to present our Honesty Bee certificates. The Kindergarten, grade 2, and grade 4 recipients are pictured below. We also celebrated The Big Crunch where all students received apples to encourage healthy eating. Later in the afternoon, we had a separate assembly to celebrate the successes of our fundraising Dance-a-thon. Throughout the month of April, we will be focusing our attention on the character trait of Cooperation.







## DANCE-A-THON UPDATE

### Collected for 2015 ... \$12 834.00 before expenses...

HURRAY! We reached our goal! All classes did a fabulous job raising money for McKee! It really is not how much money we brought in individually, but that together, everyone did a little bit to try to make McKee the best it can be. We can now purchase more iPads and new computers for the library and lab!

Without the numerous parents who helped photocopy, set up the sponsor forms, and count the money, we would not have been as successful this year. Thank you Mrs. Kainthla, Mrs. Ly, Mrs. Choi, and Mrs. Chui for your dedication and help. We would also like to extend a special thank you to Mrs. Kim, who worked throughout the year to obtain all the prizes from our sponsors for the dance-a-thon. The teachers at McKee always work diligently behind the scenes to make everything a success. Thank you all!

We would like to extend our appreciation to the many sponsors who supported us in our endeavour to raise money for McKee. Our students will certainly enjoy all the wonderful prizes.



Finally, we have to thank the parents, students and families who made this Dance-a-thon a resounding success. Your contributions will help make McKee a better place to learn.

Although there were many classes who brought in a lot of money, there were many where almost every child brought in something. They demonstrated fabulous school spirit!

#### 100% Participation

Grade 2 - Ms. Shantz

Grade 3 - Ms. Rosenberg

Grade 5 Ms. Coles

#### Honourable mention for classes with almost 100% participation

- Ms. Walker
- Ms. Ng
- Mr. Gagnon
- Mr. Rogers
- Ms. Weir
- Ms. Yau
- Ms. Kandaharian
- Ms. Chu
- Ms. Fung
- Ms. Mark

| Sponsor  | Student    | Teacher          |
|--|------------|------------------|
| Metro \$25 Gift card   | Aidan      | Ms. Walker       |
| Solar Stage (4 tickets)  | Leah       | Ms. Secord-Swann |
| Ontario Science Centre (2 admission tickets)   | Bill       | Ms. Hwang        |
| Art Gallery of Ontario (4 tickets)   | Elia       | Mr. Gagnon       |
| Putting Edge (4 play tickets)  | Madeline   | Ms. Clarke       |
| True North Climbing intro pass (1 person)  | Hsuan You  | Ms. Fung         |
| Toronto Jazz Festival (2 admission tickets)  | Cameron T  | Ms. Yau          |
| Canada's Wonderland (2 admission tickets)  | Jenny      | Ms. Coles        |
| Centreville (family of 4)  | Maylene    | Ms. Secord-Swann |
| Parks and Recreation passes for 2  | Wilson     | Ms. Secord-Swann |
| Black Creek Pioneer Village (4 general admission)                                    | Aryan      | Ms. Mark         |
| ROM: 1 day pass  | Cindy      | Ms. Bitterhoff   |
| Yonge Norton Chiropractic office (\$50 off services)                                 | Ethan Y    | Ms. Bose         |
| Yamaha Music School (\$50 rebate)  | Noah       | Ms. Lowther      |
| Whole Foods Gift Basket (\$50 worth)   | Brandon    | Ms. Ten-Pow      |
| Tae Kwon Do Classes (1year \$1 300 value)  | James L    | Mr. Morris       |
| Tae Kwon Do classes (3 months \$400 value)   | Genevieve  | Ms. Chung        |
|  | Howie      | Ms. Bose         |
|  | Caleb      | Ms. Chung        |
|  | Sarah      | Ms. Bose         |
|  | Mihiro     | Ms. Ng           |
|  | Shayan     | Ms. Rosenberg    |
|  | Jessica    | Ms. Weir         |
|  | Alex       | Ms. Jung         |
|  | Isaac      | Ms. Bitterhoff   |
|  | Jonathan L | Ms. Shantz       |

## Girls' Volleyball

This year, over 50 girls tried out for the Grade 4/5 Girls' Volleyball Team. It was difficult to narrow the field down to only 12 and after many practices we had our final team set.

The team played in two tournaments going undefeated in both. We won all four matches, finishing with an outstanding record of 4 wins and 0 losses!

The Championship match was held at Pleasant View Junior High School, and our Girls faced off against Cassandra Public School in the Finals. We won the first set but lost the second, which sent the game to a third and final set to determine the champion. There was a nervous moment because our team was down 8 - 4 but we stormed back and won the tie-breaking match with a score of 15 - 11. All the girls played with determination, skill and a positive attitude.

Congratulations to McKee's 2015 Girls' Volleyball Champions; Hayoung, Chengjia, Sam, Cindy, Candice, Emily, Maggie, Aika, Elia, Jane, Kelly, and Fatima. The team is coached by Mr. Lee.



## Primary and Junior Chess Teams

On Thursday, March 26th, McKee's Primary and Junior Chess Teams travelled to 918 Bathurst to play in a full-day Chess Tournament. The day was filled with fun, laughter, and of course an immeasurable amount of concentration.

The Primary Team, which included six grade 2-3 students, had many challenging opponents throughout the day. They suffered 1 loss but it did not sway their determination and confidence as they went on to win 3 more matches! They finished with an overall record of 3 wins and 1 loss and placed 1st overall. The Junior Team faced much adversity as most of the opponents they played against were grade 6 students.

The Junior Team only lost one match, finishing with an overall record of 5 wins, 1 loss, and 1 tie. This resulted in the Junior Team placing second overall.

Both the Primary and Junior Teams will move on to the City Final Chess Championships which will be held on May 8th at Ledbury EMS. Congratulations and good luck to McKee's Primary and Junior Chess Teams: David, Ethan, Bill, Tahir, Josiah, Marco, Elia, Calvin, Kazu, Hannah, Kayan, and Harikesan! The team is coached by Mr. Morris.

## HIKE FOR HUNGER!

*In 2011, there were over 75,000 visits to Toronto food banks each month. One in six of these were to North York's Lansing/Harvest food bank and 46% of households that relied on our food banks were those with children.*

On the morning of **Saturday, May 2, 2015**, McKee PS, Claude Watson, Earl Haig SS and the local Girl Guides of Canada will be participating in an event called **Hike for Hunger**. We will be walking together along Yonge Street to finish the event at the Sheppard Centre for a celebration of food and festivities. Students and families are asked to register prior to the Hike. At McKee in the month of April, we will be working closely with our Changemakers to build awareness in helping those in need of food banks.

Together at McKee, let's help make a difference in our community and support the North York Lansing/Harvest food bank. Please bring non-perishable food items with you the morning of the Hike!

Stay tuned for more information! **Small Change, Big Difference!**



| code |   | April 9 | April 23 |
|------|---|---------|----------|
| M1   | 2 Pizza Roll Ups with Tomato Sauce, Cheese and Pepperoni & Apple Slices | \$5.00  | \$5.00   |
| M2   | Beef Burger with Apple Slices   | \$6.00  | \$6.00   |
| M3   | Crispy Chicken Burger with Apple Slices                                 | \$6.00  | \$6.00   |
| M4   | Cheese Tortellini [no meat] with Apple Slices                           | \$5.75  | \$5.75   |
| M5   | Beef Meatball and Potato Wedge Poutine with Apple Slices                | \$6.00  | \$6.00   |
| H6   | Mini Cheese Tortellini [no meat] with Apple Slices                      | \$5.00  | \$5.00   |
|      |   |         |          |
| S04  | 1% Milk   | \$1.25  | \$1.25   |
| S05  | Chocolate Milk  | \$1.50  | \$1.50   |
| S19  | Banana Chocolate Chip Loaf  | \$1.00  | \$1.00   |
| S27  | Orange Sherbet [also GF]  | \$1.25  | \$1.25   |
| F03  | Ketchup [1 only]  | free    | free     |
| F04  | Mustard [1 only]  | free    | free     |

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You will receive a transaction report each time you are on our site outlining any activity.

There are cut off times so try to get your order in **2 school days in advance. (by April 7 for April 9 and by April 21 for April 23)**

A few tips

- If you know what you wish to order, "Type and Tab" your way through the order grid – no need to scroll thru the drop downs each time
- If you have more than one child, Enter and Save after each child and pay once at the end
- To avoid the 10 minute TIME OUT and lose your order, SAVE every now and then if necessary.
- Revisit the site anytime to review your order, your order history or make changes by selecting new codes or delete lunches by clicking on the red - [minus] icon beside the lunch date.
- If your child has allergies, please call me for further information.

**If your child is absent, contact Marlyn prior to 8 AM BY PHONE to have the lunch credited to your account**



# ***CRAZY HAIR AND HAT DAY***







# ***PJ AND TEDDY DAY***



# BEACH DAY









# ***SPORT JERSEY DAY***

