



UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday, December 17

- Sing-a-long Assembly (9 a.m.)

Wednesday, December 18

- Sing-a-long Assembly (12:50 p.m.)

Thursday, December 19

- Sing-a-long Assembly (9 a.m.)
- Pizza Lunch

Friday, December 20

- PD Day (NO SCHOOL)

Wednesday, December 25

- CHRISTMAS DAY

Thursday, December 26

- KWANZA

Monday, January 6, 2014

- First day back to school

Thursday, January 9, 2014

- Pizza Lunch

Tuesday, January 21, 2014

- Lunar New Year Celebration at 10:20 a.m.

Thursday, January 23, 2014

- Pizza Lunch

Tuesday, January 28, 2014

- Hot Lunch

Thursday, January 30, 2014

- Bee Assembly (1 p.m.)

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

There are a few staff changes taking effect January 6. We are sad to say good bye to our Long Term Occasional Teachers: Ms. Shin, Ms. Ng and Mr. Lazenby. All have made very positive contributions to McKee PS. We welcome back from a leave of absence: Ms. Chung, Ms. Lee and Ms. Kay. We say goodbye to one of our Lunchroom Supervisors: Tracy Koivunen.

We are happy to host a few sing-a-long assemblies this final shortened week of December. Please join us in one of the following assemblies led by our Kindergarten students: December 17 at 9:00 (Teng and Lowther); December 18 at 12:50 (all Kindergartens); and December 19 at 9:00 (Ten-Pow and Caira). Kindness and Caring certificates will be handed out on Tuesday, December 17.

Thank you to the entire McKee community for assisting us in our fundraising efforts. A special thank you to Julie Costanzo for overseeing this huge endeavor. We are happy to report that we have brought in a total of \$3163.96 from cookie and Acorn sales.

We look forward to the start of a new calendar year. There will be a lot happening at McKee and we will keep you posted through our newsletter and/or email notice. We will be experimenting with a hot lunch trial on January 28 (see enclosed for more information). Construction on two major projects will begin with a replacement Air Conditioner (Dec-Jan) and two additional classrooms (Feb-July). Our annual Dance-a-thon fundraiser will begin in February.

The Holiday season is upon us and it is a time to stop and reflect on the year that passed while we anticipate the year ahead. We are grateful to you, our parents, for your continued support of our staff and students. On behalf of our entire school staff, I would like to extend a Happy Holiday season to our friends and families of McKee PS.

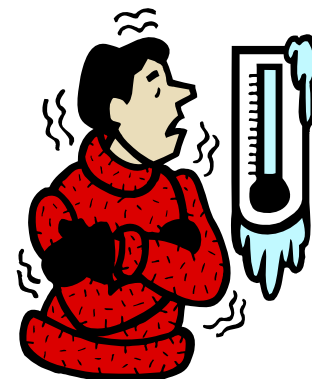
Please note the change of date for our Lunar New Year Celebration is now Tuesday, January 21 at 10:20 a.m. We hope you can join us for this celebration.



Extreme Weather Conditions—TDSB Policy states...

Children need an opportunity to get exercise and free play time outdoors, however, weather conditions sometimes warrant that indoor recesses, lunch periods and pre-entry periods be considered necessary for student and staff safety. Conditions warranting indoor recesses:

- (a) Rain, thunderstorms, lightning, hail, extreme winds and extreme cold.
- (b) Cold weather: When temperature and/or windchill factor indicates -28C or lower children will remain indoors due to risk of frostnip and frostbite. When temperature and/or windchill factor indicates -20 to -28C, recesses may be shortened to 10 minutes and lunch recess be 20 minutes depending on local conditions. Children should be monitored closely for signs of frostnip, frostbite or difficulty breathing.
- (c) Humidity, Heat and Smog Alerts: The City of Toronto issues heat alerts and heat emergencies based on the daily forecast from May to September. Alerts are posted on the Website www.toronto.ca/health or by calling (416) 338-7600. Staff and students should be vigilant about their level of activity and should take frequent breaks for water in order to remain adequately hydrated.



Other conditions:

Weather conditions change during the day. When necessary and if the weather is questionable, the school principal will consult the Environment Canada’s www.weatheroffice.ec.gc.ca or Toronto Public Health Websites for information.



Character Education
Teamwork

In the month of January, your child will be involved in learning activities designed to develop teamwork. Helen Keller stated “Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much”. Please stress the importance of being willing to work and play with others at school, in the home and in the community. Share a story that will help your child understand that sometimes “fair” does not mean “equal”.

Skating at Mitchell
Field Arena

Many of our students have been having fun skating at Mitchell Field Arena so far. Parents are reminded to ensure students have coats and mittens while on the ice. Thank you to all the parents who volunteer to help our students put on their skates and



Congratulations to the McKee Boys Volleyball Team who finished 1st in the TDESAA West Qualifying Tournament on Wednesday December 4th, 2013 at Rene Gordon Public School. The McKee boys used their precise serving skills and great work ethic to beat Elkhorn, Thorncliff Park, and Rene Gordon Public Schools in straight sets. Unfortunately McKee was not able to squeeze out a win against Sloane Public School in the Finals on Wednesday December 11th, 2013. It took 2 well fought sets and a tie breaker to defeat McKee. The McKee boys took home the Conference Finalists banner for all their efforts. Congratulations to Ariano, Farzad, Jeremi, Arya, Lin, Max, Ethan, and Shariar. Thanks to Mr. Robinson and Mr. Priolo for giving up their time to coach.

McKee Public School has selected the Lunch Lady to be our new Hot Lunch Provider on a trial basis.

The Lunch Lady is an all-Canadian success story which began in 1993 with one MOM and one lunch order in one school. Today the Lunch Lady Family delivers thousands of lunches every day to children in hundreds of schools across Canada.

Every lunch:

- meets or exceeds provincial nutritional standards & Canada’s Food Guide
- is portion-controlled and designed with kids’ good health in mind
- is prepared daily with care in a nut free, school safe commercial kitchen
- can be modified for kids with allergies or special food needs
- will be delivered to McKee by a smiling Lunch Lady staff member
- includes all applicable taxes
- Gives busy parents a welcome break!



We are starting service to our school **January 28, 2014 with a Hot Lunch special**. Please look for the menu to come home after the holidays. This is a trial lunch and hopefully there will be many more to follow. All ordering and payment will be online only.

If you have any questions, allergy concerns or need assistance, please feel free to call Harry at **phone # 905-470-2598** or email at harry@thelunchlady.ca Visit www.thelunchlady.ca to learn more about the company

Full Day Kindergarten Registration



Full Day Kindergarten registration will officially begin the week of February 10 -14th. Please encourage your neighbours who have children born in 2010 (Junior Kindergarten) and 2009 (Senior Kindergarten) to call the office to make an appointment. The office is booking registration appointments starting Monday, February 3, 2014. In order to register, parents will need to present the following:

- ◆ identification to prove residency (NOT a cell phone bill or driver’s license)
 - ◆ a letter from the Property Management Office
 - ◆ child’s birth certificate or passport or permanent resident card
 - ◆ immigration papers, if necessary
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Freshly grown moustaches and facial hair were seen all across McKee during the month of “Movember” to show support for cancer research and men’s health. Movember is an international event where men grow moustaches to raise awareness of and collect donations for prostate cancer research and mental health research. Feel free to go to the Movember website with this link <http://ca.movember.com/team/1364981> . Anyone can sign up and donate to our team.

We thought that we would have some fun to see how well you know the staff of McKee. Can you guess the names of these 12 staff members based on the amount of facial hair that they have grown throughout the month of November? As promised, here are the answers: A: Mr. Morris B: Mr. Shuttleworth C: Mr. Giorgi D: Trevor E: Ms. Bitterhoff F: Mr. Priolo G: Mr. Gagnon H: Mr. Shepherd I: Mrs. Charron J: Mrs. Bose K: Mr. McGilvray L: Mr. Robinson

