



# October 2023

# McKee McNews



## UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, October 4 -  
Curriculum Night and Photo  
Day

Wednesday, October 5 - Cross  
Country Meet @ Earl Bales  
World Teachers' Day

Friday, October 6 - PA Day (no  
school)

Monday, October 9 -  
Thanksgiving Day (No School)

Tuesday, October 31 -  
Halloween

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## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

I am pleased to share that we have had a very successful start to our school year! Routines are set and we are well on our way to a very successful year of learning. Thank you for sending us your beautiful children everyday.

I can tell you from visiting the classrooms often, that the tone of learning is exceptional and teachers are giving students what they need in terms of curriculum content as well as rich culturally relevant resources and activities.

We had a fulsome first **Parent Council meeting** last Wednesday and would like to welcome our new and returning executive members: **Co Chairs: Melisa Ash and Maria Speare**; our **Co Secretaries: Hayley Buckler and Atefeh Javadian**, our **Co Treasurers: Reza Mahdavi and Josephine Chuk** and **Nicole Di Wu** our **School Parents Involvement Advisor**.



A strong and involved parent council contributes greatly to an effective school. We have several Members at Large who will also contribute to discussion and act as voting members. What a fortunate community we are to have so many dedicated parents willing to help out.

Please continue to connect with your child's teacher, myself or my VP Laurel Poon if you have any questions or if we can help you in any way. Thank you for being a supportive partner in your child's education.

Jeanette Lang  
Principal  
McKee PS



## Punctuality Matters

Supervision in our playground begins at 8:30 a.m. Our **first bell** rings at **8:40 a.m.**, when doors open to allow students to enter our school building. A **second bell** rings at **8:45 a.m.** when students are expected in their classrooms to be ready for our Land

Acknowledgement, O'Canada and morning announcements. **After 8:45 a.m.** students can only enter through our main doors and will be considered **late**. Students who arrive late to school must report to the office and wait until morning announcements are complete before signing in to receive a late slip. Students are all encouraged to **try to arrive at school on time**.

## September/October Library News

The McKee Library is open for check out and the students have been so excited to borrow their first book of the year. We have had a busy month talking about perseverance and reconciliation by learning about Terry Fox and Orange Shirt Day. The library helper club has started for students in grades 4 and 5. The library helpers are learning how to organise the books and take care of the library space.



Don't forget to check out the virtual library for amazing resources for students to access at home.

Look for this icon



To access passwords for these resources from outside of the TDSB network.

### Book Recommendation:

Phyllis Webstad's true orange shirt story encourages young children to open their hearts and listen as others share their feelings, and to be more comfortable sharing their own feelings too. Listening first step towards reconciliation. It's never too early start.



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Thank you,  
Ms. Nmezi

## Halloween celebrations

We are excited to begin the planning for our upcoming Hallowe'en celebrations. Your child's teacher will share expectations with you on Curriculum night. We don't expect families to bring in treats for the class although some of you may wish to do so. Each grade will plan something a little different and the overarching idea and theme is that we are sensitive to the costumes that we chose and that we are not wearing face coverings that make it difficult to navigate. **We are also working with**

**Sunnyside UP camp to be able to offer a special walking excursion opportunity to a nearby house for students to see the decorations during the day. Stay tuned for more information.**



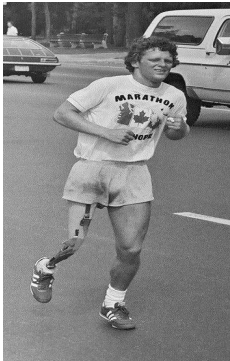
## Extra Curricular Activities

We are very pleased with the time the teachers are willing to give outside of their instructional time to ensure that our students are given opportunities for them to learn new skills and develop new friends and learn the important life lessons through sport.

We are excited to be taking our Girls Borden Ball team to Arbour Glen for a tournament on Tuesday, October 3rd as well as approximately 53 students to Earl Bales for a Cross country meet on Thursday, October 5th. We are also busy with our Grade 4/5 boys soccer team as well as other fun clubs that will begin later this month including Chess, Hall Monitors, a Creative Writing club and more.



## **Terry Fox Activity Day**



On September 28, staff and students participated in our annual Terry Fox run. All students came to an Assembly where we learned about the remarkable story of Terry Fox. All students participated in a run/walk for at least 20 minutes in our school yard. Messages of hope, encouragement and resilience filled our hallways and classrooms as we participated in this year's "Try for Terry". Thank you to all parents who have donated to this worthy cause of contributing to finding a cure for Cancer. **To date we have raised over \$3000.00 on line and have several hundreds of dollars in cash donations. For those who wish to donate, please see link below to help us with reaching our goal of \$6000.00**

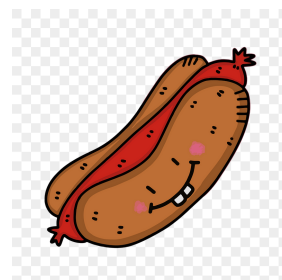
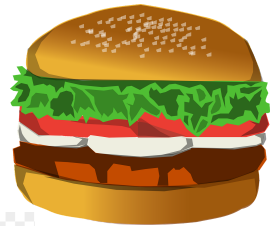
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**Curriculum Night and Welcome Back BBQ**  
**October 4th @ 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.**

Curriculum night will offer two classroom presentations - 1st at 5:00 and 2nd at 5:30 p.m. The BBQ will run from 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

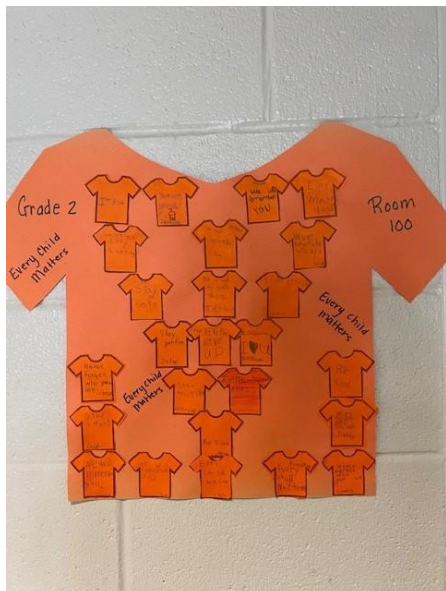
- Meet your child's classroom teacher
- See the classroom where your child is learning every day
- Find out about Curriculum and classroom expectations and routines





## ORANGE SHIRT DAY

On September 29th, McKee students and staff wore orange shirts to recognize the mistreatment of Indigenous Peoples specifically with what happened with residential schools. Students learned through videos, books and dialogue in their classrooms the history and stories behind what happened years ago. The story of Phyllis Webstad was shared with students. McKee will continue along this journey of going deeper into understanding First Nations teaching. As a school community, we are proud to be a part of this Truth and Reconciliation process.



# Introducing our superstar line up of staff

		<i>McKee Staff 2023- 2024</i>		
GRADE	ROOM #	TEACHER	ECE	LRS
FDK A	110	Jolin Kan	Jacqueline Fung	Kitty Fan
FDK B	111	Sarah Lee	Elena Shutov	Sonika Kainthla
FDK C	112	Andrea Caira *	Chitra Rao	Anh Sustar
FDK D	113	Tiffany Kwong	Jieling Xie	Maryna Igolkin
FDK E	114	Shelby Ungerman	Germina Mocioiu	Mehrak Javid
Grade 1 A	105	Helen Kenedy*		
Grade 1 B	106	Sacha Ten-Pow		
Grade 1 C	107	Talia Charezenko		
Grade 1 D	108	Saini Sadchatheeswaran		
Grade 1	103	Odette Trudel		
Grade 2 A	99	Jennifer Leung		
Grade 2 B	100	Sue Jung		
Grade 2 C	203	Senny Chung		
Grade 2 D	204	Michelle Thai*		
Grade 2	207	Arpita Ghosal*		
Grade 3	202	Jillian Rosenberg *		
Grade 3 A	205	Marissa Katz		
Grade 3 B	210	Minah Hwang*		
Grade 3 C	222	Bonnie Mullrooney		
Grade 3/4	211	Tim Barker		
Virtual Grade 3/4	121	Paul Corvo		
Grade 4 A	206	Laura Shantz		
Grade 4 B	209	Michael Morris*		
Grade 4/5	201	Mailyn Soler		
Grade 5 A	208	Albert Huynh		
Grade 5 B	212	Pam Bitterhoff *		
Special Ed	109	Wendy Kay		
Special Ed	104	Joanna Raven		
ESL	127	Wendy Li-Wong		
ESL	215	Andy Lott		
ESL	123	Esther Lee		
.5 - Prep	102	Hindy Katz		



Library/Prep	Library	Amara Nmezi		
Phys. Ed	Gym	Tony Priolo		
Phys. Ed & Prep	Gym/102	Shannon Weir		
Music	213	Natasha Kisilevich		
French	221	Lynn Chiu		
EA		Diti Kanellopoulos		
.5 SNA AM		TBD		
SNA		TBD		
Office Admin.		Afroditi Avloniti		
Secretary .5 a.m.		Julie Marino		
Principal		Jeanette Lang		
Vice Principal		Laurel Poon		
Head Caretaker		Trevor Gauthier		
Lunchroom Sup.		Ali Youssef		
Lunchroom Sup.		Karen Bouffault		
Lunchroom Sup.		Maria Smirnova		

**We are also very fortunate to have 3 amazing Settlement workers who support our newcomers: Iona Seo (Korean), Tayebah Ahmadi (Farsi and Dari) and Iris Yang (Mandarin).**

# YOUR PHOTO DAY IS APPROACHING!

## October 4!





### Showcase Your Best Smile

- Students will be photographed at school.
- On photo day, no order form or payment is due.
- Review your images and purchase online with ease!







#### DON'T FORGET

School photos are a Canadian tradition to capture the school year and preserve your continued growth.



#### GET REMINDERS

Sign up for notifications at [edgeimaging.ca/photoday](https://edgeimaging.ca/photoday) to get real-time updates about your photo day and stay in the know with Edge.




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