

# MACKIE MOMENTS – April-Co-operation

## For the Week of April 15, 2024

<b>Monday 15</b> <b>Day 1</b>	<p><b>SCHOOLCASHONLINE:</b> George P. Mackie is moving towards being a cash free school this year. If you need any assistance, please bring your device to the office and we will assist in registering you for SchoolCashOnline. Thank you! <a href="#">SchoolCashOnline Brochure.pdf</a></p> <p><b>SCHOOL ON TIME:</b> We know that mornings are busy, this is a very friendly reminder that school begins at <b>8:40 a.m.</b> Any late students please enter at <b>Door #2</b> up until <b>8:50 a.m.</b> After this time, please use the front main door to enter the school.</p>
<b>Tuesday 16</b> <b>Day 2</b>	<p><b>SCHOOL PICK-UP/DROP-OFF:</b> Parents/Caregivers, we respectfully ask that you take extra care when picking up and dropping off your children. Our school’s parking lot is closed to traffic between the hours of <b>8:00 a.m.</b> and <b>4:00 p.m.</b> Heathfield and Brinloor may be used to park vehicles and walk children to their line-ups. <b><i>We kindly ask that our neighbour’s driveways are not blocked</i></b> and that extra patience is taken when children and parents are walking amongst vehicles. We thank you for your patience and support!</p>
<b>Wednesday 17</b> <b>Day 3</b>	<p><b>IMPORTANT:</b> Students being dropped off for reasons like morning practices, or when meeting with their teacher’s, we kindly request that students enter through the main door and report to the school’s office and then to the teacher in charge. Please ensure that students are dropped off at the noted time as a staff supervisor must be present. We thank you again for your support.</p>
<b>Thursday 18</b> <b>Day 4</b>	<p><b>SCHOOL VISITORS:</b> We kindly ask that if you are visiting Mackie that you enter through the Main school door. <b>All visitors are to report to the main office where Mr. Kyriazis, Ms. Lew or a staff member can assist you. We also kindly request that volunteers please use the sign-in/sign-out binder located at the main office. We thank you for your consideration and support!</b></p>
<b>Friday 19</b> <b>Day 1</b>	<p><b>DOGS ON SCHOOL PROPERTY:</b> Dogs are <b><u>not permitted</u></b> on school property.</p> <p><b>MACKIE SNACKIE:</b>  <b>Monday</b> - clementine, cheese and crackers  <b>Tuesday</b> - veggies, hummus and muffin  <b>Wednesday</b> - cereal, blueberries and milk  <b>Thursday</b> - veggies, yogurt and crackers  <b>Friday</b> - apple, cheese and rice cakes</p> <p><b>SCHOOL SPORTS/CLUBS:</b>  <b>Mackie in Motion</b> - every Day 3 a Primary Grade in the <b>AM</b> and a Junior Grade in the <b>PM</b>  <b>Eco Club</b> - every Thursday @ lunch  <b>Badminton Team:</b> <b><i>This practice is for the Badminton Teams only.</i></b> Gr. 4 &amp; 5 team every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 7:45 a.m. and G. 6 team every Monday, Wednesday and Friday after school.  <b>Volleyball (CoEd):</b> every Tuesday and Thursday after school  <b>Drama Club:</b> junior students every Tuesday at lunch  <b>Kilometre Club:</b> Grades 1 to 6 during recesses / weather permitting  <b>Tutoring:</b> <a href="#">TVO Learn Mathify   Free 1:1 Online Math Tutoring</a></p> <p><b>TDSB SUMMER SCHOOL:</b> The focus of the 2024 Elementary Literacy and Numeracy Summer School Program is to continue student engagement through July. Please find below links for the TDSB Summer School Programs.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"> § <a href="#">Elementary Summer School</a>  § <a href="#">Special Education and Inclusion Summer Program</a>  § <a href="#">Summer Music &amp; Art Camps</a> </p> <p><b>MACKIE CLOTHES DRIVE:</b> The ECO team at G. P. Mackie has organised a Divert Textile Waste initiative, and we are thrilled to announce that we will be hosting a clothes drive as part of the Recycling Rewards Program. We kindly request your support in donating any unwanted clothing items, including hats, belts, purses, footwear, and soft/stuffed toys. Please find the list of approved items for the clothing attached to this email. You can pack your donations in a bag or box. We will be collecting the items from April 15 to 17, 2024. Thank you!</p> <p><b>BRUSH-A-MANIA:</b> April is a very special month in Canada. It is Oral Health Month. School children across Canada from Junior Kindergarten to grade six are going to brush their teeth. Please encourage your child to brush his/her teeth.</p> <p>Each school will have a dentist show the students how to brush their teeth the right way and to answer any questions. Dr. Shuresh Ganesh will be attending George P. Mackie in the morning on Monday, April 15th.</p> <p>Your child has already received a Brush-a-mania instruction pamphlet, a Colgate toothbrush and toothpaste. At the school’s Brush-a-mania assembly on Monday, your child will receive a special</p>

Brush-a-mania sticker. Log on to [www.brushamania.ca](http://www.brushamania.ca) every day to record your child's brushes. After 30 days, every student who has brushed and/or flossed their teeth 100 times will be able to print out a Brush-a-mania certificate of achievement. His or her name may be entered into a draw to win a Nintendo Switch or one of fifty Android tablets.

April is Oral Health Month and I need you and your children to make it a BIG month. And don't forget to have FUN!

**KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION:** Starting school is an exciting time. Our schools provide a rich learning environment for all children to learn and grow. In the Kindergarten program, your child will develop their skills and abilities through inquiry and intentional play-based learning that includes, math, science and literacy. Teachers and early childhood educators plan learning experiences where children are actively engaged in learning and thinking creatively. Children who will be four by December 31, 2023, can start Junior Kindergarten in September 2024. Learn more about [Kindergarten at the TDSB](#), [Before- and After-School Programs](#) and [Extended Day Programs](#).

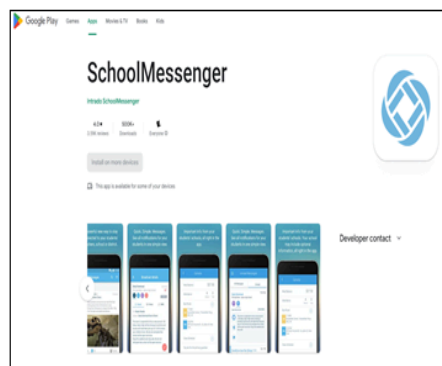
**LOST CLOTHING/LUNCH BAGS:** Please label your children's belongings with either their names or initials to help us return those items. Also, kindly remind your child(ren) to please check the lost and found, their classroom and areas around the school for their lost items including clothing, shoes and lunch bags. Thank you.

**BRING YOUR WATER BOTTLE EVERY DAY!**

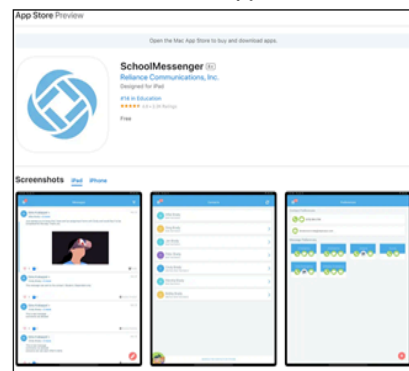
**SAFE ARRIVAL PROGRAM:** Please remember to call the Safe Arrival line at 416-396-6265 when your child will be absent or late for school, **OR** you may now call SchoolMessenger directly Toll-Free at 1-833-250-2290 between 7:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. to report their child(ren)'s absence for the current day or a future date. Also please see below for more information with regards to downloading the School Messenger App.

- **Parent/Guardians may now also use the *School Messenger App* (available at both the Google Play Store for Android and App Store for iOS/iPhones) for your convenience**

Look for this at the Google Play Store:



Look for this at App Store for iOS/iPhones:



For security of safe arrival absence reporting, parents/guardians can set up a Personal Identification Number (PIN) per student which will be required when reporting and explaining absences for a student by phone, please see the instructions below. Thank you!

[Step by Step Guide for Parents/Guardians](#)

## Important Dates

Kindergarten Online Registration has opened for 2024/2025

**APRIL IS EARTH MONTH and ORAL HEALTH MONTH**

Apr. 15 - 17 - Mackie Clothes Drive

Apr. 15 - Brush-a-Mania Dentist visit AM

Apr. 15- Pediculosis (Lice Check) PM

Apr. 15 - Gr. 5 / 6 Badminton Tournament @ Jack Miner Sr. P. S.

Apr. 16 - Gr. 3 and Ms. Purmalis' Gr. 4 students @ the ROM

Apr. 17 - Mackie Track & Field Day

Apr. 18 - Gr. 1 Scientist in the School AM

Apr. 18 - Gr. 2 Scientist in the School AM

Apr. 22 - Earth Day Assembly @ 1:10 PM and Earth Day Clean Up

Apr. 23 - Pizza Lunch deadline

Apr. 24 - Gr. 4 Swim to Survive @ Pan Am

Apr. 26 - Recognition Assembly AM

**Apr. 26 - Pizza Lunch**

**Apr. 29 - Gr. 4 Scientist in the School AM**

Good Afternoon Mackie Families,

Our CoEd Volleyball Team has made it to the Quarter Finals. Congratulations to the volleyball team and the coaches, Ms. Song and Ms. Radulovic! This coming Monday the Grade 5 / 6 Badminton Tournament will be visiting Jack Miner Sr. P. S. Next week is going to be a very busy week at George P. Mackie, please see the list of important dates above. Have a great and restful weekend.

J. Kyriazis  
Principal