

November 22, 2016

Our junior girls' basketball team had a fantastic time hosting our neighbours for our tournament today. Thank you for joining us, John Mc Crae, H. A. Halbert and Glen Ravine! Thank you to our coaches, refs and conveynor, Ms. Song!





Congratulations to our boys' volleyball team. They participated in a tournament this afternoon (December 6) at John McCrae Public School; and with 2 wins, 1 tie and 1 loss, they were able to fend off the other teams and head to the final game against Hunter's Glen. It was nail biting, riveting volleys back and forth by both teams but, unfortunately, Hunter's Glen was able to hold on to win the tournament.

The boys did an amazing job and had a terrific season. GO MACKIE!!

Principal's Message

This fall at Mackie has seen incredible energy and enthusiasm for learning and activity. Our teams and clubs continue to practice, compete and contribute. Yesterday, we enjoyed a real adventure when Matt and Chris visited from Earth Rangers, bringing live endangered species to visit us. It was a very exciting experience, thanks to Ms. Qazi our Eco-Schools leader. Ms. Qazi and Ms. Mahenthirarasa have been to new Eco-Schools learning and will continue to lead our many enthusiastic Eco-Ambassadors. We thank you for supporting these initiatives through litterless lunch efforts.

Our teaching team has been meeting to identify our needs and plan our School Improvement Initiatives for the year, and I have been meeting with other administrators in our Learning Network to share best practice for leading school improvement. Our goals pertain to student well-being, equity and achievement.

Our School Council continues to student engagement with fun activities such as Movie Night December 8th. Students are voting in the movie of choice. Our council is also exploring alternative lunch/fundraising possibilities, providing parents with a break from making lunches and more variety for students. Our Council is also working on an opportunity for parents to learn more about supporting your child in math.

Meanwhile, Mackie Snackie is running strong, with good, tasty snacks three times a week! (Mon, Wed, Fri) Thank you Ms. Gibbs and team for this fantastic opportunity. We would also like to thank families for respecting the concept of not sending food/treats to school to share. We work very hard to ensure our students are safe and healthy and well-fed, and are grateful for your support!

Student punctuality and school security is improving. Please ensure that your family has a plan to help your child arrive to school on time. Students coming late, miss the important messages and structure of the day causing anxiety and confusion.

Today we gathered to pay respect and remember in a touching student-led Remembrance Day Assembly including a contribution from our student choir led by Ms. McFarlane. We are grateful for the leadership of Ms. Raynor in programming this important annual event.

The spirit is strong at Mackie. I look forward to seeing parents at our Parent/Teacher conferences taking place on November 17, and 18th. This will be an opportunity to discuss your child's learning and the progress report.

Sincerely,

Ms. Ponka