



Monck Public School

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Quick Reminders

January

24: Parent Council at 6pm

February

2: District School Council Meeting

3: PD Day for students

Pizza Days are every Thursday.

Dear Families,

Hopefully you had a restful holiday break and now a break from shovelling snow. We are excited to have students back at school and ready to learn together.

Thank you to all the parents and family members who came out to support our Holiday celebrations in December. It was great to see students performing again and to have that energy back into the school. The band is also sounding great and are getting tuned up for their competition in the springtime.

As the weather continues to fluctuate, students will be spending time outdoors unless the temperatures are extreme. Students should have proper clothing and please remember to put names on items so that they can be returned to them if they get misplaced.

Monck would like to welcome Ms. Kim Langford who will be taking over for Ms. Woods in kindergarten while she is on a leave.

Both of our Monck basketball teams showcased themselves very well in December by winning the championship in both divisions. Their only loss came at the end of the year during the annual Staff vs Students game. :)

Volleyball is the next sport that intermediates will have to look forward to which will be starting up very soon.

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact us at the school.

Sincerely,
Todd Truax
Principal

Matt Beaton
Vice Principal

Teri Brunner
Vice Principal

Stay up-to-date with our Event Calendar on our website at <http://mon.tldsb.on.ca>

Follow us on TWITTER at <http://twitter.com/#!/monckps>

Call SAFE ARRIVAL when your child is going to be LATE or ABSENT 705-645-4479



Better Together

Breakfast Club

Thank you to our breakfast club volunteers who have been helping get food out to classrooms. We appreciate your time.

Safe Arrival

Just a reminder to call safe arrival if your child will be absent from school. If the buses are cancelled and you are a walker, please call the safe arrival line to let us know they are home.

Parent Council

Our next parent council is January 24 at 6pm in the book room off of the library.

Pizza Days

Just a reminder that Pizza Days are Thursdays and orders should be placed by the previous Tuesday at noon. You are able to buy multiple weeks ahead if you so desire. Visit tldsbc.ca/epayments to order.

Winter Activities

This year we are taking a temporary but different approach to how Monck will organize winter electives. We have asked that each grade consider an activity that will provide an opportunity for all of the learners to engage in. Teachers will choose whether or not the activity will be for one full day or take place over two half days. As a parent, we are asking that you stay tuned for more information which will be sent home by your child's educator.

Monck Games Club:

Recently, we've heard from our students that they are interested in getting together with peers from other classrooms and even making new friends. Educators are hoping that providing an alternative space to outdoor recess might help. Monck Games Club is an opportunity for students in grades 3, 4, and 5 to come during first recess to eat while they play card games, board games, build with Lego, do puzzles and potentially make new friends. Though we do some have some games to start us off—we would always welcome any donations. If you have any games or puzzles at home that you'd consider donating then please drop them by the office.



Wondering How You Can Expose Your French Immersion Child to More French Outside School?

If we told you we found an organization that offers FREE online programs

- to help your child improve their French
- while having fun
- and making new friends,
- would you be interested?

Of course, you would be, and what an easy win this is!

Canadian Parents for French Ontario's mission is literally to: promote bilingualism and create opportunities for students to learn and use French. So, to support their mission and students at our school, **CPF ON** is offering us access to the following **free virtual programs** for students in grades 1 to 8:

Franco Fun

Reading Circle and

Vive la parole.

These 9-week after-school programs are designed for small groups of French Immersion students to engage in cool activities! And you don't have to drive them anywhere! **REGISTER TODAY as space is limited!**

Franco-Fun	N23FF12	Wed. 4:00-4:45pm	https://form.jotform.com/223522815398259	3, 4	FI
	N23FF13	Mon. 7:00-7:45pm	https://form.jotform.com/223523552061245	5, 6	FI
Reading Circle	N23RC6	Thu. 6:00-6:45pm	https://form.jotform.com/223522901104240	1, 2	FI
Vive La Parole	N23VP2	Wed. 6:00-6:45pm	https://form.jotform.com/223522984602254	7, 8	FI

If the program you want to register for is full, be sure to join the waitlist so you will be notified of other programs for your child. Waitlist Form: <https://form.jotform.com/223522873575260>

How YOU Can Get Involved!

The easiest ways to get involved with Canadian Parents for French Ontario is to become a CPF ON member (annual fee is a mere \$25) and/or become a parent volunteer. When you sign up to be a volunteer, and either join a local chapter or form a small team, Monck School students and our local community benefit by receiving: funding specifically for extracurricular French language activities, advanced notice of and promotions for French programs and events, access to support, including workshops on how to roll out French programs and events, connections to other parents like you with children in French Immersion.