

December

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The Monck Messenger

Reminders

Office

705-645 - 9986

Safe Arrival

705-645-4479

Message from the Principal

Dear Parents,

Hello Monck Families

We hope you are having a great start to the winter. When buses are cancelled due to inclement weather, Monck remains open. If your child walks to school and are staying home on these days, please remember to call the safe arrival line. Students should be dressed for the weather and prepared to be outside for recess.

Please join us for our Christmas concerts in the Monck gym.

Primary Christmas Concert - December 14th at 6pm

Junior Christmas Concert - December 20th at 6pm

Kindergarten Concert - December 21 at 2pm

Our LIT team (Leaders in Training) group has been busy around the school. Currently, students are organizing a coat drive to collect warm clothing for donations. They will be taking donations until Dec 20th. As we move closer to Christmas, we will be having some spirit days at Monck including Ugly Sweater Day, Red and Green Day and Pajama Day.

Outdoor winter activities will take place in the new year where students have the opportunity to do something outside of the school. Students from grades 6-8 will be going to Horseshoe Resort in February. Students from grades 1-5 will be involved in various activities. More information to follow in the new year.

If you are looking for some Christmas presents, you can stop by our Book Fair that runs from December 13-15th. A book is always a great gift idea.

From all of us at Monck, we wish you a great holiday season. Happy New Year! The first day of school for 2024 is January 8th.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us at the office.

Mr. Todd Truax
Principal

Mr. Matthew Beaton
Vice Principal

Ms. Jaime Rudge
Vice Principal

Pizza Day

Pizza will be delivered on Thursdays. You should order through schoolcashionline. (<https://tidsb.schoolcashionline.com/>) The order needs to be in by Tuesday at noon to get pizza on Thursday. Students have the option to order a cheese or pepperoni slice. There will be no pizza on December 21.



Leaders In Training

Hello everyone, this is Grace and Brier from the LIT team. We are a group of students (two from each intermediate class) who take on a leadership role that organizes things like Spirit days, Dances, Drives and many fun activities at Monck. This month we are doing a clothing drive. We are also going to be doing a candy cane gram. We're trying to raise money for graduation. We are hosting a Christmas dance on the 21st that all students will have the opportunity to participate in. Have a fantastic day!!

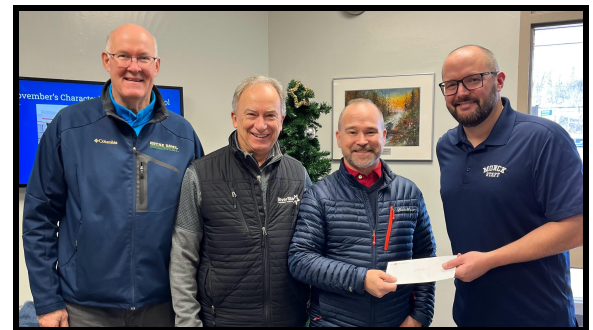
IMPORTANT SAFE ARRIVAL

Our safe arrival number is **705-645-9986**. Please help us keep your children safe. Use this number when your child is absent so the school knows they are safe.

**** Parents of children who walk to school - please remember to call the Safe Arrival Line when your child is staying home on a Bus Cancellation Day.**

Breakfast Club Donation

A big thank you goes out to the Silver Slicers this month! A group of golfers from the community of Bracebridge realized that their yearly donations had exceeded expectations. With that in mind, they sought to help out various groups within the Bracebridge community. Thankfully, their priority was to help out the youth with the money they've raised and they reached out to Monck Public School with a large donation of \$1,500 to help support the daily snack program. This snack program reaches all classrooms at Monck (just over 600 students) and runs each day thanks to the support and help of our parent volunteers. Again, a big thank you to the members of the Silver Slicers.



From left to right: Paul Follis, Ted Yard, Darren Growen, and Matt Beaton

Book Fair - December 13-15

Book Fair will be open 13th and 14th afterschool until 3:30 for families who would like to shop. Also open during the primary concert on the 14th from 5:30-7:30



Basketball Tournament

Students who are part of the basketball teams will be playing in a tournament on December 13th. The girls will be playing at Monck and BPS and the boys will be at GPS and GHS. Good luck to all of our athletes.



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Mental Health Corner

The holidays can be a stressful time for everyone. Adults aren't the only ones who feel stressed. Kids do too. Some stress is normal.

Here are some ways to help build a less stressful home.

- Healthy food can help the body cope with stress.
- Spend time/play with your children when able and ask them how they feel.
- Tiny daily gestures such as hugs and kisses reassures kids you love them and make them feel good.
- Morning, school and bedtime routines provide the necessary structures for all kids to succeed .
- Sleep is important. A tired child gets stressed and can struggle to navigate the routines of school.

Most of all. Have fun together! A good laugh helps fight off stress.

THE IMPORTANCE OF READING EVERYDAY

Reading to children everyday is one of the most important things parents can do for their children.

- 1 Builds a love of Reading
- 2 Daily reading helps teach fluency and helps build language.
- 3 Reading is a wonderful way to bond with your child.
- 4 Stimulates their imagination and expands their understanding of the world.
- 5 It helps them develop listening skills
- 6 Helps prepares them to understand the written word
- 7 An understanding of reading for pleasure

December @ Monck

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7 Pizza Day Grade 8's to BMLSS	8	9
10 Candy Grams on Sale	11	12	13 Basketball Tournament Boys at GPS/GHS Girls at Monck/BPS	14 Pizza Day Primary Concert at 6pm	15	16
17	18 Holiday Sock Day	19 Christmas Dance during school day Holiday hat/hair day	20 Junior Holiday Concert at 6pm Ugly Sweater Day	21 No Pizza today Kindergarten Concert 4pm Red and Green Day	22 Last Assembly of 2023 PJ Day	23
24	25 Christmas HOLIDAYS	26	27	28	29	30
31 New Year's Eve	1 HOLIDAYS	2	3	4	5	6

School is back on January 8, 2024.