

April 2024

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The Monck Messenger

Reminders

Office

705-645 - 9986

Safe Arrival

705-645-4479

Message from the Principal

Dear Parents,

Hopefully everyone had a great Easter Weekend and the Easter Bunny was good to our Monck families.

We have some busy times at school leading into the spring with many events happening such as band, intramurals, badminton and the grade 3 and 6 classes will be getting ready for EQAO testing at the end of May. Please see the calendar at the back of the newsletter for dates and events.

The spring weather is quite unpredictable so students should be prepared for all of the different types of weather that spring brings with it. Splash pants and rain boots are really good to have on hand when it gets wet on the yard.

Just a reminder that Monday, April 8th is a PD day. This is also the day where there will be a solar eclipse across Ontario. There is more information about this event on page 5 of the newsletter. Here is a link so that you can learn how to create a mirror solar eclipse reflector for safe viewing at home.

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1tOiLcp15e4DWGMPqCwJ92nFlc-zyJsKk/view>

During March, our school focused on the character trait of fairness. Mme. Clarke's and Mme. Kruger's classes shared some ways that fairness matters at our assembly by taking us through a gameshow format with topics all about fairness. Our character trait for April is Goal-Setting.

Please encourage your child to check out the lost and found or come into the school and check for misplaced items. We have an abundance of misplaced clothing.

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

Mr. Todd Truax
Principal

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Pizza Day

Pizza will be delivered on Thursdays. You should order through schoolcashonline. (<https://tldsb.schoolcashonline.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. **Please note any class trips that your child might be on that is the same day as Pizza Delivery.**



PD Day Change

As some of you may be aware, a solar eclipse is anticipated to occur on Monday, April 8. To ensure the safety of our students and staff, senior administration has decided to move the scheduled Professional Activity (PA) Day from **Friday, March 1 to Monday, April 8**, for both elementary and secondary schools.

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.**

Parent Drop Off and Pick Up

Please be careful of our walkers and bikers who will be out and about getting to and from school.

News from the Library

The library is hosting a reading challenge for the month of April - **April Showers Bring Reading Hours!** Students get a ballot for every five books read and signed by a parent/guardian. More books read means more ballots! Ten winners will be drawn the first week of May. Head to the library to get your ballots. Get reading Monck!

TLDSB Arts Showcase

Hey Monck parents/guardians, TLDSB is hosting its first-ever Better Together Arts Showcase at the TLDSB Muskoka Education Centre in Bracebridge on May 2 at 6:30 p.m. Stop by to see the featured artwork created by our talented students!



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Better Together
ARTS SHOWCASE

Muskoka
Thursday, May 2
Muskoka Education Centre

Monck Bands Win Gold and Silver

Monck musicians travelled to Huntsville this week to compete in the Huntsville Music Festival. We had great results with the Intermediate Concert Band winning gold, Intermediate Jazz Band winning gold and the Grade 6 Concert Band earning a Silver. Well done! Ms. Lonsdale has the band working hard for Nationals which happen on May 13-14th. There is a pasta fundraiser for the band on May 1st.





Ms. Lonsdale recognizing Ms. Veitch for all of her work behind the scenes with the band.

Eclipse

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Hello, young explorers of the cosmos! Get ready to embark on a thrilling journey through the sky because something incredible is about to happen: an upcoming eclipse!



What is a Solar Eclipse?

A solar eclipse happens when the moon goes in front of the sun, blocking it out for a little while. It's like the moon is playing peek-a-boo with the sun!

Where Can You Watch It?

This eclipse is occurring in the Western Hemisphere. If you're lucky enough to be in a place where the eclipse is visible, you can watch it safely with special eclipse glasses or by making a pinhole projector.

Learn More...



Royal Astronomical Society of Canada



2024 Eclipse Ontario Education Bundle (Teachers)



Make a Mirror Projector (Directions)

Why Is It Special?

Watching an eclipse is not just fun, it's also a chance to learn more about space and our amazing universe. Scientists study eclipses to understand more about our sun, moon, and Earth.



Warning: Never look at the Sun! It could cause permanent partial blindness!

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April at Monck

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Holiday	2	3 Grad Photos	4 Pizza Day	5	6
7	8 PD Day	9	10	11 Pizza Day	12	13
14	15	16	17	18 Pizza Day	19	20
21	22	23	24	25 Pizza Day	26	27
28	29	30	1 Pasta Dinner (Band Fundraiser)	2 Pizza Day	3	4
<p>More Important Dates</p> <p>May</p> <p>1) Band at Nationals</p> <p>21 - TLAC</p> <p>Monck Track and Field Day</p> <p>30 : Outdoor Music Concert</p>			<p>June</p> <p>7- PD Day</p> <p>11: Regional Track and Field</p> <p>24: Graduation</p>			