

MacCorkindale News

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February/March, 2018

Important Dates to Remember

February 6: Canadian Musical Theatre Performance
February 9: Report cards go home
February 9: Library Café @ 8:20 am
February 12: Family Day: No school
February 19: Pro-D Day: No school for students
February 23: Be Your Best Assembly @ 11:00 am
February 28: PAC Meeting @ 6:00 pm
March 6 - 8: Scholastic Book Fair
March 7 & 8: Parent Conferences 2:00 pm DISMISSAL
March 16: Last day of classes before Spring Break



MacCorkindale Traffic Guidelines



- Traffic driving north-bound on Battison Street **ONLY**.
- There is **no parking allowed** in front of the school.
- Drop off and pick-up on the East side of the street.
- Please leave space in front of the school for the school buses to park.

Let's work together to keep MacCorkindale a safe place.

Dress for the Weather

We seldom have inside days during rainy weather here at MacCorkindale, as we have a great deal of undercover space outside. On rainy days, students will be expected to be outside, even when the weather is cold. Therefore, please ensure that your child is dressed appropriately and warmly for the weather. Keeping a toque, mittens, and extra pair of socks in your child's backpack is a good idea as well.



PAC Update

Your generous donations to PAC and fundraising efforts have together supported the following initiatives and activities:

- Yearly Grade 7 Camp
- 2017/2018 School-Wide Field Trip
- Yearly On-Site Pumpkin Patch
- 50th Anniversary Carnival
- 2 Projectors for Area B (\$3,000)
- AnxietyBC Presentation
- School Freezer
- School Performances
- Classroom Set of Laptops
- Aboriginal Content for School Curriculum
- Industrial Paper Shredder for the office
- Classroom Supply Allowance for Teachers (\$200/Classroom)
- Gifts for Departing Staff
- Killarney High School Scholarships for former students (\$600)
- Leadership Awards for Grade 7 students
- Team Uniforms



LET'S KEEP IN TOUCH! We want to hear from you! Please send us your ideas and feedback! maccorkindalepac@hotmail.com

Next PAC meeting: Wednesday, February 28th @ 6:00 pm



Safe Arrival

To Report Your Child's Absence:

Please leave a message for the school at 604-713-4775. You can call and leave a message 24 hours a day. If you know ahead of time that your child will be away from school, **Parents and Guardians are encouraged to inform the School Office and not just the teacher.** Notifying us in advance of your child's absence will significantly improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the Safe Arrival Morning Routine. The Office will be follow up on student absences if we do not hear from you.

Cell Phone/Digital Policy at MacCorkindale

Technology is an important part of our everyday lives! Therefore, please review our school and District policies on cell phones and other personal "smart" devices and discuss these guidelines with your children.

- 1) **Cell phone use is only permitted in class under the direct supervision of a teacher or SSA.** Otherwise cell phones are to be kept in students' backpacks.
- 2) **Cell phone use is not permitted at recess and lunch,** as we would like students to exercise and enjoy the fresh air.
- 3) Taking photos or videos of students is not permitted at school unless it is for the purpose of a class assignment or project.
- 5) Social media use is not permitted at school.
- 6) Each student has signed the Vancouver School Board District Digital Acceptable Use Policy that requires them to use technology and social media responsibly, safely, and respectfully, both at school and home.
- 7) The School Code of Conduct applies to all student behaviour, language, and conduct, including the use of technology and social media.

Scholastic Book Fair

Get ready for the MacCorkindale Scholastic Book Fair from **Tuesday, March 6 to Thursday, March 8.**

The Book Fair will be open in the morning before school at 8:30 am and after school until 3:45 pm and during the Student Led Conferences. See you there!





Valentine's Day "Card-Grams"

The students of Division 1 under the guidance of Ms. Li and Mr. Low, will have available Valentine's Day cards the week of February 5th for students to give to one another. Each classroom will receive blank cards for those who want to participate. Completed cards are to be returned to Division 1, who will then deliver the cards on February 14.

We would also like to give parents the opportunity to send their child(ren) a Valentine's Day card that they would receive at school. If you wish to send your child a card, there are two options:

- 1) A blank card will be given to your child to take home. Once you have completed it, they can return it to the library during recess.
or for more of a surprise....
- 2) Pick up a blank card from the office, complete it and deposit it into the Fun Lunch box.

Basketball

The season is under way with practices and games for our Senior Boys and Girls teams. Practice times and remaining games are listed below.

Senior Girls Practices – Tues @ 3:00 pm and Thurs @ 8:00 pm

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2018 Senior Boys Basketball Games

February 7 MacCorkindale vs Champlain Heights @ MacCorkindale

February 14 Waverley vs MacCorkindale @ Waverley

February 21 MacCorkindale vs Openheimer @ MacCorkindale

2018 Senior Girls Basketball Games

February 8 MacCorkindale vs Kingsford Smith @ MacCorkindale

February 15 **BYE**

February 22 MacCorkindale vs Tecumseh @ MacCorkindale



MacCorkindale Website
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As we move forward, we want to reduce the amount of paper we use at the school. Therefore, we will continue to use the school's website and emails home as our primary way to communicate to parents. However, those families who still want a paper copy of newsletters and communication will be accommodated.

How can I prevent the spread of colds and the flu?

Wash your hands: Frequent hand washing can reduce the risk of all respiratory infections. Use soap and warm water for 20 seconds.

Cover your cough: You can also reduce the spread of germs by practicing safe coughing and sneezing techniques. By coughing and sneezing into the crook of the elbow or the sleeve, those with colds can minimize the spread of germs.

Stay at home: Anybody who thinks they have an influenza-like illness (i.e. fever and cough) should remain at home and limit exposure to others.



Kindergarten Registration

All in-catchment Kindergarten applications our school receives **after** January 31st, will be registered at MacCorkindale, **if there is space**, or added to the bottom of our existing waitlist and registered at a location that has space to accommodate them.

Please Note: There will be no priority given to registrants with siblings already attending MacCorkindale who are registered after January 31st, 2018.

