



Ross R. MacKay Public School

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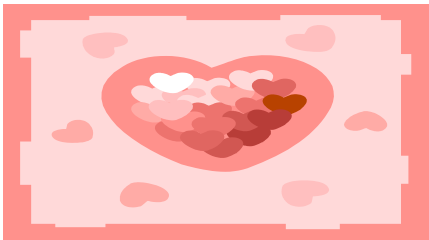
Website: <http://www.ugdsb.on.ca/rossrmackay>

Principal: *Mr. P. Huddleston*
Office Coordinator: *Mrs. E. Lantz*

February, 2016

Principal's Message

Dear Parents & Guardians:



On February 11th, you will receive the first of two Elementary Provincial Report Cards for this year. On the front page of the report you will read about your child's development in learning skills and work habits, within the school setting. Page 2 and 3, focus on student achievement of the curriculum expectations.

Comments will reflect each student's strengths, and if needed, will outline a next step for the student to improve in that specific area. As you read the comments, you will notice that many contain concrete examples of what was demonstrated by your child in first term.

On the 3rd and 4th page, there is an area for you and your child to comment on the progress made in first term and to set goals for term two. Be sure to cut off the bottom of the page and send this section back to the teacher, to be included in the Ontario School Record.

Together we are working to maximize the learning opportunities for your child. If you would like to have a meeting with your child's teacher, to review the report card or to set goals for term two, please indicate this on the tear off section.

Yours Sincerely,
Mr. P. Huddleston

Playing Safely on our Yards



We encourage all children to be actively involved outside at recess times. There are many outside activities going on for students. Whether it is crazy carpets, building snow people or playing snow soccer, the rules of safe play are in effect. This means: be respectful of others, use kind words, hands and feet to ourselves and ask permission to join a group. If we all agree to follow these reasonable rules then everyone will have fun. If something is not going well, STOP and GO get some adult help. Parents, please help us enforce safety on the yard. If you spend a few minutes each day talking with your child about activities on the yard, this will provide a reminder to them about how students are to conduct themselves while outside.

Thanks!

No Bus Days

Ross R. MacKay Public School's regular daily dismissal time is **3:25 p.m.**

On 'No Bus Days', parents are reminded to pick up students promptly at the end of the school day.

If there is an emergency that prevents you from picking up your child(ren) at end of day, the school is requesting parents have an alternate plan for pick-up. Please advise the school of alternate arrangements before 3:00 p.m.





Live Free, 2016

What would you do to make sure a local child wasn't hungry in school?

If you gave just \$10 you would be providing 5 hot and healthy breakfasts for an elementary school student! The Children's Foundation Food and Friends Program supports Ross R MacKay's Breakfast Club, along with many other student nutrition programs in Wellington County and each year they ask the school community to donate to help fill tummies.

The Ross R. MacKay Breakfast Club provides a hot, nutritious breakfast to the children you know, 3 times per week. We are staffed entirely by volunteers and rely solely on outside funding. Your support is needed, please consider making a small online donation to the Ross R. MacKay Live Free website or look for your child to bring home a "Toonies for Tummies" Card in their mailbag in the coming weeks. Tape a toonie to the card and send it back with your child so he or she can help our Breakfast Club program continue to meet the needs of our students and friends.

It doesn't have to be huge to make an impact. Donate today! Visit the RRM page online at (<http://childrensfoundation.donorpages.com/LiveFree2016/rossrmackay>). Please be sure to select "Live Free Campaign" in the drop down box to allocate your donation.

Pink Shirt Day at Ross R. MacKay



On Wednesday, February 24, 2016, we encourage all students and staff to wear something pink to symbolize that as a society we will not tolerate bullying anywhere. This idea was created by two high school students, seven years ago, in Nova Scotia. They took a stand against bullying when a grade 9 boy was harassed by students for wearing a pink shirt. In response to this incident, the two high school boys distributed pink shirts to all the boys in their school, to wear the next day. "Finally, someone stood up for a weaker kid."

We are wearing pink shirts to acknowledge that sadly, bullying still happens in society, and it is everyone's responsibility to make it stop. We must stand strong and declare that bullying will not be tolerated. Ross. R. students can make a difference!



Grade 6 Graduation Photos

The Grade 6 graduation photos will be taken on **Thursday, March 31st, 2016**. Students should wear a white blouse or dress shirt. Order forms will be sent home before pictures are taken. There will not be a retake day scheduled for students who are absent.

FREE SKATING



OUTDOOR RINK VICTORIA PARK, HILLSBURGH

Courtesy of

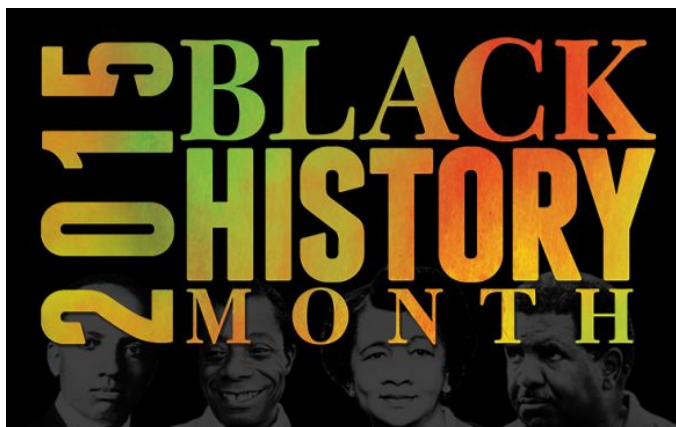


Hillsburgh
Lions Club



Town
of Erin

The Hillsburgh Lions Club and the Town of Erin are pleased to announce that free skating is available on the outdoor rink in Victoria Park. Hockey is permitted and nets are provided! The rink is lit daily until 10:00 p.m. Lace up your skates and join in the fun!



Monday, February 15, 2016 Family Day

(No classes for students.)

We hope that families enjoy Family Day at home or away, spending time together. A time to celebrate families!

UGDSB Recognizes February as Black History Month

Every year Canadians are invited to take part in the festivities and events that honour the legacy of black Canadians, past and present, during Black History Month.

Black History Month exists to remind us all of the rich contributions within our society from people of African and Caribbean descent, and of their ongoing struggle for equity and social justice.

This is a time to celebrate the many achievements and contributions of black Canadians who, throughout history, have done so much to make Canada the culturally diverse, compassionate and prosperous nation we know today.

It is also an opportunity for the majority of Canadians to learn about the experiences of black Canadians in our society, and the vital role this community has played throughout our shared history. Here are a few helpful websites you might like to explore:

<http://blackhistorycanada.ca/index.php?lang=en>
www.blackhistorysociety.ca/
www.virtualmuseum.ca/blackhistory/index.html

Dates to Remember

- Monday, February 1, 2016 → Friday, February 5, 2016
Kindergarten Registration
- Wednesday, February 3, 2016
School Council Meeting
10:00 a.m.
- Thursday, February 11, 2016
Report Cards Go Home
- Monday, February 15, 2016
Family Day
No School for Students
- Wednesday, February 24, 2016
Pink Shirt Day
- Tuesday, February 16, 2016 → Friday, February 19, 2016
Book Fair – More info to follow
- Monday, April 25, 2016
****NEW**** P.D. Day
No School for Students





Kindergarten Registration

Just a reminder Kindergarten Registration for Ross R. MacKay PS will take place between Feb. 1 → 5, 2016. Please drop into the office to complete the necessary registration forms. Eligible students for the Junior Kindergarten program must be **4 years of age on or before Dec 31, 2016**. Kindergarten is full day, every day, at Ross R. If you know of a neighbour or friend who presently does not have children at Ross R. MacKay P.S and lives within the school boundaries, please give them the above information or ask them to contact the school.



Message from the Lunch & Milk Program

Hello Everyone!

Can't believe its February already! This year is moving along so quickly.

Thank you to those who purchased our Milk Buyout Option, as well as those who purchased our Gold & Silver Options in September. Your advance purchase helps us meet school and classroom needs sooner.

Can't find your child's Lunch Order Form? Or need an extra one? There is now a sleeve outside the office, on School Council Bulletin Board, for those in need of Lunch Order Forms. There, you will also see current and upcoming menus and dates, as well as Breakfast Club information.

March Order Due Date is:

Fri., Feb. 15th, 2016 (by 3pm)

Late on orders? Or always forgetting what the Friday lunch is? Then "Like" my page on Facebook. You will receive reminders for lunch, order due dates, "Lunch of the Week" notifications, and other school updates. Just search "RRM Lunch & Milk Program" page on Facebook to get your notifications. Be sure to share this page with fellow parents/guardians within the school.

Have a Fabulous February!



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