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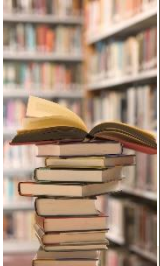
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A Message from the

Vice - Principal

With the end of the 2021-22 school year there is much to be grateful for here at McKinnon. We seem to be returning to a new normal with not only going back to semesters for this second half, but with extracurriculars and sports. Our sports teams have excelled, with several championships and high placing finishes, which we are all certainly proud of. Our Student Council members also did an exceptional job this year in raising school spirit with engaging activities, Spirit Weeks, a school formal, and more. Having been a Blue Devil for only one year, I've been fortunate to see and share in the incredible school McKinnon truly is, including the professionalism and dedication of our staff day in and day out to support the well-being and success of our students. That makes it all the more difficult to leave so soon, as I have been moved to Tollgate Secondary for the Fall, given the honour to serve as their Principal. I will certainly miss the McKinnon family but am richer for this experience and the many great relationships I've developed over this time. Wishing you all the very best.

With gratitude,

Mr. Brochu

A Message From the Principal

I would like to thank everyone for such a welcoming first year at McKinnon Park. This is an amazing school with an amazing group of students and staff. As you all know this has been a difficult year as we worked through the final stages of the Covid-19 pandemic. I am proud of the perseverance shown by the school community to overcome all the issues that were associated with it. The best thing has been the ability to have extra-curricular activities. We have had Prom and Grad and all the activities are moving back to normal.

We are saying goodbye to five members of the staff that are moving into retirement Mr. Keillor, Mr. Lucier, Mr. Caterini, Ms. Vasiljevic and Ms. Werezak. Thank you for all you did at MPSS and we wish you all the best. Lastly, Mr. Brochu our Vice Principal will be leaving as he has been promoted to Principal at another Grand Erie School. We wish him well and hope he remembers the great times he had at McKinnon. We will be welcoming Ms. Naus in as our new Vice Principal. She comes to us with experience in a number of schools and will be a welcome addition to the Blue Devils

To the graduating class, I feel for you as you did not get to experience a normal grade 10 and 11 year, but the great thing is that you did get to end you high school careers with a sense of normalcy. We wish you well in your endeavours, whether it be in post secondary education or the world of work and we hope that you will remember McKinnon Park fondly and come back and visit us soon.

Enjoy the ride graduates, life is what you make of it, so work hard, play hard and use the skills developed at MPSS to build your best life.

Thanks again to the great clerical, custodial and teaching staff at MPSS, this school is a true family and I am honoured to be a part of it.

Take Care,

Mr Malcolm

2021 / 2022 YEARBOOK

Yearbook club members have worked hard all Year to commemorate the events and initiatives of our McKinnon Park school community in a 100-page, full colour, hard cover yearbook!

Book sales ran from September – June on School Cash.

The 2021-2022 yearbooks will arrive at McKinnon late September to early October and will be distributed through the school to those who ad pre-purchased. For those that have left, a call home will be made

Thank you to all faculty , students, and community members that helped to make this year so memorable!

Congratulations to these grade 12 French students for passing their DELF! The DELF stands for "Diplôme d'études en langue française" and is an official international certification of bilingualism awarded by the French Ministry of Education. These students have worked hard at developing their French language skills over the past four years and are well deserving of this amazing accomplishment.
Félicitations!



(from left to right back row - Kyler Jones, Paige Janssens, Destiny Byers, Hannah Fitzgerald, Sophia Donohue, Griffin Hagan. Front row - Cassie Sauve, Mackenzie Forbes, Cassie Hills)

Over 18 Students

By law, any student who is 18 years of age or older must give consent for any school related information to be released to parents or guardians. There is a "Release of Information Form" that must be signed and is available in the guidance office and online. We encourage parents to convince their sons/daughters to complete this form. The form can be found below:

<https://granderie.ca/schools/mpss/student-services/release-information-over-18>



Breakfast / Nutrition Program

We would like to thank everyone who donated to the Nutrition Program throughout the school year. It helped jump start the students for a great day ahead!

Jennifer Franklin, E.A.

A Message From Co-Op

As the 2021/22 school year comes to an end we can reflect on what has been an extremely challenging and unique year for students and employers alike! Our students once again used their Co-op placements to further their career paths and gain valuable experience in the job market. This year we had multiple students enter into apprenticeships or preview the world of work related to a specific upcoming College or University course. Furthermore, all of our students gained valuable work related skills in organization, communication, time management and accountability. Great job everyone!

This years employers provided exception leadership during unprecedented times. Providing an opportunity for Co-op students displays a tremendous commitment to community development. We are very thankful for your time and efforts with our students!

For students with Co-op in September, now is the time to start thinking about potential placement opportunities and exploring opportunities in our Specialist High Skills Majors programs (Construction and Health and Wellness) as well as the Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program. Please contact the Co-op department to arrange your placement and learn more about the programs available and the outstanding opportunities that experiential Learning can provide to help you be job ready!

I would also like to extend a big thank you and best of luck to Ms. V who has been an integral part of the Co-op department for many years here at McKinnon Park. Ms. V works tirelessly behind the scenes to keep the program running smoothly. Ms. V has supervised hundreds of students and placements over her career and will be dearly missed! However, we wish her the best of luck in retirement and know she will make the most of her free time traveling to exotic locations!

Thanks for all you do, Ms. V.
Have a great summer everyone!
Mr. Forster



On May 17, the Grade 9 hockey class visited the Hockey Hall of Fame in Toronto. The students had the opportunity to do a scavenger hunt which focused on the history of hockey as well as find some statistics on the greatest players who have played. They also participated in a shooting challenge and a goaltending challenge. As part of the scavenger hunt, the students visited the Great Hall where the major awards are all kept. Pictured above posing with the Stanley Cup from left to right are Ryerson Montour, Sam Contardi, Tess Squire, and Kali Sowden.



On May 27, McKinnon Park once again sent a team of fishermen to compete in the high school fishing tournament held by Educast. Approximately 500 students from various schools throughout Southern Ontario competed for the biggest fish. It was a great day and most of the rain held off. We sent a team of 13 participants and Josh Jonathen, pictured 2nd from the left, finished fourth in the entire field! As a result Josh will have the opportunity to compete in a future Pro-Am fishing tournament with a professional fisherman. We plan to send an even bigger team to the event next year!



A Message From Our Students' Council Prime Minister

Paige Corlis

Hello McKinnon Park students, staff, and families.

My name is Paige Corlis, and I am going into my grade 12 year here at MPSS. I am honoured to be elected as your next Students' Council Prime Minister and I am looking forward to a fun and exciting upcoming year here at McKinnon Park. I have been involved with Students' Council for the past 3 years in the role of secretary as well as general council! I am currently and actively involved in sports and clubs at MPSS, but also volunteer many hours to ensure our school runs smoothly.

I have been mentored quite a bit by our past Prime Minister, Hannah Latimer and the past Deputy Prime Minister, Heather Fisher! They have led this school tremendously and my goal for myself and Jennifer Sharpe (our new Deputy Prime Minister) is to follow in the footsteps of Hannah and Heather. My main objective for this year is to continue to build the inclusive diversity foundation within our school community and I hope to initiate the role of an Indigenous Leader on Students' Council. We have big visions and look forward to achieving these with the entire faculty and student body! Thank you for putting your trust in me to lead the school...let's go devils!!!

Transportation Services

Did you know that the transportation department is around all summer? If you are moving, changing childcare locations or are in need of transportation information, you can contact their staff by calling 519-751-7532 or by emailing . Students returning from the VLA must complete a student transportation form.



Student Timetables

Grade 9 - August 31st - morning

Grade 10 -12 -August 31st -
afternoon

More Information will be
communicated during August.

**Please note, if your student cannot
make timetable pick up,
Homerooms will be posted on the
first day of school in the Cafeteria
and the teacher will have the
students timetable. Please do not
call the school for timetables.

NEW GRADE 9s

Grade 9 Timetable pickup
and BBQ will be held in
the morning of August 31.
All incoming grade 9s are
invited to join a fun filled
morning of activities, tours,
and connection games,
hosted by The Connect
crew. More information to
follow in early August.

Volunteer Hours

Caledonia Cal Bears are looking
for

Volunteers to help with their
tournament July 15th – 17th. If
you are interested in helping out,
please email Jackie Barquest at
jacqueline.barquest@granderie.ca

A reminder that students require
40 volunteer hours as a
graduation requirement.

Science Is a Process, Not Just a Body of Knowledge

By Bart Maslikowski, PhD, OCT

Helium is a noble gas. $F=ma$. ROYGBIV. Alkali metals are highly reactive. Plants are autotrophs. The solar system has nine planets, or is that eight now?

This is what many of us think science is – a random collection of facts that we need to learn in school, and THANKFULLY, to be done with after grade ten. Some of us pursue science through high school and even beyond and continue to have this misapprehension. Although, without a doubt there are scientific facts, facts that are independently verifiable, science is ultimately a process. It is a way of knowing, an epistemology, that is replicable and verifiable by observation or experimentation. The key to this is the objective nature of science, specifically, that it can be verified by any observer. But the true power of science is in its ability to create testable and falsifiable predictions, without which, sending probes to mars, developing medicines or GPS would be impossible.

That is why this year, in my and Mr. Wallman's intermediate science classes we focused not on collections of random facts, "old white dudes" or tables, but on inquiry. Tables and facts can be memorized, but knowing how to construct a proper, testable, falsifiable hypothesis, to test that hypothesis, to control for errant variables, to record observations, make conclusions and revise one's hypothesis is a skill that must be learned and practiced. Moreover, it has application to the everyday world. Every day, we use inductive reasoning to take specific observations, spot patterns and generate testable hypotheses; whether it is boiling KD or crossing a busy road. By honing these skills, we not only can determine how the surface area of an air foil will govern flight, but how to critically evaluate a truth claim on Snapchat, TikTok or Instagram. In this age of dis- and misinformation, having a firm foundation in science may be the only defense one has against being defrauded by colloidal silver, healing crystals or a perpetual motion machine, and that is something.

A Message From Our Guidance Department :

A reminder to students who are looking to book a guidance appointment. Students are asked to book their appointment with guidance using our school website. Guidance will call each student down when they are ready to see them. If the student is not in class, they risk the chance of loosing their guidance appointment. Please go to www.granderie.ca/schools/mpss click on "Book An Appointment"



Reminder: All Grand Erie Schools Are SmokeFree The Province’s Smoke-Free Ontario Act prohibits smoking tobacco or cannabis and vaping within 20 metres of a school’s property line. For reference, 20 metres is the approximate length of 1.5 school buses. The law covers all indoor areas at schools in Ontario as well as all outdoor spaces, such as playgrounds, parking lots and sports fields. Anyone caught smoking or vaping in a prohibited area could face a minimum fine of \$305. All Grand Erie schools and Board facility sites are smoke-free. For those looking to quit smoking or vaping, there are supports available through the local Health Unit or our school’s Public Health Nurse.



2022-23 SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR

BRANT | BRANTFORD | HALDIMAND SECONDARY

	1st Week					2nd Week					3rd Week					4th Week					5th Week				
	M	T	W	T	F	M	T	W	T	F	M	T	W	T	F	M	T	W	T	F	M	T	W	T	F
September				1	2	5	6	7	8	9	12	13	14	15	16	19	20	21	22	23	26	27	28	29	30
October	3	4	5	6	7	10	11	12	13	14	17	18	19	20	21	24	25	26	27	28	31				
November		1	2	3	4	7	8	9	10	11	14	15	16	17	18	21	22	23	24	25	28	29	30		
December				1	2	5	6	7	8	9	12	13	14	15	16	19	20	21	22	23	26	27	28	29	30
January	2	3	4	5	6	9	10	11	12	13	16	17	18	19	20	23	24	25	26	27	30	31			
February			1	2	3	6	7	8	9	10	13	14	15	16	17	20	21	22	23	24	27	28			
March			1	2	3	6	7	8	9	10	13	14	15	16	17	20	21	22	23	24	27	28	29	30	31
April	3	4	5	6	7	10	11	12	13	14	17	18	19	20	21	24	25	26	27	28					
May	1	2	3	4	5	8	9	10	11	12	15	16	17	18	19	22	23	24	25	26	29	30	31		
June				1	2	5	6	7	8	9	12	13	14	15	16	19	20	21	22	23	26	27	28	29	30

H School Holiday
 P Professional Activity Day
 E Examination Day
 B Board Designated Holiday

The 2022-23 School Year Calendar provides a total of 187 Instructional and 7 Professional Development days. The first day of school for all students will be Tuesday, September 6, 2022.

Sept. 1, 2022: Health and Safety Protocols; Learning Recovery
Oct. 7, 2022: Student Mental Health and Well-Being
Nov. 11, 2022: Curriculum and Assessment
Feb 1-2, 2023: Curriculum and Assessment
April 21, 2023: Supporting All Students; Cyber-Protection
June 29, 2023: Student Achievement: Reflection and Planning

REPORT CARDS WERE SENT HOME VIA EMAIL ON THURSDAY, JUNE 30TH. IF YOU DID NOT RECEIVE YOUR REPORT CARD, PLEASE EMAIL S-MCK@GRANDERIE.CA.