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École Macaulay Elementary School

Newsletter

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PLEASE
CALL 250-
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AND LEAVE
A MESSAGE
IF YOUR
CHILD IS
GOING TO
BE ABSENT
FROM
SCHOOL
FOR THE
DAY. LEAVE
THE NAME
OF YOUR
CHILD,
DIVISION
AND
TEACHER'S
NAME.
THANK YOU
FOR YOUR
HELP.

Dates and Reminders

Find more dates and events on the Calendar page at Macaulay's [website](#)

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| Thursday, April 21 | Community Clean Up Day |
| Friday, April 22 | Good Friday - No school in session |
| Monday, April 25 | Easter Monday - No school in session |
| Tuesday, April 26 | Cross Country at Clover Point |
| Wednesday, April 27 | Dance Performance Assemblies - am |
| Thursday, April 28 | Gr. 4 Emergency Preparedness Workshops |
| Friday, April 29 | Macaulay Walk-a-thon Fundraiser / Pizza Lunch |
| Monday, May 2 | Cross Country at Lambrick Park |
| Tuesday, May 3 | Dance Festival at UVic |
| Friday, May 6 | Rugby Jamboree |
| Tuesday, May 17 | Class and Whole School Photo Day |
| Thursday, May 19 | Grade 5's visit their new Middle Schools - pm |
| Friday, May 20 | Pro-D Day - No school in session |
| Monday, May 23 | Victoria Day Holiday- No school in session |
| Wednesday, May 25 | Welcome to Kindergarten Night 5:30pm -7 pm |
| Monday, June 27 | Year End / Farewell Assembly |
| Wednesday, June 29 | Last day of classes |

The Esquimalt Family of Schools, K-12, in partnership with our parents and our community, are working together to develop socially responsible citizens.

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www.sd61.bc.ca/school/macaulay



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Home of the Mariners



In Other News.....

2011 / 2012 Class Placement Requests

Pursuant to *School Act B.C. Regulation 265/89 Section 5 (7)(b) and (c)*, and the Agreement between the Board of Education of the Greater Victoria School District and the Greater Victoria Teachers Association *Articles 2.1, 2.2, and 2.3*, the following process shall be utilized annually to determine the placement of students in classes.

School Organization:

After the annual staffing has been allocated to the school for the coming year, the principal in consultation with the professional staff will decide the tentative school organization for the following year. Many factors are considered in determining this organization, including: the number of student at each grade level, class size limits, special needs students, overall composition of classes.

Placement of Students:

In the latter part of each school year, students will be temporarily organized into class groups for the next year. It must be understood that these groups may need to be altered during the first part of September to accommodate the unexpected movement of students during the summer.

Each student will be considered individually and each class will be considered as a unit. Every effort will be made to place each student in the most appropriate situation academically, socially and emotionally in the larger context of the needs of all children. The following factors will be considered:

- specific learning strengths, needs and styles
- behavioural needs
- social/emotional needs including placement with a friend
- male/female balance
- siblings
- effort, achievement and independence
- groupings appropriate for the best learning environment for all
- age range
- dynamics between children

We welcome input from parents outlining the educational reasons for a specific request (**must be in writing to the Principal by May 27, 2011**). Your request should address the specific needs of your child (e.g. Structured environment, social relationships, quiet, etc.) rather than placement with specific teacher. Class organizations as indicated are subject to change as are teaching assignments.

Gearing up for the Walk-A-Thon - April 29th

The annual Macaulay Walk-A-Thon is coming up fast! This is our biggest and best fund raising event of the year and always a great demonstration of Macaulay school spirit. In addition to raising money for great programs and field trips for Macaulay kids, our school spirit will also benefit Esquimalt Neighbourhood house. Bring a non-perishable food item on walk day to put in the food drive shopping cart. The food collected and a cheque for \$500 will be donated to ENH to support families in need in our community.



Don't forget that students can earn their official Macaulay Walk-A-Thon T-shirts for only **\$40 in pledges**. Return the pledge sheets by April 16th to get your T-shirts in time for WAT day. Students can continue to collect pledges up to WAT day to earn other great prizes, including entry into the grand prize draw of a new bike from Marty's Mountain Cycle! We raised \$17,000 last year. Can we top that this year?

Victoria Confederation of Parent Advisory Councils (VCPAC) Awards

Do you know an exceptional parent, staff, or community member? Show your appreciation of their contributions by nominating them for a VCPAC Award. Categories include: The Gail Edwards Memorial Award celebrating a parent who shows passion and commitment to the well-being of our students; the Parents Choice Award celebrating a SD#61 employee who has made a significant impact on the lives of our children through leadership, vision and advocacy; and the Arkell Award celebrating a community member who gives unconditionally to the success of our children. To view the full criteria for each award, visit our Awards Page at <http://vcpac.ca/vcpac-awards>. Nomination forms are due by April 30 and can be sent to awards@vcpac.ca or via inter-school mail to our office at the board office.

From the PAC Chair Great Online Resources for Parents on School Safety

The more I explore the world wide web, the more great information I find to help parents help their kids through school. I've recently discovered the BC Ministry of Education's Safe, Caring and Orderly Schools web site, which has an excellent resources page of downloadable publications. Titles include *Call it Safe - a parent guide for dealing with bullying in elementary schools* and *Keeping Kids Safe - A Guide for Parents of Students in Grades K-12*. Visit the Safe, Caring and Orderly Schools website for more information: <http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/sco/resources.htm>. If you know of a great resource for parents, let me know and I'll share it in our next PAC email.

FREE Pizza Day for Walk-A-Thon!

To add to WAT festivities, the PAC is pleased to offer a FREE pizza day on April 29th! We will order both cheese and pepperoni pizzas (numbers based on our previous pizza days) and each child will be given TWO pieces of their choice. You will NOT have to submit a pizza order. Make sure you pack your child a drink and snacks as usual, and a bit extra if they will need more than two pieces of pizza to fill them up. Thanks to Sam and Diane and all of our awesome pizza day volunteers for making this happen! Please contact pizzaday@live.com if you have any questions.

Are You PAC Exec Material?

The *next PAC meeting on May 12th* is also our Annual General Meeting. We're hoping to add a few new faces to the PAC executive this year. Positions available are Vice Chair, Secretary, Members at Large (3), VCPAC Rep and Canadian Parents for French Rep. If you are interested in any of these positions, please contact Tina Neale at tina.neale@gmail.com for more information. Thanks so much to Colleen Jackson for her service as Vice Chair and to Heidi Bowman for being a wonderful Secretary this year.



Student Recognition Assembly

Each month we take the time to recognize some of our great "Macaulay Kids". Recognition Assemblies are normally held during the morning of the 3rd Wednesday of the month. Parents are informed prior to the assembly if their child is being recognized. You are more than welcome to join us for this celebration.

From the April 13th, 2011 Assembly.

Division 1 – Mr. Racansky

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| Thomas W. | Working hard on his novel study illustrations |
| Julia Mc. | Her detailed drawings |
| Andrew K. | Improving the quality of his work |
| Michael D. | His excellent spelling skills |

Division 2 –Mr. Pretty

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| Delphine P. | Consistently raising her hand in class |
| James S. | Consistently contributing to class discussions |
| Emily D. | Showing pride in her work |

Division 3 – Ms. Green

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| Joshua C. | For working hard on his social studies project |
| Lochlain B. | For working hard on his social studies project |
| Kazi K. | For trying to maintain a positive attitude in class |
| Chih-Hung W. | For being positive and enthusiastic in class. |

Division 4 – Mr. Crawford

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| Marcus C. | Taking responsibility for his own learning |
| Nathan V. | Helping younger student with their work. |
| Seth H. | Putting forth a great effort with his schooling |
| Jenna B. | Improved focus in school |

Division 5 - M. Poulain

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| Maya B. | Good work habits |
| Kandace H. | Good work habits |
| Jacson A. | Good work habits |



Assembly April 13th, 2011

Division 6 – Ms. Pendleton/Ms. Howe

- Joshua A. For your enthusiasm and wealth of knowledge about structures and for working hard to be a STAR. Good for you.
- Nate J. For improved listening habits and for completing written work with more independence. Great to see.
- Violet S. For the kind and respectful way that you treat others, and for always trying your best in all that you do.

Division 7 - Mrs. Mackie

- Austin R. Excellent ambassador of the Macaulay 4 B's.
- Riley K. Excellent ambassador of the Macaulay 4 B's.
- Jayden L. Excellent ambassador of the Macaulay 4 B's.
- Tiffany D. Excellent ambassador of the Macaulay 4 B's.

Division 9 - Ms. Campbell

- Jesse C. For always speaking French in class
- Morgan M. For his excellent aptitude in Math. Morgan catches on to concepts easily
- Kain S. For his creative writing. Kain always has interesting ideas for his stories.
- Hailey C. For being a good friend to all. Hailey loves to help out others.

Division 10 - Mrs. Herperger

- Brandon A. For his dedication to improvement in Math

Division 11 - Mrs. Stevens

- Mark M. Excellent work in the classroom
- Paris B. Always helping others

Division 12 – Mme. Verrier

- Levi R. His artistic and social abilities as well as his great efforts—ses qualités artistiques et sociales ainsi que ses beaux efforts
- Olivia W. Her enthusiasm during class and clubs. Congratulation for having read 260 books. - son enthousiasme en classe et aux clubs. Félicitations d'avoir lu 260 livres.
- Sam G. His remarkable progress in reading and active participation in Math—ses gras progrès en lecture et sa belle participation en Maths.
- Sam S. His super progress in reading, writing and speaking French. - ses beaux progrès en lecture, ses efforts en écriture et Français parle.

Division 13 - Mrs. Brcic

- Bright N. Bright is being recognized for his enthusiasm for learning and excellent connections
- Kylie W. Kylie is being recognized for being a “beaver” expert
- Sydney H. Sydney is being recognized for her positive attitude and strong determination

Division 14 - Mdm. Lundgren

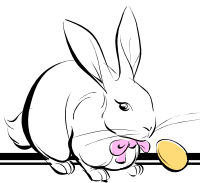
- Brayden Q. Being a responsible classroom citizen and improvement in reading and writing
- Grace H. Excellence in mathematiques and kindness to others.
- Julie M. Kindness and thoughtfulness, and responsibility in the classroom

Division 15 - Mdm. Roux

- Vincent M. For working on his reading in class
- Tristin W. For working hard on reading and writing in class.

Division 16 - Mrs. Naughton

- Charlane M. For her creative, colourful, detailed works of art
- Chelsey S. For her excellent growth as a reader
- Fearne B. For being a kind and caring friend to everyone.



“Catch - a -Kid”

Everyday we catch kids being great “Macaulay Kids”. These students demonstrate one or all of the 4 B’s at Macaulay - **Be Safe, Be Cooperative, Be Respectful, Be Responsible**. Students are given a ‘Catch a Kid’ ticket to enter into the draw bin in the office. Names are then drawn at assemblies. Names from the **April** assembly are:

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| Aydin | div 20 | Daisy | div 9 |
| Alice | div 20 | Nicholas | div 14 |
| Julie | div 14 | Alysha | Div 9 |

If you signed up to receive the Macaulay newsletters by email and you are NOT receiving them, please visit the office to make sure we have your email address .



HEAD LICE AWARENESS

Outbreaks of head lice are common throughout the school year. Although head lice are a nuisance, **head lice are not a health risk.**

Head lice spread quickly by close, head-to-head contact. Lice cannot live on furniture or carpet, and they cannot jump or fly. There may be few or no symptoms, but itching may occur.

You can help by:

- Checking your child's head with the wet-combing method of detection once a week throughout the school year.
- Encouraging your child to wear their hair tied back, and avoid touching heads with other students.
- Using the wet-combing method of treatment if you notice lice on your child's head.
- Telling the classroom teacher if your child has head lice, so other parents can be notified.

For more information contact:

- Your local Health Unit
- Review the pamphlet "Wet Combing – How to Get Rid of Head Lice" available at your health unit

Health Units:

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| Esquimalt | 250-519-5311 | Salt Spring Island | 250-538-4880 |
| Outer Gulf Islands | 250-539-3099 | Sooke | 250-642-5464 |
| Peninsula | 250-544-2400 | Victoria | 250-388-2200 |
| Saanich | 250-519-5100 | West Shore | 250-478-1757 |

If you know that your child WILL NOT be attending Macaulay School in September please let the office staff know ASAP.

Thanks very much for your cooperation.



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