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# École Macaulay Elementary School Newsletter January 20, 2011



## MACAULAY ABSENCE LINE

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A MESSAGE  
IF YOUR  
CHILD IS  
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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](#)

Friday, January 21st	<b>Pro-D Day - No School</b>
Saturday, January 29th	<b>Ready Set Learn Community Event - Esquimalt Rec. Centre 10:00 am - 11:30 am</b>
January 31 - February 4	<b>Kindergarten Registration for the 2011/12 year</b>
Thursday, February 17	<b>PAC Family Dance and Silent Auction</b>
Friday, February 18th	<b>Pro-D Day - no school</b>
Wednesday, February 23	<b>Gr. 4/5 Basketball Jamboree—Shoreline Middle School</b>
Wednesday, March 2nd	<b>Student Led Conference—Early Dismissal at 1:50 pm</b>
March 14-25	<b>Spring Break</b>
Monday, March 28th	<b>Return to School after Spring Break</b>

### Weather Appropriate Clothing

The weather has certainly changed outside these days and it is important that students come to school prepared to be outside at recess times during the day. There are still a lot of t-shirts and shorts being worn outside. We try to get outside as much as possible so students need to have the appropriate clothing to be outside. Warm jackets with hoods, gloves and boots are all good ideas at this time of year. Given our proximity to the ocean we can often have fast changing and windy weather so please keep that in mind as everyone gets ready in the morning.

*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](http://www.sd61.bc.ca/school/macaulay)



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## In Other News.....

### ***Kindergarten Registration***

Monday, January 31 to Friday, February 4 is Kindergarten Registration week. Registration will begin at 8:00 am on Monday morning. The first day is always a busy one so anticipate the building and parking lot to be busier that day. Those registering are reminded to bring a birth certificate, care card and proof of address with them.

### ***Enrollment in Grade 1 French Immersion***

For those parents that wish to enroll their children in Grade 1 French Immersion from English Kindergarten for September 2011 it is important that you pick up the registration and transfer paperwork from the Office and complete it by the required deadline.

### ***K- 12 Student Transfer Process***

All students in the Greater Victoria School District are members of a Family of Schools. A Family of Schools is comprised of several elementary schools from which students move to a designated middle school and from there to a designated high school. At any grade level, when students want to change schools (or pathways), they will complete the Student Application form. The Student Transfer period is in February and forms can be picked up from the office. After this period it will be your responsibility to contact the new middle school to register.

### ***Middle School Information Nights***

Both Shoreline and Rockheights will be holding information nights at their schools in the near future. Look for information to sent home with Grade 5 students soon. Further information can be found on the school district's website.

### ***Late French Immersion***

For those parents wishing to enroll their child in Late French Immersion (Grade 6) you are asked to register at your choice of school between January 31st and February 4th. Registration for this program is taken on a first come first served basis.

## **Inclement Weather**

We are now approaching the season when inclement weather may affect the safety and welfare of students. In particular, snowy weather has the potential to cause classes to be postponed or some School District 61 services to be suspended. Current information will be updated continuously on the Greater Victoria School District 61 website at <http://www.sd61.bc.ca/>. Within the Greater Victoria School District, the Superintendent of Schools will provide media outlets with information about the status of our facilities and transportation services by 6:30 a.m. if there is a concern. Local media outlets have indicated that they will provide constant information and the Weather Network will also post updates at <http://www.theweathernetwork.com/weather/CABC0313>.

## CLASS REP NEWS

We now have class reps for 17 of 20 divisions at Macaulay! The role of the CLASS REP is to act as a liaison between teachers, parents and the PAC to help foster communication and community building in our school. This role doesn't require attending every PAC meeting, and it's a great way to stay in touch with what's happening at the school. We are still looking for class reps for **Mrs. Andersen**, **Mrs. Mackie** and **Mrs. Herperger** classes. Currently class reps have, or will be gathering contact information for each class. If you haven't had a chance to respond to this request yet, please do so as soon as possible. This will help keep you in touch with what's happening in your child's classroom, and in the school. For more information please feel free to contact Barb von Sacken [bvonsacken@shaw.ca](mailto:bvonsacken@shaw.ca) or any of the other class reps on the list below.

## MACAULAY FAMILY DANCE - February 17th

Theme: The 1980's - Break out your crimping irons, your acid wash jeans, and get ready to do some Moonwalking! It's going to be **AWESOME**.

There will be a silent auction, concession, door prizes and of course lots of great music and dancing. As always these great events come thanks to the help of volunteers so please contact Barb von Sacken if you can spare an hour to help with set up, ticket sales, concession or silent auction.



## GREENING NEWS:

A huge **THANK YOU** to the School Board for replacing the 2 trees on Macaulay that didn't survive the dry summer. The Greening Committee would love to see many more trees planted around the school yard to beautify the school, and provide shade and habitat. Once the weather becomes a bit more inviting we will be organizing another gardening Saturday, everyone is welcome! This will give us a chance to see what's happened in the school garden over the winter and get the beds ready for students to plant some exciting things this spring! The greening committee has also received donations from Country Grocer of a variety of bulbs that we will be offering to any classrooms that are interested in doing some planting. Finally we are looking forward to having a hanging basket and plant sale once again on May 6th just prior to Mother's Day. Stay tuned for order forms coming your way. If you are interested in learning more or being part of greening please contact Barb von Sacken @ [bvonsacken@shaw.ca](mailto:bvonsacken@shaw.ca).

The **Silent Auction** is our second biggest fundraiser of the year and we need your help to bring in some great donations. If you have a product or service you can donate to the auction, or if you can help to solicit donations from local businesses, please contact Sara at [skdarling@shaw.ca](mailto:skdarling@shaw.ca)



## Skate Canada at Archie Browning

The Archie Browning Sports Centre is serving as the

**practice arena** for the 2011 BMO Skate Canada Junior Nationals which take place from January 17-21 at the Save-On-Foods Memorial Centre, and the 2011 BMO Canadian Figure Skating Championships from January 21-23 also at the Save-On-Foods Memorial Centre in Victoria B.C. Everyone is invited to come out and take part in the practice sessions at Archie Browning at **no charge**.



### **A Look Back at Great Successes...**

Wow, parents really make a difference at Macaulay! When I look back at what we accomplished between September and December 2010, it makes me really proud to be part of such an amazing school community. Parent involvement and collaboration with staff and teachers has resulted in some exciting new initiatives that I hope we can continue to build on. These include the volunteer reading support program, which has been implemented in about half of the classes; Soup Day, which is set to roll out school-wide; the holiday food drive which sent four shopping carts overflowing with food to Esquimalt Neighbourhood House; and the warmth for the homeless drive which not only collected warm socks, hats, gloves etc. for homeless people in our community, but also gave us the opportunity to raise awareness about homelessness at the school. In the coming months, we will be discussing other ways in which to promote social responsibility at Macaulay. Thanks to all parents who have donated time and resources, big or small, to the school. Our kids are worth it!

Tina Neale, PAC Chair

P.S. The next PAC meeting is on Thursday February 10th, 6:30 to 8:00 in the school library.

### **The Silent Auction Needs You!**

Our Silent Auction fundraiser, to be held during the family dance on Feb. 17th, needs more donations. If any of you have items or services big or small to donate, or have connections to people or businesses who might, please contact our silent auction coordinator, Sara Darling at [skdarling@shaw.ca](mailto:skdarling@shaw.ca). Thanks so much for your help!

### **Soup Day Needs Mugs!**

How many mis-matched, little-used coffee mugs are hiding out in the back of your cupboards? Our Soup Day project, where we bring nutritious, home-made soup into the classroom, is looking for about 50 mugs that we can have on standby for kids who forget to bring their own on Soup Day. Here's an opportunity to help out with this great initiative and eliminate some clutter from your life. To donate your extra mugs, put them on the freezer in the medical room and our Soup Day coordinator will collect them from there. Thanks!

### **Spaces Still Available for Vancouver Island Parent Conference**

The PAC has enough money in our conferences budget to send up to 10 parents to the Vancouver Island Parent Conference at Spectrum Community School on Saturday February 5th, <http://vcpac.ca/vip-conference>. So far, only five parents have taken advantage of this opportunity. If you would like to go, please contact Tina Neale for registration instructions at 250-590-8792 or [tina.neale@gmail.com](mailto:tina.neale@gmail.com) as soon as possible.

### **Looking Ahead to Spring Events**

We have already started planning for a couple of exciting events in the spring. On April 3rd, we are planning a one-day "spring fling" craft fair. If you are interested in helping to organize or being a vendor, contact Bree Macaroni at [breemacc@gmail.com](mailto:breemacc@gmail.com). The annual Macaulay Walk-a-thon is scheduled for Friday April 29th. This is our most successful fundraising event of the year. Expect to see more info in the coming weeks.

Boys and Girls Club is offering a Girls Night program and a Boys Night program. These evenings offer youth opportunities to engage in a variety of activities, make friends, and have fun. Thursdays from 6-8pm. Ages 7-12. Please contact Meagan at 250-380-9250 for more information or to register.

# Student Recognition Assembly

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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 **January 19th, 2011** Assembly.

## **Division 1 – Mr. Racansky**

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|-------------|---|
| Meghan H.   | For her excellent effort in learning division |
| Dylan S.    | For his improved math skills                  |
| Bill A.,    | For his improvement in his written work       |
| Mackenzi B. | For his hard work to improve his spelling.    |

## **Division 2 –Mr. Pretty**

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| Vaughn S. | For always doing a great job with your reading and staying focused.          |
| Deven L.  | For using creative ideas with your writing and always adding detail.         |
| Broedi E. | For being willing to help out with classroom jobs and volunteering your time |
| Hannah H. | For always staying on task and showing great concentration in class.         |

## **Division 3 – Ms. Green**

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| Clayton S. | For working hard in his writing group                                      |
| Carmen P.  | For working hard in his writing group                                      |
| Sarah P.   | For working hard in her writing group and for helping out in other classes |
| Paul W.    | For participating well during math lessons.                                |

## **Division 5 – Mr. Poulain**

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|-------------|-------------------------------------|
| Wyatt B.    | For his progress in English reading |
| Marielle M. | For her excellent academic results  |
| Georgia B.  | For her excellent academic results  |

## **Division 6—Mrs. Anderson**

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| Elizabeth O. | For doing a great job with your writing and always adding detail to your work. |
| Michell C.   | For doing an exceptional job in math and helping others as well.               |
| Nathanael L. | For being a strong leader and always ready to help out others                  |
| Josh R.      | For doing a great job with your A.R. reading completing the tests.             |



Assembly January 19th, 2011

**Division 7 - Mrs. Mackie**

Jalyn Mc.	For consistently working hard and having a positive attitude
Hasibul E.	For showing his extensive general knowledge during class discussions
Sofia G.	For consistent effort in all areas of her school work.
Josie B.	For consistently setting high standards in all aspects of her school work.

**Division 8 - Mrs. Sparrow**

Kyla S.	Cooperation and reading to her peers
Miki S.	Excellent participation and teamwork in gym
Malaina R.	Consistent effort and determination in reading.

**Division 9 - Ms. Campbell**

Shelby R.	For always speaking French in class. Sa bonne capacite de bien parler francais dans la saile de classe.
Lassah J.	For her excellent work habits. Lassah does not stop until the job is done. Ses excellent habitudes de travail
Daytona R,	For his creativity in art. Sa bonne capacite en arts plastiques.
Marcella J.	For her kindness towards others. Marcella is a good friend to everyone. Pour sa gentillesse envers les autres.

**Division 10 - Mrs. Herperger**

Dylan W.	For being a responsible student
Olivia R.	For being a cooperative classmate
Mason W.	For being a respectful and caring friend
Gabriel P.	For always sharing his interesting ideas.

**Division 11 - Mrs. Stevens**

Miranda F.	Showing random acts of kindness to others.
Rhys L	Working cooperatively with his desk buddies
Joshua S.	Working well with others during activity time.
Khi D.	Showing random acts of kindness to others

**Division 12 – Mme. Verrrier**

Daniel R.	For his active participation and listening skills as well as his help. Sa participation et écoute active ainsi que son aide.
Ethan L.	Being very attentive, enthusiastic and fro his great progress. Être si attentive, enthousiaste et pour ses beaux Progress.
Ethan S.	Being very conscientious , for his superb reading skills and for using his WITTTS so well. Être si consciencieux, sa i écure excellente et bien utiliser ses WITTTS.

**Division 13 - Mrs. Brcic**

- Dahlia W. Dahlia is always working hard to use good friendship strategies
- Scarlett W. Scarlett is always working hard to be a kind, respectful friend to everyone
- Heidi K. Always modeling respectful behaviour

**Division 14 - Mme. Lundgren**

- Nicholas R. A positive attitude and for his show and tell presentation
- Genessa G. For her responsibility and great work habits
- Vanessa P. For a positive attitude, and her continued efforts to speak French.
- Sophie K. For her enthusiasm, and a positive attitude towards learning
- Kira A. For speaking in French and her enthusiasm towards learning.

**Division 15 - Mme. Roux**

- Ethan L. For great effort in Math and Literacy
- Emma V. For consistent participation in class
- Ethan C. For putting forth his best effort in all areas of school.

**Division 16 - Mrs. Naughton**

- Larisa J Her amazing progress in reading.
- Lance Mc. His amazing progress in reading
- Lia N. For helping our whole class with reading each day.

**“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 **January** assembly are:

Lily	Div 10	Sarah	Div 13
Zoe	Div 9	Robin	Div 13
Daisy	Div 9	Oliver	Div 13

**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**



# Ready-Set-Learn FREE Family Event

**Saturday January 29, 2011**

**10:00 - 11:30 am**

**Esquimalt Recreation Centre**

**FREE event for children ages 3-4 & their families.**

Join the Esquimalt Family of Schools and experience interactive, hands-on learning while enjoying the following activities:

**\*Letters & Numbers \*Play-Doh \*Education Booths  
\*Bouncy Castle \*Face Painting \*Refreshments**



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## KINDERGARTEN ENTRY IN SEPTEMBER 2011

**Registration: January 31 - February 4, 2011**

**All children born in 2006 are eligible to begin Kindergarten in September 2011.**

**Register your child between January 31 and February 4, 2011**

**at your CATCHMENT AREA SCHOOL.**

To determine your English program catchment school, please visit our website at [www.sd61.bc.ca](http://www.sd61.bc.ca), click on *Schools*, then *School Locator*.

To determine your French Immersion catchment area school, please visit our website at [www.sd61.bc.ca/frim.aspx](http://www.sd61.bc.ca/frim.aspx) or call 250-475-4189.

While most students, if not all, living in a school's local catchment will be accommodated at that school, students cannot be guaranteed placement in the catchment area school and may be required to enroll at a school with space available.

To request an out-of-catchment school within the District, register at your catchment school and complete a Student Transfer Form.

Parents who already have an older child enrolled in one of our elementary schools in September 2011 and wish to have their younger child enrolled in the same school can register their Kindergarten child at that school rather than the catchment area school.

### **To register, please bring:**

- Proof of your child's age and citizenship status. This can be a birth certificate, passport, or landed immigrant authorization.
- Parents of children who **are not** Canadian Citizens or Landed Immigrants or **do not have a birth certificate** for their child are required to call our International Student Program at phone 250-592-6871 prior to registration.
- Proof of your address. This can be your driver's license, a utility bill with your current postal code, etc.)
- Your child's BC Medical Care Card

For information about Full Day Kindergarten, please visit our website at [www.sd61.bc.ca](http://www.sd61.bc.ca), go to *Programs* and click on *Kindergarten*.

General questions? Please call the school board office at 250-475-4220.

**Registration will take place at the schools between 8:00 am and 3:00 pm and will be processed according to the time of registration.**

**JANUARY 31 - FEBRUARY 4, 2011**

# Greater Victoria School District #61 *invites you to a...*



## Welcome to School Parent Information Night

Learn more about our District's exciting English and French Immersion Kindergarten programs.

Monday, January 24, 2011

S.J. Willis Education Centre Auditorium, 923 Topaz Avenue

6:30 – 8:00 pm | General Kindergarten Information

8:00 – 9:00 pm | Early French Immersion Information

For more details please visit our website at [www.sd61.bc.ca](http://www.sd61.bc.ca)  
RSVP to phone 250-475-4220 or email [cschmidt@sd61.bc.ca](mailto:cschmidt@sd61.bc.ca)

*In 2010, our graduates received \$2.3 million in scholarships!*

