

# January

## Happy New Year!



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January 2017 Newsletter

# Macdonald Consolidated School 2016/17



*Welcome to a New Year!*

Please make listening to your radio part of your morning routine. We do not always receive email notification about late busses; however it is always mentioned on the radio.

Please remember, if you have questions and/or comments, please call the school. We are part of Hampton Education Centre. For further information on weather related closures please see our school website or ASD-S ([www.asd-snbbed.nb.ca](http://www.asd-snbbed.nb.ca)).

Many thanks to the students and parents for gifts and good wishes at Christmas time. In lieu of thank you cards a donation will be made to noodle Monday. Ellen Whittaker Brown

## Announcement

We had two of our staff members retire at the end of 2016, Heather Duncan our Daytime custodian and Donna Leary our Grade 1-2 Teacher. We wish them both the best.

## Welcome

We would like to welcome to our staff Crystal Sherwood our new daytime custodian, and Jillian Hossack our new Grade 1-2 Teacher.

## Literacy Week ~ January 23-27



As many of you are aware, Wednesday, January 27<sup>th</sup>, is **Family Literacy Day**. Literacy affects every aspect of our daily lives.

*"Reading, writing, financial and digital literacy are all essential skills Canadians require to live a fully engaged life."*

[www.abclifeliteracy.ca](http://www.abclifeliteracy.ca)

We at Macdonald Consolidated School strive to promote the literacy of our learners. Therefore, we are going to celebrate literacy for the entire week of January 23-27! Please check your child's communication log or homework book for more details soon.

Thank you for your support!

## Dates to Remember:

- 10 Jan ..... Students Back to School
- 12 Jan ..... Welcome to Kindergarten @ 6:30-7:30pm
- 17 Jan ..... Home & School/PSSC Meeting
- 23-27 Jan ... Literacy Week
- 27 Jan ..... Family Literacy Day
- 24 Feb ..... PD Day – No School
- 6-10 Mar ... March Break – No School
- 30 Mar ..... Parent/Teacher 3:30 – 6:30 pm
- 31 Mar ..... Parent/Teacher 9:00 -11:00 am – No School
- 14 Apr ..... Good Friday – No School
- 17 Apr ..... Easter Monday – No School
- 28 Apr ..... PD – No School
- 05 May ..... No School
- 03 May ..... Home & School/PSSC Meeting
- 19 May ..... Meetings - No School
- 22 May ..... Victoria Day – No School
- 23 June ..... Last Day for Students

*Dates will be added as they arise.*

**Please join us on TWITTER (MacCSchool) for any updates on school closures or bus changes**

Home & School Meetings  
6:30 – 7:00 p.m.

PSSC Meetings  
7:00 p.m.

**All are welcome to attend. Meetings take place in the library with childcare.**

## National Penguin Day, January 20<sup>th</sup>



Dress up like a penguin or wear your favorite penguin clothing for the day!

### Grade 8 Québec Trip News

We would like to remind parents and guardians of Grade 8 students that the next payment of \$100 for the Québec trip is due by January 20<sup>th</sup>.

*Thank you!*

Thank you to the Parish of Kingston for allowing us the use of their building to hold our Christmas Concert.

Also, thank you to everyone who joined us for the MCS Christmas Concert!

A Special thanks to Mrs. Stoddard, Mrs. Hill and Mr. Jones for all their hard work in preparation for this day.

### *Congratulations*

**The winning ticket of the Christmas Dinner Basket was sold by Darrian Barton**

### **MCS Drama**

**“That Captain Pumpkin-Head Guy”  
a puppet show:**

The action revolves around Ichabod who helps Captain Pumpkin-Head Guy to redirect his energies to helping needy people. Although Ichabod’s teaching techniques are challenged by his active and energetic students, he comes alive after school at the Van Tassel mansion giving singing lessons to the beautiful Katrina. Ichabod’s slick moves on the dance floor ignite deadly jealousy in muscle-bound Brom Bones’ mind which hatches an awful plan.

This is a story of self-actualization, hope and justice. Fifteen superbly visible puppets comprise the cast. This show is a must see for all ages. Our actors will be performing at 7:30 on Feb. 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> in the music room. It is a show not to be missed!!!

Rob Turgeon

### **Cafeteria News**

The Cafeteria re-opens Tuesday January 9<sup>th</sup>, serving snacks at recess and lunch at noon. Just an FYI to parents that if your child does not like the daily special on our menu we can make a special pre-order upon request (within reason). Order has to be made before snack break.

**Please remember the cafeteria is open Tuesday - Friday.**

### **Noodle Monday**

Noodle Monday will start up again this coming Monday January 16, 2017

### **Home & School News**

The next **Home & School/PSSC meeting** will take place on Tuesday, January 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. The Home & School would like to thank everyone who supported their last fundraising events with the purchase of cheese and coffee as well as the produce packs.

### **Winter Safety**

While the winter brings fun opportunities for play and exercise, it is important to remember to play safe and use extra caution when sliding, skating, etc. And a reminder that the snow stays on the ground!

Also we would also like to remind parents to please make sure your children are dressed properly for weather conditions. The cutoff temperature for an indoor recess is -20.

### **Community Events/Notices**

A Huge thanks to the entire community for making Christmas a success for many families

### **MCS & the Peninsula Food Bank**

We would like to send a special thank you out to all who gave cash donations and items for needy families as well as supplies for the Peninsula Food Bank.

### **PETITION**

There is a Petition in the office with regards to improving the traffic safety at the intersection of Route 845 with 850 on the Peninsula (Kingston Corner) by making the said intersection a four(4) way stop.



**The Anglican  
Parish of  
Kingston**

**Christian  
Education**

The **Wednesday After School Church Program** will run on the third Wednesday of each month beginning in January 2017.

However, we will be having our first get together following school on **Wednesday, December 14th, 2016 until 4:00 pm.**

Please fill out the following Registration for After School Church Program to be sent with your child on the first day.

Child's last name		Child's first name		Middle name <input type="checkbox"/> This is the name used
Address			Community	Postal Code
Father's name		Home phone	Work phone	Cell phone
Mother's name		Home phone	Work phone	Cell phone
Birth date (yyyy/mm/dd)		Grade in School	School <input type="checkbox"/> MacDonald Consolidated <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	
Family email address				
Does this child have any know allergies? (Please be specific)				
Does your child attend any other Christian Education Program like Sunday School, Church Service, After School Program?: <i>(This information helps us plan and not interfere with other programs)</i>				

**PERMISSION SLIP to attend Church School**

I \_\_\_\_\_ give my permission for my son/daughter \_\_\_\_\_ to leave school property at 2:30 p.m. to attend Church School held in the Kingston Parish Hall each Wednesday of the program, beginning December 14, 2016 until the end of the school year. I understand a volunteer will escort my child/children from the school property to the Parish Hall. A permission slip is to be given to the classroom teacher for each child to be permitted to attend Church School.

*If school is cancelled for any reason (storm day, holiday etc.) on the scheduled Wednesday - Church School is cancelled.*

Parent's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

# JANUARY 2017

## POSITIVE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT NEWSLETTER

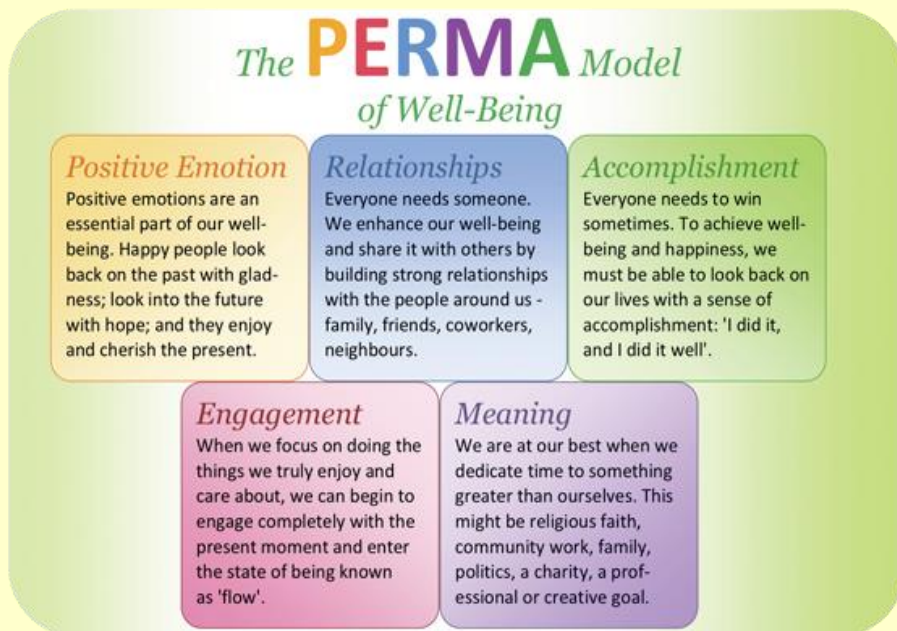
# What is PERMA?

### The technical definition-

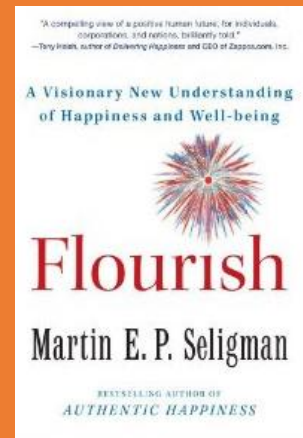
PERMA is a model of well-being put forth by a pioneer in the field of positive psychology, Martin Seligman. According to Seligman, PERMA suggests there are five important building blocks of well-being and happiness.

For more information:

<http://www.livehappy.com/science/education/positive-education-school-wellbeing>



From Martin Seligman's *Flourish*, 2011



January 25, 2017



Remember:

- Attendance Matters
- Celebrate Every Day
- Live Happy
- Happy New Year

