Happy December! Snow makes whiteness where it falls.......  

The school is a buzz with many exciting things happening, and of course now that it’s December students and staff are also excited about the upcoming winter break!  

Our school climate initiatives, developed by staff and students are in full swing. You can read more about them in our newsletter. This includes our school spirit teams, our ECO club and the new RAK club (Random Acts of Kindness).  

Staff and students are also working on developing a growth mindset and focusing on our attitudes in math. That’s where the learning all starts...with the power of not yet!  

At this holiday time, all of us at Janet McDougald Public School want to take this opportunity to wish you and your family all the best! We hope you treasure each moment and enjoy making memories with all of your loved ones! See you in 2015!  

Sincerely,  
Laila Culbert  
Proud Principal  

Ciera Murphy  
Proud Vice Principal  

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Stay tuned for Skating Dates!

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Our winter concert featuring our grade 4 and 5, and 3/4 students will be held on the evening of Thursday, December 4th, in the gym from 6:45 p.m. until 7:45 p.m. Students will need to be dropped off in designated classrooms at 6:30 p.m., and then picked up from the same location at the end of the concert.

The following classes will be performing: Ms. McPolin, Mrs. Stroud, Ms. Whelton, Mrs. Young, Mr. Brace, Mr. White, and Ms. Middleton. Our primary classes will perform during Education Week in April.

Please consider bringing a non-perishable food item as your entry ticket to the concert. We’re looking forward to a great performance! Special thanks to Ms. Gardener-Edwards for all her hard work!
Mitten and Hat Tree

Please support our Mitten and Hat Tree initiative. Students are encouraged to bring in new mittens and/or hats to keep children in our local community nice and warm during the winter months. Please send in your donation by Wednesday, December 18 so that we can deliver these gifts of love and caring in time for Christmas. On behalf of these families, thank you, in advance, for your kind and generous contributions.

FOOD DRIVE

Our student climate committee is organizing and running our December food drive. The proceeds will be donated to Family Services—Salvation army. Our food drive will run until December 17th. Thank you for supporting our Climate initiatives and for thinking “me to we.” The class that brings in the most food will earn points towards their Spirit team.

House League Teams Introduced at Janet McDougald!

On Friday, November 30th, excitement abounded when our students attended our first Spirit Assembly. During this assembly, the new House League Spirit Teams were introduced. All classes have been divided into one of three House teams; The Hawks, The Ravens and The Falcons.

Hustle (clap) Get to it (clap) Hawks (clap) Let’s do it!
Pump! Now pump it up!Pump that Falcon spirit up!
Come on, team Let’s hear it. We’ve got Raven spirit!

Teams learned their special cheers and found out about how they will work cooperatively school wide to earn spirit points for their teams. As an example, students may earn points for activities such as collecting food for the Food Drive, participating in special Spirit days organized by the Student Climate Team and working collaboratively and cooperatively with one another around the school. Teams with the most points will earn a movie/popcorn reward. Good luck to all of the teams! Show that Husky spirit!

Special thanks to the Student Climate team who created the teams, the cheers, put together an iMovie and led our assembly. Great leadership!

LOST & FOUND & LABELLING

Our lost and found box is overflowing with a large variety of items from mittens to jackets. Please take some time before or after our concert to see if you recognize any lost items. To start off the new year, the box will be emptied and the items donated.

To assist us with returning lost items to their owners, please make sure you label clothing that your child brings to school.

COME JOIN OUR TEAM

We are hiring Lunchroom Supervisors! If you are interested in working in our school each day, supervising our students from 11:55 a.m. —12:55 p.m., please contact Mrs. Murphy in the office at 905-278-1010.
SCHOOL COUNCIL UPDATE:
The 4th annual McDougald Move-a-Thon was a tremendous success. The one day event raised almost 7000 dollars. The monies raised will be used to purchase outdoor equipment (e.g. soccer balls, an additional set of soccer nets), subsidizing busing costs for field trips for each class and to support character building and anti-bullying initiatives (classroom resources, presentations etc.)

The School Council wanted to thank the teachers and administration for supporting the event and to all the families for their generous fundraising. We’d also like to give a special thank-you to the volunteer parents who spent time getting prizes and gift cards donated and helped to organize a great event. Thanks again to our very own DJ White for spinning those awesome tunes!!

Thanks to Ryan Bonne and the Toronto Raptors for donating the Raptors Tickets. Thank you to our other sponsors for donating prizes and gift cards including: Balls of Fun, Bert’s Sports, Cineplex Odeon Queensway, City of Mississauga, C.J. Skateboard Park and School, Daddy O Doughnuts, Laser Quest, Loblaws, Lyndwood Community Association, Mastermind Toys, McDonald’s, Metro, Pizza Pizza, Social Cupcake, Tim Horton’s, Toys R Us, and Yeh Frozen Yogurt.

Co-Chairs,
Lisa Brake  Andrea Forsythe

BE SAFE & ARRIVE ON TIME

Safety is a top priority at our school. Here is a list of traffic tips to keep students, staff and parents safe while commuting to and from school and to ensure you arrive at school on time.

Arrive between 8:45 a.m. and 8:55 a.m. Students should be in line at their doors and ready to enter the school at 8:55 a.m. Help your child arrive at school on time and enter the school with their class.

- Drive slowly and with caution on and near school property. Adhere to the posted speed limits.
- Always yield to pedestrian traffic. Wait for students, staff members and parents to cross before driving past them.
- When dropping your child off at the school, use the Kiss’n’Ride area. This is a supervised area that is designed to keep students safe. Do not stop your car in the middle of the parking lot to drop your child off. This is not safe.
- Do not double park or do anything else to block traffic or draw your child off the curb and into traffic.
- Have your child ready to exit the car when you reach the curb. Say goodbye to your child before you park at the curb to let your child out of your car. Have your child’s knapsack with them and try to have them sitting on the right hand side of the car.
- During regular drop-off times, students are to remain in the car until it is safe for them to exit the car onto the curb.
- Follow the directions of staff on duty in the school parking lot and treat staff, students, passengers and other drivers with respect.
- Remind your child to only cross the street at an intersection or crosswalk. They should never “jaywalk” by crossing in the middle of the street or through the gardens in the middle of the Kiss’n’Ride area. Use the crosswalk.

Thank you for helping your child arrive at school on time and safely. Remember that dismissal is 3:30 p.m.

SCHOOL STEELHEADS GAME

Thanks to the School Council for arranging our school trip to the Steelheads game on November 30th. All the staff, students and parents, who attended had a great time. Best of all, we cheered the Steelheads onto a 6-2 victory!
The Green Team is Up and Running!

So far, we have decorated our cool green t-shirts. We will wear these shirts while we are working on our environmental responsibilities around the school. We also made GOOS Bins for each classroom. We are trying to reuse paper and cut down on waste. The GOOS Bin is a scrap paper bin. G stand for Good, O stands for On, O stands for One, S stands for Side. Good On One Side = GOOS!

Each month the Green Team will introduce a new environmental initiative. Tuesday, December 2, 2014 was our first Trashless Tuesday. The Green Team class reps will be tracking their class participation each week. The class with the most participation, will receive the very cool Litterless Lunch Trophy! We will be doing Trashless Tuesday all month and we will be encouraging everyone to continue Trashless Tuesdays all year!

How will we do it?

◊ We will pack our food in reusable containers like old margarine tubs rather than a plastic bag. We will fill up reusable bottles.
◊ We will recycle everything we can if it's not reusable.
◊ After lunch, our lunch items go back in our bags and nothing goes in the garbage. Let's always remember the 3 R's : Reduce, Reuse, Recycle!

Let's GO GREEN Huskies!

NEWS FROM CARMEN CORBISSON C.C.

Carmen Corbasson Community Centre is offering several FREE youth drop in programs for students who are 10-18 yrs old.

Join them on Dec. 12th from 3:30 pm—4:30 p.m. for Youth Night and to get your free youth drop-in membership. The card will give 10 + year olds an opportunity to participate in free basketball and Arts at Play sessions featuring Hip Hop Closet throughout the week.

For more information contact the Community Centre at 905-615-4800 x 2669.

REGISTER....

◊ For Gr. 1 French Immersion by Friday, Jan. 30th, 2015 at 4 p.m. Registration is now open; get more information at www.peelschools.org/French
◊ For Kindergarten students born in 2011 in February. Registration will be held at our school from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Feb. 2, 3, 4,and 5 and from 5-8 p.m. on Feb. 5th. More information will follow in our January newsletter.

NEWSLETTERS 2014-2015

We are officially electronic this month. No paper copies of our newsletter will be sent home with students. We will be distributing our newsletter through the use of our approved e-mail distribution list and by posting our newsletter on our website. Please come fill in an e-mail consent form if you would like our school to communicate with you through e-mail. Let your friends know! Spread the word so we can help reduce the use of paper used at our school.