

February 2011



Mac's Tracks

The newsletter of

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NJ Macpherson School

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Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	31	1 Day 5 Staff Meeting 3:30	2 Day 6	3 Day 1 12:15 3-6 Choir	4 Day 2 10:15—Hockey Academy NJ's Learning Fair 1-2pm	5 Drama Club 10-12 noon
Gymnastics: Tues. Group 4 Weds. Group 5 Thurs. Group 6						
6	7 Day 3	8 Day 4	9 Day 5	10 Day 6 12:15 3-6 Choir	11 Day 1 Lifetouch Photo Retakes 8:45 Assembly: 2/3A presents 4/5R introduces Drop the Pop Week Regional Learning Fair	12 NJ's Art Show at the Gallery of the Midnight Sun is on dis- play from Feb- ruary 11-13th
Gymnastics: Tues. Group 1 Weds. Group 2 Thurs. Group 3			Photo pack- age orders due for retakes and new orders			
13	14 Day 2 10:15—Hockey Academy Spirit Day: wear red or pink Milk Monday	15 Day 3	16 Day 4 10:15—Hockey Academy 7:00 pm—PAC Meeting at SSI Micro Water Wednesday!	17 Day 5 12:15 3-6 Choir	18 Day 6 Fruit Smoothie Friday! Please bring a plastic cup to- day.	19 Pan-Territorial Learning Fair 16th-20th Drama Club 10-12 noon
Gymnastics: Tues. Group 4 Weds. Group 5 Thurs. Group 6 Drop the Pop Week						
Special healthy snacks provided for all students each morning this week						
20	21 Day 1 8:45 Assembly: Recycling club introduces the Litter Free Lunch Challenge & Prizes for Drop the Pop are pre- sented.	22 Day 2	23 Day 3 Pasta Lunch Or- ders due Litter Free Lunch Day	24 Day 4 10:15—Hockey Academy 12:15 3-6 Choir	25 Day 5 Pasta Lunch	26
Gymnastics: Tues. Group 1 Weds. Group 2 Thurs. Group 3						
Looking Ahead: March 4th—Parent/Teacher Interviews Spring Break— March 19th - April 3rd						
27	28 Day 6	1 Day 1 Reports cards go home today				

Important Dates:

- ♦ **Lifetouch Retakes**—Feb. 11th
- ♦ **Red, Pink, White Spirit Day**—Feb. 14th
- ♦ **PAC Meeting**—Feb. 16th—7 pm at SSI Micro building
- ♦ **Pasta Lunch**—Feb. 25th
- ♦ **Report Cards Go Home**—March 1st
- ♦ **Parent/Student/Teacher Interview Day**—March 4th
- ♦ **Spring Break**- March 19th to April 3rd

Term 2: Parent/Teacher/Student Interview Day

Term 2 is soon coming to an end and it's time to think about Parent/Student/Teacher Interview Day. Report cards will be going home on March 1st and P/S/T Interview Day is March 4th. At NJ there are two formats for Term 2 Interviews.

Format 1: Celebration of Learning Each student leads a parent(s) through a selection of activities to demonstrate what has been learned and accomplished during the second term. Several families are in the classroom at the same time. It is a time to celebrate Term 2 successes and plan for the achievement of Term 3 goals. If there are specific concerns you wish to discuss with your child's teacher it is important to set up a private interview in addition to this sharing time.

Format 2: Formal parent-teacher interview You can discuss your child's progress directly with the teacher during a 15 minute time slot. The student may or not be present at this interview depending upon the age of the student.

Please watch for notes coming home from your child's teacher to indicate the style of interview for each class. If the teacher is doing Celebration of Learning, sign up for your choice of time. If your child's teacher is doing formal parent-teacher interviews, please call the office by February 24th if you have a preferred time. If you don't sign up or call, a time will be chosen for you. This time will be noted on a letter which is sent home with the report card.

Thank you for taking this opportunity to be involved in your child's academic progress!



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February 14-18th is Drop the Pop Week at NJ

4/5 Remillard takes the lead on promoting healthy choices. With the support of a special grant, the students of 4/5R will team up with staff members to promote healthy living choices all week long. Students will learn about healthy drink choices.

- ♦ Milk Monday: **Every student will receive milk at lunch time!**
- ♦ Water Wednesday: **Every student will receive water at lunch time!**
- ♦ Fruit Smoothie Friday: **Every student will receive a fruit smoothie at lunch time! Please bring a spoon and a plastic cup to school for Friday's treats.**

All students and staff will start each day with a different physical activity in the gym. Each morning all students will prepare a nutritious snack. Students will be able to earn Tickets for making healthy choices. These tickets will be entered in a draw for special prizes.

February 23rd is Litter Free Lunch Day!

The recycling club challenges all students and staff to bring their lunch in containers which can be reused (drink items which can be recycled are also acceptable).

have Pride

Act respectfully

Work cooperatively

play Safely

Celebrating Literacy at NJ

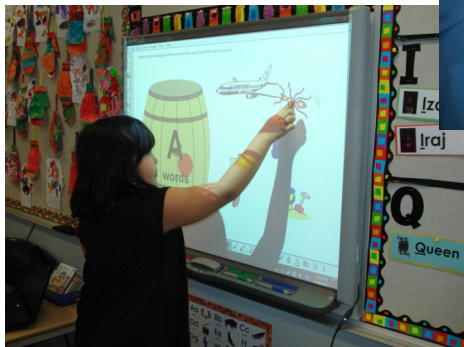


K-2 groups explored Pop-Up books in the library.

Play
for
Literacy!



Grade 3-6's played games during Literacy Activity Centres on January 27th.



K-2 groups explored games on the Smart Board in Ms. Kolchetski's classroom.

How fast can you find words in the dictionary?

Stamping words is so much fun!



Mac presented a game to classrooms.

Congratulations to Genesis Saturos from 2B who won the Literacy Week Draw.

If you wish to receive a paper copy and have not already returned the form, please contact the office at 873-4372. This newsletter can be received by visiting our school website.

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February NEWSLETTER DRAW

Thank you for taking the time to read our newsletter. Please take a moment to fill out this form and put it in the draw can in the office. Each month we will have a draw and the lucky winner will receive a gift. Good luck! If you are using the electronic form and would rather not to print the newsletter please send the information below on a piece of paper.

Child's Name: _____ Class: _____

Parent's Signature: _____

Lifetouch Photo Retakes on February 11th

The LifeTouch photographer will be at the school on February 11th at 9:00 am for retakes. Students who are new to the school since the original photo date in October will be photographed for administrative purposes whether a package has been purchased or not. If you are new to the school and would like to purchase a package of photos for your child, please contact the school office at 873-4372 for a prepayment envelope. LifeTouch requires that all orders be paid for in advance.

If your child was absent on the original photo day and you wish to purchase a photo package now, please contact the office for a prepayment envelope.

Your child can have their photo re-taken if you were not satisfied with the original photo. Please return the entire original package as well as a note to Lifetouch Photography explaining the reason for the retake.

All orders new/retake need to be sent to the office by February 9th.

If you have any questions about retakes, please call the school office at 873-4372.



February PAC Meeting

A message from PAC
(Parent Advisory Committee)

Please join us at the SSI Micro building for the next meeting:

February, 16th at 7 pm

At the last PAC meeting we completed elections.

- ◆ 2 co-chairs for PAC: Heather Clarke and Tina Drew
 - ◆ Treasurer: Stefanie Philipp
- We are still looking for a secretary. If interested please contact the school, PAC members, or come to the next PAC meeting at the SSI Micro building.

The next **Pasta Lunch** will be on the 25th of February. We are looking for volunteers to help on this morning. **Phase 2 of the playground improvement** will be happening in early June. Our goal is to build pathways, get a new piece of equipment with a large twirly slide, paint the bike racks and do some landscaping. Mark your calendars for this exciting second phase of our playground build.

Kindergarten registrations are currently being accepted for the 2011-2012 school year. Please contact the school for more information.
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This month in Literacy!

Does your child love Robert Munch books? Visit Tumblebooks website and listen to Mr. Munch read some of his stories. This site has many games, activities and books for a wide variety of reading levels.

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