John MacNeil Elementary

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**April 2018 Newsletter**

Please make sure that your children are dressed appropriately for the weather. I’m sure we will be having some wet weather still so indoor shoes are still required.

Some important reminders we wanted to share:

* **It is unacceptable to pick up your child early every day.** This disrupts not only your child’s day but every child in the class. The last 15-20 mins of the day are very important. Homework and message bags are being packed to send home; end of the day messages and questions are being given and answered; some classes such as Music, Phys. Ed. and French are still being taught right up until the bell. Please arrive at **2:45** to pick up your child and please be patient as they are coming out of the school. **If you absolutely need to pick up your child early for an appointment, please send a note in the morning with your child or email the teacher or the office.**
* **There is absolutely no driving for unauthorized vehicles on school grounds. Use our Kiss and Go Lane (the roundabout at the beginning of the parking lot). Driving on school property is a safety issue!**
* **Parents must call the office or send an email to make an appointment to speak with the principal, vice principal or teachers.** *Please note that teachers have up to two business days to respond to emails.*
* **All visitors must stop and check in at the office when they enter the building.**
* **Please do not wear scented products in and around the school.** Many children and adults have strong reactions to the heavy scents in perfumes, deodorants, hair sprays, latex products and other cosmetic products.
* **Please do not leave messages for students on the phone.** It gets very busy in the office and messages may not get to students in time. Please make sure you confirm after school arrangements with you child before they leave in the morning.
* **Primary Registration** has started for September 2018. Please share this information with friends that have children who will be starting school in September. All new primary students must be 5 years of age by December 31st.

**Important Dates**

* April 2 – Easter Monday - No classes
* April 4 – Report Cards go home
* April 18 – Parent teacher from 5-7 pm
* April 19 – PD AM, Parent/Teacher 1-3 pm – No classes
* April 18,19, 20 – Book Fair

**Book Fair**

The Scholastic Book Fair is coming to our school! What better way to promote reading to our students than by supporting this important literary event.

We invite your entire family to participate by purchasing the latest and greatest in children’s books. Your support of this vital literary event is a key part of helping us obtain new books and resources for our library.

You’ll find hundreds of quality books at our Book Fair with a wide assortment for all reading levels. Visit the Scholastic Book Fairs website at [www.scholastic.ca/bookfairs](http://www.scholastic.ca/bookfairs) to get more detailed information about these books. Attached is a Book Fair flyer that provides a preview of only a FEW of the many books available to purchase at our Fair.

Thank you for believing in books and the impact of reading on your child’s future.

**Book Fair Dates:**

April 18th, Wednesday : 8:30am - 3:00pm ***and* 5:00pm - 7:00pm**

April 19th, Thursday : 1:00pm - 3:00pm

April 20th, Friday : 8:30am - 3:00pm