



THIS WEEK AT MADELINE SYMONDS Apr. 5 – Apr. 9, 2021

*Please read below the week’s events for more school-related info😊

This is: Week 1

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| <p>MONDAY April 5</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Easter Monday (No classes) |
| <p>TUESDAY April 6</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please remember to bring a mask and water bottle • Breakfast Program |
| <p>WEDNESDAY April 7</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please remember to bring a mask and water bottle • Breakfast Program |
| <p>THURSDAY April 8</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teacher Professional Development (AM) • Parent Teacher Conferences (PM) (No classes) |
| <p>FRIDAY April 9</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please remember to bring a mask and water bottle • Breakfast Program |

Upcoming Dates

- April 5 – Easter Monday (no classes)
- April 8 – Morning PD/Afternoon Parent-Teacher Conferences (no classes)
- April 9 – Budget Fair
- April 14 – SAC Meeting 6:00pm
- April 22 – Community Clean Up

Looking for Donations for our School Garden

Welcome to Spring! The Learning Centre is getting into the season by beginning our journey into gardening. We have recently purchased a couple of elevated raised bed gardens which we will be building over the next week. Our seedlings will be planted next week. We are also planning on building a couple of raised bed gardens on the ground. We are in need of a few things to help us make all of this happen, like:

- Soil
- Gardening tools
- Watering Cans
- Lumber for garden beds

If you are able to support this project in any way we would be very grateful. We would accept donations of supplies, financial support, or community connections which could support. Thank you for supporting the Learning Centre!

Parent – Teacher conferences / Report Cards

- Report cards have been sent to parent email addresses. There were some challenges in sending these. If you do not receive your child's report card by Monday night, please email the school.
- As in the fall, we are not able to conduct parent/teacher interviews in person. On April 8, teachers will conduct phone conversations/meetings with parents. The link to sign up for this will be available on Tuesday, April 6 beginning at 9:00am. Phone conferences will be held from 12:30 – 2:30 and 4:00 – 6:00.

Earth Day – Community Clean up

- Grade 9 students will be participating in a community clean up around the school community on April 22nd from 9:10-11:10. This is taking place as part of the grade 9 citizenship curriculum, specifically service learning. Tim Hortons has graciously sponsored our event providing us with garbage bags, gloves as well as driving around the neighborhood collecting the garbage bags as we fill them. All grade 9 students will stay in their class groups and travel with their homeroom teachers throughout the neighborhood. If you would like further information on Earth Day you can visit earthday.ca

Budget Fair – 901/902

- Classes 901 and 902 will be participating and running a budget fair on Friday April 9th. Students have been working on the financial literacy curriculum in Citizenship 9 class amalgamating with the budget fair. At the budget fair students will be assigned a career and then they will have to calculate and pay taxes along with various expenses. They will have surprise events, both positive and negative that will impact their budget and they will have to adjust their budgets based on these events.

From the Office

- Students are reminded to properly wear their mask to school on the bus and at school. It is a good idea to keep a second mask in your book bag.
- **Parking at MSMS**

If you are dropping off or picking your son/daughter up at school, you are asked to use the loop at the staff parking side of the school.

The main loop in front of the school is where our school buses drop off in the morning and pick up in the afternoon. During the day, this area is used by students and staff. So, to protect students, we ask that parents/guardians not drive in the main loop area at all.
- **Math Support**

The following are links to opportunities for students to access supports for mathematics.

 - The EECD Homework Hub is a valuable mathematics resource for students in **grades 7 to 12**. Students have access to live tutors on Sunday through Thursday, from 5:30 to 9:30 pm. These tutors are certified teachers, they tutor mathematics courses in both English and French. In addition to tutoring, students can access electronic textbooks, tutorial videos and practice problems. If you are interested, feel free to watch the following EECD video introduction to homework hub:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QnORoA5E7i4>.
 - Support for grade 7 and 8
<https://courseware.cemc.uwaterloo.ca/27>
 - Support for grade 9
<https://cemc.uwaterloo.ca/resources/courseware/curriculum-maps/NS-Grade9-Mathematics9-to-CEMC.pdf>
<https://www.nlesd.ca/programs/math9intresources.jsp>
- Parents and guardians are reminded that the school does not open for students until 7:50am when supervision begins. Please do not drop off students any earlier than that. This will be particularly important when the weather becomes colder.
- Parents, guardians and visitors who are coming to the school are reminded they must ring the door buzzer at the main entrance to the school. If you are picking up or dropping off a student, or dropping something off for them, this must be done through the main office. Please press the buzzer and someone will come assist you, but you are unable to enter the building. **This applies to all students, including those in our portables.**

- Students are reminded to properly wear their mask to school on the bus and at school. It is a good idea to keep a second mask in your book bag.
- In an effort to ensure we have accurate and updated information for all our students, we ask that parents and guardians contact the main office if there are changes to home/cell phone numbers, home address, email address and health card expiry dates. Thank you in advance!
- Now that colder weather is upon us, please remind your child to dress appropriately for the weather. Unless temperatures are very cold, students will be expected to be outside during lunch.

MSMS Clubs

- **Art Club** Art club will next meet on Friday, April 9 from 2:00 – 3:30. Please sign up outside of the cafeteria; there are a few spots left. Ms. Chandler can accommodate up to 15 students.
- **Space Club** (via google meet bi-weekly on Fridays after school) returns to MSMS! Students who are interested in participating can write to spaceclubmsms@gmail.com or contact Mr. Hare at share@hrce.ca for more information.

From the Art Classroom

- Ms. Chandler is sending a friendly reminder to come to class prepared. 😊

We would like to thank our MLA, Ben Jessome for his support of our school Breakfast Program. 😊

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