Hello Macaulay Families,

As Halloween approaches, it's a great time to celebrate in our classrooms, and sharing food can be a fun way to bring people together and build community. At the same time, we want to be mindful of the dietary needs, allergies, and sensitivities of all our students. To ensure safety and inclusivity, we ask families to only send food to share with classmates when requested by your child's teacher. Teachers are aware of the unique needs of their students and carefully organize any food-related activities to ensure everyone can participate in class celebrations and activities. We also ask that students only share food during teacher-organized events, not at snack or lunch time. This again helps ensure that everyone is safe. Thank you for your cooperation.

Have a lovely weekend everyone.

Warmly, Jeanne Humphries Principal / Directrice

# **Looking Ahead**

Oct 28 - Cross Country - Finals

Oct 29 – Pumpkin run (1:45 pm)

Oct 31 – Halloween – Students may wear costumes or black and orange

Nov 5 - Early dismissal (11:50 am) - Parent-Teacher Conferences

Nov 6 – Regular dismissal time (2:37 pm) – Parent-Teacher Conferences

Nov 9 - Grade 4/5 Fundraiser - Bottle Drive (10:00 am - 2:00 pm)

Nov 10 – Remembrance Day assembly

Nov 11 – No School - Remembrance Day

### **More Information Items:**

### Halloween at Macaulay

As Halloween approaches, we are looking forward to a fun day together! Students are welcome to wear costumes to school, as long as they do not include weapons, blood, gore, or masks. Students can also choose to come to school in their everyday clothes or wear orange and black.

We encourage everyone to be thoughtful when choosing a costume. At Macaulay, we value kindness, inclusivity, and respect for all members of our community. When deciding what to wear, you might ask yourself:

- Does my costume reinforce stereotypes, appropriate a culture, or convey other harmful ideas?
- Could it scare or upset others?

Thank you for helping us make Halloween a positive celebration for all!



(Div 2 artwork)

## **Parent / Teacher Conferences**

Parent teacher conferences will be held on Wednesday, November 5 and Thursday, November 6. Students will be dismissed at 11:50 ONLY on Wednesday, November 5th. We will be scheduling conferences using an online scheduler. A sign-up link will be emailed to all families on Monday, October 27.

#### Lost and founds

We have placed a ton of lost items on display in the main hallway by the front doors. We invite you to please take a moment to check for anything that might belong to your child(ren).











