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Hello Macaulay Families,

As we settle into November, it feels like a good moment to mention that we know absences can happen for many different reasons. When possible, however, regular attendance plays an important role in helping students stay connected, build confidence, and keep up with new learning. When students miss class often, it can be harder for them to catch up, create connections or feel fully engaged, and we want to make sure that doesn't become a challenge.

If there's anything that might be getting in the way of regular attendance, please reach out to your classroom teacher or any member of our school team you're connected with. We're always happy to work together to find solutions that support your child's success and well-being at school.

Warmly,
Jeanne Humphries
Principal / Directrice

Looking Ahead
Nov 18 - Macaulay Spirit Wear purchase deadline
Nov 21 - School Based Pro D - no school for students
Dec 1 - Rein-DEAR Family Read Aloud Event (library 3 - 4:30 pm)
Dec 5 - Loonie Emporium
Dec 10 - PAC Meeting (library 6:30 pm)
Dec 12 - PAC Fun Lunch

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More Information Items:

Reminder - Macaulay Spirit Wear Store

1. Order Details

First Name	Last Name
Maria	Kendall
Email Address	
Your order confirmation will be emailed to this address	
mkendall@sd61.bc.ca	
Already have an account? Log In	
Student/Pick-up Person's Name	
Gift - Maria Kendall	
Classroom or Teacher's Name	
Help us sort these orders!	
Maria Kendall	

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If you are looking for the perfect holiday surprise, Macaulay Spirit Wear makes an adorable, practical, school pride boosting gift! Just pop 'Gift Child's Name' (see example above) into the student/pick up person box as shown in the graphic and we will email you when it arrives so you can sneak in and grab it with no ruined surprises and no suspiciously bulky backpacks coming home

Shop here:

https://store.passionsports.ca/macaulay_elementary_spirit_wear

Purchases from the store help support our Grade 5 end-of-year celebrations and activities. And in true Macaulay tradition, **any leftover funds are passed directly to next year's Grade 5s**. So whether you are a Grade 5 family, Grade 4 family, or anywhere else in the school... thank you for supporting our students now and in the future.

Orders are due by Nov 18.

Thank you for your continued support of our Macaulay community.

Macaulay Grade 5 Team

Mark Your Calendars! - Rein-DEAR Family Read Aloud event

On Monday, December 1st, families are invited to drop into the school library from 3:00-4:30 for our Rein-DEAR Family Read Aloud event (aka *Read a Book, Get a Book*). The library will be set up with cozy spaces and a variety of excellent books, perfect for finding a spot and sharing a story.

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When families are ready to leave, they will receive a free book, a hot chocolate, and a treat. You will also be given activities tied to your book to complete throughout December. Bring these back in January for another small prize!

Capital Bike – Ride it Forward Program Information

We are pleased to share information about Ride it Forward, a needs-based program that provides pre-owned bikes for families who may be new to Canada or experiencing financial challenges.

Each bike is inspected and is tuned up and comes fully equipped with a new lock, new helmet, reflectors, bell, bottle rack and new water bottle, and kickstand.

If your family would benefit from this opportunity, please email me (jhumphries@sd61.bc.ca) with the **age** and **height** of your family members. This information will be forwarded to the Ride it Forward program coordinator, who will look for bikes that best meet your needs. Once bikes are found for your family, bikes will be delivered to the school at a pre-arranged time, and families will be asked to sign a waiver before taking their new bikes home. Please note that this is a first-come, first-served program.

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