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## January 9, 2026 – Weekly Update

Happy New Year and welcome back! We hope you enjoyed a restful Winter Break spent with friends and family, and that you're feeling refreshed as we begin an exciting year ahead.

Looking Ahead
Jan 10 – Grade 5 Fundraiser: Bottle Drive (see poster below)
Jan 14 – PAC meeting (6 pm in the library)
Jan 16 – PAC fun lunch
Jan 19 – 23 – Carnaval Week (more information below)
Jan 26 – Professional Development Day – No school for students

## Information Items

### Reminder: Learning updates

- Please view your child(ren)'s learning update via [Parent Connect](#) – they contain a lot of interesting information about your student's progress.
- If you are having difficulties accessing your child's learning update, please let your teach know.

### Robotics Showcase! (For Robotics Club members)

On January 16, the robotics students will be showing off what they have been learning to parents/guardians.

- If your child is in grade 2/3, this will look like Student Led conferences. It will be happening in room 12. Please come with your child between 3-4pm so they can show you their project and what they can do with the robots.
- If your child is in grade 4/5, please come and watch their robot compete and cheer them (and the other teams) on! The competition will be happening in room 15, 2:50-4:00.

### French Immersion K & Grade 1 Registration

The student registration app will go live on Monday, January 12, 2026, at 6:00 a.m. Please take note of the following important points:

- All placements are determined automatically based on catchment priorities and lottery selection. There is no need to rush or panic.
- Families are asked to register at their French Immersion catchment school.

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- Registration is completed electronically through our Registration App:  
<https://www.sd61.bc.ca/registration/>

### Grade 5 Fundraiser: Mark Your Calendars

Reminder that our Grade 5s are hosting a Bottle Drive on Saturday, January 10 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. Grade 5 fundraising money is used for:

- Offsetting hoodie costs
- Grade 5 fun day
  - Venue
  - Activities (this varies by year)
  - Rentals (this varies by year)
  - Transportation
  - Snacks
  - Drinks
- Leaving Ceremony
- Legacy gift

### Carnaval Week

#### **Carnaval week at Macaulay!**



Bonhomme Carnaval was first given the Key to the City on February 1, 1955 by then mayor of Quebec City Wilfrid Hamel, symbolically affirming his role as King of the festivities. Bonhomme is still given the Key on each Carnaval opening night. A King needs a palace... and what better castle for a 7 foot, 400 pound (of compacted snow) snowman, than a castle made of ice! Each year le Palais de Glace de Bonhomme (Bonhomme's Ice Palace) is built.

On **Wednesday, Jan 21st**

We are inviting everyone to wear plaid and participate in a beard challenge!

\*beards can be made with household items, craft supplies or make up.

On **Friday, Jan 23rd**

Macaulay students will build our Palais de Glace for Bonhomme!



Students are invited to bring **AT LEAST** one ice block (and as many as they want) to school in the morning and leave it in their line-up spot. We will work together, each adding our blocks, to create a mini version of Bonhomme's Ice Palace!

- Students can make their ice blocks in any shape and in any size.
- Freeze water in a bowl, a Tupperware (or similar) container, in a balloon, etc.
- Please do **NOT use food coloring** (as it stains clothes and hands)
- Please remove **the blocks from containers**, store them in a bag to carry
- The blocks will be left outside in their morning pick up lines until building time.

If you have any questions, please contact ehenry- ehenry@sd61.bc.ca

# KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

## Important Dates:

**French Immersion: Jan 12-16**

**English: Jan 26-30**



**If your child was born in 2021, we are  
eager to welcome them to Kindergarten!**



**Register Online:**  
[www.sd61.bc.ca](http://www.sd61.bc.ca)

