Friday Nov 20th, 2026

Weekly Update

Hello Macaulay families!

We hope you all had a great week! It was great to see all the twins today for our spirit day! It was also wonderful to see the beautiful Métis dot art that classes made as part of our Métis week of learning, thanks to the generous organization and leadership of Madilyn (parent volunteer) and Carly Bird (Indigenous Youth and Family Advocate).

Please take a few moments to read through the rest of this week's newsletter, as we have several important announcements and updates to share! As the days are getting colder, please make sure your child has warm clothes for school (socks, jackets, mittens and toques). We have started to receive Donations for the Loonie Emporium taking place in early December. Keep them coming! Our Grade 3 students will take part in the Vision Screening next week on November 20th. We are also holding our first Lockdown Drill of the year on November 25th at 1:00 pm. Please remember that there is no school on November 27th, as it's a Pro-D Day.

Thank you for being part of our Macaulay community. We hope you have a wonderful week and a safe weekend!

Grade 3 – Vision Screening	November 24th	
Lockdown Drill	November 25th	1:00 pm
Pro D Day – NO SCHOOL	November 27th	
Kindergarten Hearing Screening	December 3rd	
Loonie Emporium	December 4th	
Festive Hat Day	December 4th	
PAC Pizza Lunch	December 11th	
Festive Sweater Day	December 11th	
Learning Updates Released	December 17th	
PJ Day	December 18th	
Last day of School Before Winter Break	December 18th	
Winter Break	December 19th – January 3rd	
First Day of School After Winter Break	January 4th	



Information Items (on next page)

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● Grade 5 Strings – Dark Mornings

With mornings getting darker, we would like to remind families that students arriving before 8:00 a.m. for Strings should wait by the music portable door. Please note that there is no staff supervision before 8:00 a.m. We appreciate your help in ensuring students arrive safely.

● Grade 3 Vision Testing – Wednesday November 24th

Vision Testing will take place for our Grade 3 students, on the morning of Wednesday November 24th. This is a no-cost program designed to help children who may have vision challenges. Student's eyes will be screened using the "Spot Vision Screener", a handheld portable device that quickly and easily detects potential vision issues. For more information, please refer to the letter that was sent home with your child. If you have any questions about this, please email macaulay@sd61.bc.ca.

●Lockdown Drill – Wednesday November 25th

On November 25, 2026, alongside our School Police Liaison Officer, we will complete our first lockdown drill of the school year. Staff and students will be fully briefed about our protocols in advance of this scheduled drill and will review the procedures in an age-appropriate manner prior to the drill. The drill will take no more than ten minutes. During an emergency, the safety of students and staff is our top priority. In order to provide an effective response to any school crisis, emergency plans are in place for each school, and we work in conjunction with local agencies to plan for, respond and communicate during emergency events. Each school year, schools are required to complete six fire drills, two lockdown drills, and three earthquake drills.

More information about our emergency drills and protocols can be found at the link below:

https://www.sd61.bc.ca/parent-student-resources/emergency-drills-and-protocols/

● Loonie Emporium

Cleaning out your storage space? It's that time of year again for our annual Loonie Emporium on December 4th! This student-favorite event allows children to shop for holiday gifts for their families for just a Loonie! We are now collecting donations to make this year's sale a success. Please ensure all donated items are clean and in good/working condition. You can drop off your gently used items in the bins located by the office from now until December 1st. Thank you for your support!

Reminders:

● Pick up and Drop Off – SAFETY CONCERN

Please do not park on the yellow lines. The pull-through is not a parking zone. Drivers must always remain in their vehicles to help keep traffic moving smoothly and ensure everyone's safety**. If you are parked in these areas, you will kindly be reminded of the "no-park zone" and asked to move your car.** Your assistance and understanding are most appreciated!

● Lost and Found

We still have quite a collection of lost items waiting to be claimed. Please take a moment to look through the table of clothing, water bottles and other treasures looking to find their way home.

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- **Spare clothes?**

If you have any clothing items that you are looking to donate, we are always in need of extra shoes, socks, pants and shirts for kids that need an emergency change of clothes. All sizes are needed. Your help with this is much appreciated.

Clubs

Macaulay Clubs - 2026-2027 - TERM 1

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
BEFORE SCHOOL					
MORNING RECESS					
LUNCH RECESS	Club Français Grades 1 with Sabrina Room 21 (FULL - more opportunities to join in term 2)	Club Français Grades 2 & 3 with Sabrina Room 21 (FULL - more opportunities to join in term 2) Ukulele Club Grades 3-5 with Ms. Hartt Music room	Hockey Club Grades ½ and Grades ⅔ alternating weeks with Mr. C in the gym. Club Français Grades 3 & 4 with Sabrina Room 21 (FULL - more opportunities to join in term 2) Choir Grades 3 to 5 with Annika Music Portable 12:00 - 12:35 pm	Club Français Grades 4 & 5 with Sabrina Room 21 (FULL - more opportunities to join in term 2) Cross Country Grades 3-5 with Mr. Comer and Ms. Wilson Blacktop Ukulele Club Grades 3-5 with Ms. Hartt Music room	★**NEW CLUB**★ **Starting Oct 30th** Dance Club Grades 3-5 with Student Teacher Mme Kaitlyn in the gym (up to 25 students). Oct. 30th until winter break.
AFTER SCHOOL					Robotics Grades 4 & 5 (invited students only right now) with Ms. Nex and Madame Elizabeth Room 15