















McNab Public School

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February 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday				
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2	3	Hot Dog Day 	4	5	Pizza Day 	6	McNab Family Skate and Chili Night 	7	8	
9	Grandfather Teachings Mini-Assemblies 	Gr 5-8 Mount Pakenham Trip 	10	11	Public Speaking Contest (gym) Pizza Day 	12	13	Valentine's Day Wear red, white or pink day 	14	15
16	Last day for Little Caesars orders FAMILY DAY HOLIDAY	17	18	19	Pizza Day 	20	21	22		
23	Gr 8 Badminton Tournament 	24	25	Pink Shirt Day 	26	Pizza Day 	27	28		

Important Dates in March

March 3rd - Gr 7 Badminton Tournament

March 10th to 14th - March Break

March 24th - School Council Meeting

McNab School Council Family Skate and Chili Night

On Friday, February 7th from 5:30-7:30pm, our McNab School Council is hosting the annual Family Skate Night on our school rink. There will be chili, hot dogs, hot chocolate and other items available for purchase inside at the canteen. This is a cash event, so please bring small bills and change if possible. Families are welcome to put on their skates inside the school or there will also be chairs and benches outside at the rink. Come enjoy an evening with skating, music and dinner with other McNab families!

Little Caesars Fundraiser

Our Grade 8 Class is fundraising for their year end class trip. They are selling pizza kits through Little Caesars and everyone is welcome to order and help support them. You can click [this link](#) to be directed to the website where you can purchase your pizza kits directly. \$6 from every purchase goes directly towards the Grade 8 trip. If you know a student in the grade 8 class, you can enter their name in the 'Seller's Name' section at checkout which helps them win prizes from Little Caesars for selling a certain amount.



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Orders can be made online until February 17th and pizza kits will be ready for pick up at the school on March 6th (more pick up details to come).

EDSBY

We are excited to inform you that the RCDSB is implementing a new tool to communicate between home and school. We know that effective communication is an important component of student success. We have licensed a platform called **Edsby** that provides a safe and consistent platform for schools and homes to communicate. Edsby is an excellent tool with many features to help at both school and home including communication, attendance, and classroom programming. To be sure that we do not overwhelm people, we are implementing the features in stages beginning with the communication aspect.

If you would like to start learning more about Edsby, [visit this link](#). This page is dedicated to parents including an introductory video you can watch, called 'Edsby for Parents'. You can find this video at the bottom of the page after visiting the above link. Please note that at this time, schools have only been trained on the communication module.

Please note that Edsby also has a free app for all iOS and Android smartphones. The power of Edsby while using your smart device means you'll have up-to-the minute access regarding school information.

Skating

Thank you to Andrew Hamilton, McNab's across the road neighbour, who volunteers his time to maintain our rink each year. The rink is in great shape thanks to Andrew and the very cold weather we have had recently. A reminder that the rink is available to the public outside of school hours, and it is a great way for your child to continue to practice their skating skills that they are developing during our phys-ed times.

Mount Pakenham Winter Away Day - Thank You Optimist Club

Students in grades 5-8 have the opportunity to spend a day at Mount Pakenham skiing, snowboarding, or snowshoeing. Thank you to the Optimist Club of Arnprior who is generously donating money towards the cost of our busing for this trip. Busing costs often limit the kinds of field trips that our students can participate in, so thanks to the Optimist Club, our students can continue to have this amazing experience!

Grandfather Teachings Mini-Assemblies

Through the support of our Indigenous Education Team, our Grade 8 students are helping to organize and facilitate mini-assemblies for our school related to the Seven Grandfather Teachings. This month they will be focusing on the Teaching of 'Love' and building understanding of how we might show love for ourselves, love for others, and love for the land.



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Legion Public Speaking Contest

On February 13th, students will be participating in our school level public speaking competition in the gym. Students participating in this could move on to our local Legion Branch 174 contest where they will compete against students from other schools in our area. Winners will move on to area competitions from there.

Pink Shirt Day

February 26th is Pink Shirt Day, where everyone is encouraged to practice kindness and wear pink to raise awareness and stand up to bullying.

Kindergarten Registration - For September 2025

If you have a child at home that will be starting kindergarten for the 2025-26 school year, please ensure that you register them between now and mid February. The board uses these registration numbers to determine how many kindergarten classes will be allotted to our school and so having information that is as accurate as possible at this time is very helpful to our staffing process. There will be kindergarten orientation opportunities later in the spring for those registering. If you know of families in our school zone with children starting kindergarten next year, please pass along this information or ask them to call the school for registration information.

ONLINE:

Complete the [online registration](#)

- The school will contact families to schedule an in-person appointment to present documentation and parent/guardian signatures.

PAPER:

[Paper registration form](#)

If you are unable to print from home, please contact the school to request a paper copy. Once your form is complete, you can drop it off Monday-Friday, 8:30-4:00.

- The school will contact families to schedule an in-person appointment to present documentation.

School Council

Ongoing Fundraisers

Please ensure that you are signed up for [School Cash Online](#) so that you get the notifications when fundraising items are available to order/purchase.

Domino's Pizza

We will be selling Domino's Cheese Pizza each Thursday of the month. The cost of the pizza is \$2.25 per slice and is now available to purchase online. The order deadline will



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always be the Monday before pizza day. If your child is absent, please consider it a donation to the school. If there is inclement weather, we will reschedule our pizza day. We DO NOT order extra slices for sale purposes. You must pre-purchase to guarantee a slice.

Domino's Pizza Cards

Our Domino's Peel-a-Deal Card School Council fundraiser continues to be available on School Cash Online. The cards can be purchased for \$10 each. Each card provides 6 coupons, with one being a free medium 1-topping pizza. When you purchase a card, we will place it in your child's agenda pocket to go home to you. The cards are redeemable at Renfrew, Arnprior, Pembroke and Petawawa locations. Profits from the sale of these cards will go towards new playground equipment.

Papa Jack's Popcorn

Popcorn tickets are available to purchase online for \$17.50. Each ticket is good for ten bags (22g) of Papa Jack's flavored popcorn. Popcorn will usually be available to our students twice a week (usually Wednesday/Friday). Proceeds raised will support our McNab playground/school furniture upgrades.

Mabel's Labels

We are fundraising with Mabel's Labels throughout the 24-25 school year. Twenty percent of your purchases will be donated back to McNab's Snack Program! Please click the link below. Happy Shopping! [Mabel's Labels](#)

Attendance

As part of our safe arrival program, please make sure that you notify the office if your child is going to be late or absent from school. You can call the office at (613) 623-5746 or email mcnattendance@rcdsb.on.ca for any attendance related communication. Any child leaving school during the day must have a note or be signed out by parents/guardians at the office. If there is a change to your child's end of day dismissal plans (e.g., bus, walk, pick up), please let us know before 2:00 pm.

Daily Covid-19 Screening

Please continue to screen your child for COVID19 symptoms prior to school entry each day. Please use the following link: <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/school-screening/>
At the end of this screening you will find next step procedures that will guide you on when your child can return to school after they have been ill.

Volunteers

Your contributions to our school community in the form of volunteer time and supporting school activities are invaluable. All volunteers are required to submit a current Criminal



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Record Check (VSC) to the school before volunteering. Please ensure with the office that we have your up-to-date Check on file.

If you are interested in volunteering and need to apply for a Criminal Record Check (VSC), please contact the school office as a school letter is required for your application.