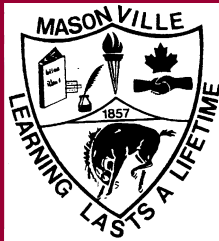




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Masonville Public School  
December, 2022

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### Upcoming Events

Dec. 1-9 Holiday Gift Giving  
Dec.5-16 Canned Food Drive



Dec.19-Wear your favourite hoodie  
Dec.20-Show off your favourite holiday Bling!  
Dec.21-Wear your PJs and bring your stuffie  
Dec.22-Wear your favourite plaid or flannel  
Dec.23-Wear your hippiest holiday shirt or sweater

Dec.18-Hanukkah



Dec.25-Christmas



Dec.24 - Jan.6 Winter Break



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### *From the Principal's Pen*

Snow is in the air as is the sense of excitement that arrives with the month of December and the upcoming holiday season. As always, our Masonville community has many things to be grateful for and is to be congratulated for the spirit of giving that exists within our school. Thank you in advance to so many families for your generous donations to our Home and School sponsored Holiday Gift Giving Project and Holiday Food Drive.

Congratulations to our incredible volleyball teams and coaches! Our Boys' and Girls' teams BOTH won the Regional AA Gold medal and went on to play at the TVDSB Final. Well done, Mustangs!!!

We recently received our 2021-2022 Primary and Junior **EQAO results**. We are very pleased with the results while being mindful that this assessment is a snapshot of our students' levels of achievement. Parents are encouraged to visit [www.eqao.com](http://www.eqao.com) to learn more. This year, the percentage of Masonville students meeting the Ministry of Education standards at levels 3 and 4 are as follows:

Grade 3 Reading- 95%	Grade 6 Reading- 97%
Grade 3 Writing- 88%	Grade 6 Writing- 96%
Grade 3 Math- 92%	Grade 6 Math- 72%

It is with mixed emotions that I share the news with you that our beloved Learning Support Teacher, Mrs. Pearn, is moving on to a new school and position in January 2023. Mrs. Pearn will be heading off to Wilberforce Public School in Lucan as a Vice-Principal! We are so very proud of her and know that she will make an incredible difference in the lives of the students in Lucan just as she has here at Masonville. Mrs. Pearn is wonderful and will be truly missed. Please join me in congratulating Mrs. Pearn should you see her in the coming days.



*Wishing you a wonderful holiday and a happy new year!*

Laura Barr, Principal

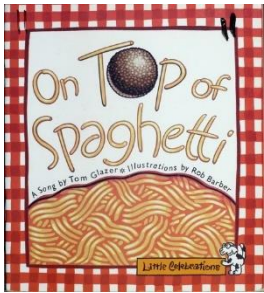
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## *From the Learning Commons ...*

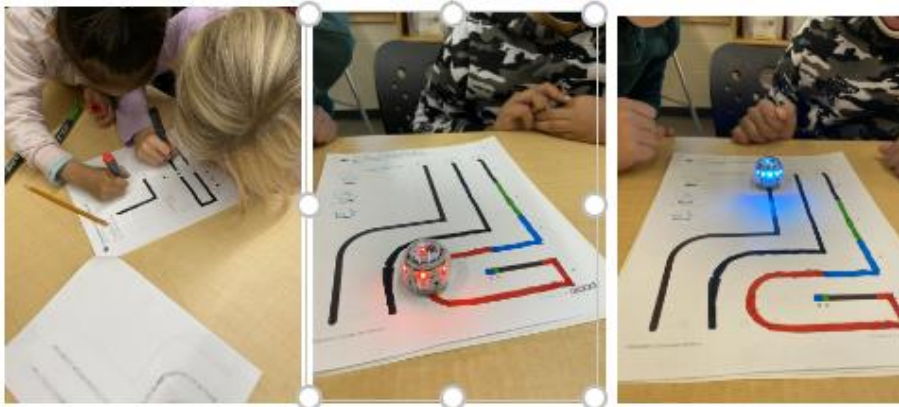
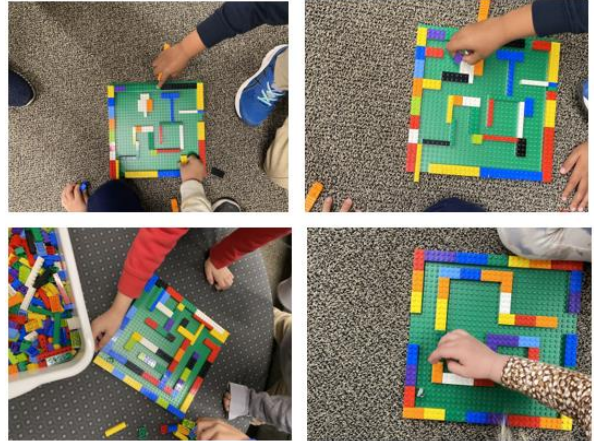
The Learning Commons continues to be busy with various learning opportunities in all grades, connecting with various curriculum expectations that support our Ontario Curriculum! Our Masonville students are truly engaged and excited to participate in these various

“hands-on” activities

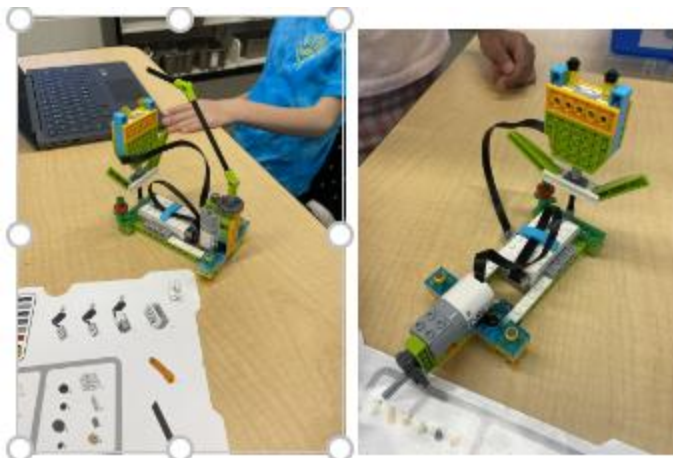


The **Kindergarten and Grade 1 students** are focusing on language expectations by responding to the text, “**On Top of Spaghetti**” by Tom Glazer, by designing a **marble “meatball” maze** with Lego, collaboratively with a partner. Students can’t wait

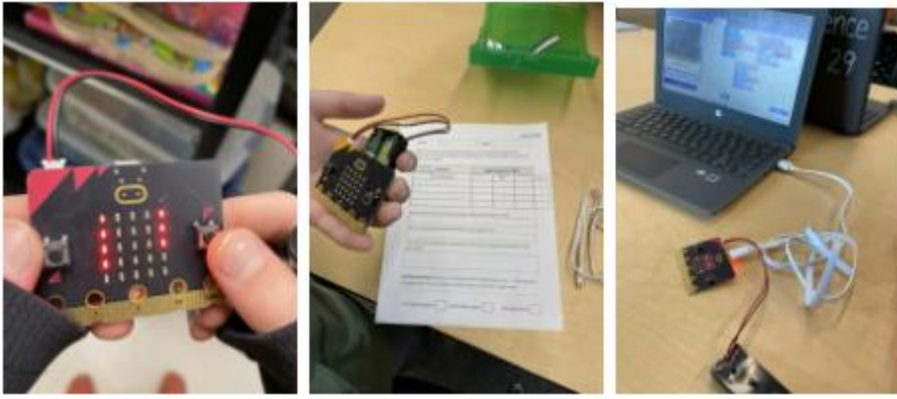
to move their “meatball” through their Lego mazes! The results have been outstanding!



The **Grade 2, 3 and 4 students** continue to investigate how an “**Ozobot**” moves and the many movements and tricks it can do, through collaborative exploration and discovery! Soon students will connect with their math and language, media and/or science curriculums! Stay tuned!!!

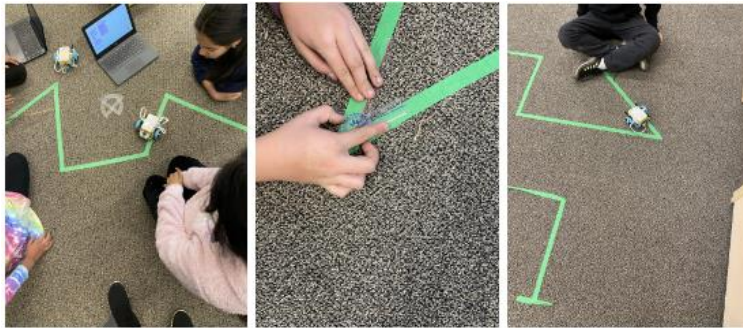


The **Grade 3 students** as well are investigating their science curriculum, “Growth and Changes in Plants” through the Lego WeDo 2.0. Students are creating and programming a model of a bee and flower, using the Lego WeDo 2.0 to mimic the relationship between the pollinator and the plant. Students will then present and document how bees take an active role in plant reproduction.



The Grade 5 students continue to explore and are coding with **Micro:bits**. Mrs. Thompson's class created an interactive light reader to measure energy usage throughout our building and in our school environment. Now students are analyzing their data, showing their results through "Create a Graph" and will conclude with a formal letter to Mrs. Barr proposing

some ways Masonville can conserve energy within the school! Stay tuned! I look forward to exploring this with the other grade 5 classes!



Mrs. Zimmer's Grade 6/7 students are exploring robotics through the **LEGO® Education SPIKE™ Prime Kits**. The students will code their robots to run through a variety of mazes using movement, lights and sounds. Students will be challenged to problem solve and think critically collaboratively as they navigate through different angles, various lengths and directions in various mazes!

Ensure that after reading your book from the library, that they are returned. If you receive an overdue notice from the learning commons, please return the books as soon as possible, so that others may enjoy reading the book needing to be returned!

Mrs. Blaha

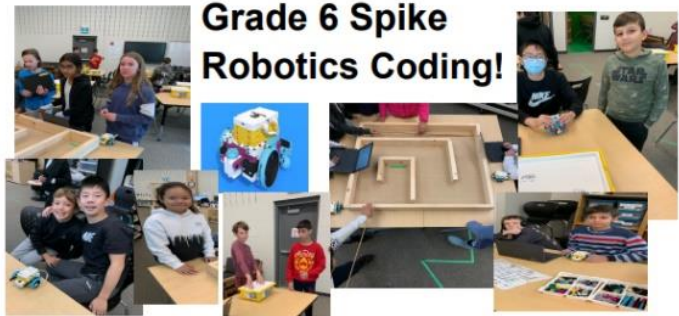


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# What's happening in and around our school?



Mid-November the Grade 7 classes put their learning on display during our Ecosystems Science Fair. Students were tasked with developing a deeper understanding of a specific ecosystem and to model the impacts of human interaction on their ecosystem in a visual way. Students used Minecraft, interactive videos, and constructed detailed dioramas to present their findings. Ms. Mitchell, Mrs. Tanton and Mr. Matthews were very proud of the hard work put forth by each student.



Mr. Reed's grade 6 Robotics coding!



After lots of hard work and planning, Noah, Zak, Melody, Omar and Aarav were excited to get the Coffee Break Bus started!



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**HOME & SCHOOL ASSOCIATION'S ANNUAL  
GIFT GIVING CAMPAIGN! 2022 EDITION!**



**Donate GIFTS & GIFT CARDS  
for local, TVDSB students in need!**

Our generous school community is called to support those in need of a little extra help this season. Students are asked to send general gifts (*no clothing/pjs*) for K to Grade 8 children. Alternatively, send gift cards in ANY amount to any business in London. Examples: Fresh Co, Amazon, PC (Shoppers, No Frills, Loblaws, Valu-Mart, Zehrs, Superstore), Walmart, Gap/Old Navy, Toys R Us, Sport Chek, Gas Stations.

Collection Between December 1st - 9th, 2022



**PLEASE HAVE CHILDREN PLACE UNWRAPPED  
GIFTS IN THE SCHOOL LOBBY OR GIFT CARDS  
IN THE ATTACHED ENVELOPES AND RETURN  
TO HOMEROOM TEACHERS BEFORE  
FRIDAY DECEMBER 9TH, 2022**

**QUESTIONS?**

Contact: Kristi Sargeant-Kerr [ksargeantkerr@gmail.com](mailto:ksargeantkerr@gmail.com)  
or Allison Francis [allisonfrancis1@gmail.com](mailto:allisonfrancis1@gmail.com)

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**MASONVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOL  
SUPPORT B. DAVIDSON S.S. AT OUR  
HAMPER DRIVE**

**ATTENTION GRADES 4-8!!**

**Please donate non-perishable goods  
including canned foods, grains like rice  
and oats, and granola, to our sports  
council members at the gym during our  
staff vs students volleyball game.  
ENTRY FEE TO WATCH: one non-perishable  
item**

**@ 12:05 PM  
DECEMBER 1, 2022**



**Masonville P.S.  
Holiday Food Drive**



**December 5th - 16th, 2022**

**Masonville students are being asked to support our  
local food banks by bringing non-perishable foods to  
school.**

Students can bring items such as:

- Dry Pasta
- Beans
- Soups
- Feminine Hygiene Products
- Personal Hygiene Products
- Canned vegetables/fruits



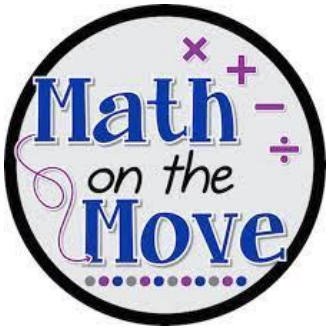
(Other non-perishable items are acceptable as well)



Help your class win a special sundae surprise, by bringing in the most items in your division.

**Students are to give their items to their homeroom teachers, and items will be collected by Sports Council.**





This once-a-month video series will be replacing the 'Home Connections' newsletter insert published in years prior and can be viewed on the TVDSB Elementary Math Sharepoint site by following this link <https://tvdsbo365.sharepoint.com/teams/ElementaryMathematicsK-82> Each month, educators, and families are encouraged to watch the video, and complete the suggested tasks for their grade level.



Webinar for Parents and Guardians of Elementary School Students Register for this free live webinar and learn about EQAO assessment results and Ontario's large-scale assessment program at the elementary school level. EQAO will review highlights from the 2021–2022 assessment results. The session will also highlight how the primary (Grade 3) and junior (Grade 6) EQAO assessments have been modernized. The session will be approximately 45 minutes and will be followed by a live Q&A with EQAO staff.

Registration: [www.eventbrite.ca/e/451955981507](http://www.eventbrite.ca/e/451955981507)

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**STS NEWS UPDATE**  
November 23, 2022

*New WEBSITE COMING SOON*

STS is very excited to announce the launch of our new and improved website in the coming weeks!

1 Parent, School and Bus Operator portal login link can be found at the top of the page under the Portal Login menu  
2 Bus Delays/Cancellations button is located at the top right corner of the screen  
3 Online Contact Us form button

The site is mobile compatible and looks great on both your tablet and smartphone. Should you have any questions regarding the website please do not hesitate to contact STS at [info@mybigyellowbus.ca](mailto:info@mybigyellowbus.ca) or 519-649-1160.