

UPCOMING TERM I EVENTS

PTA Meetings were initiated many years ago at MLCP to afford parental input and a balance between home and school life. Your attendance and input at these monthly meetings is both welcome and appreciated.

Thanksgiving, Eid, Divali, Remembrance Day, Kwanzaa and Christmas are **celebrations** for discussion this term. MLCP supports the multicultural staff and student body by sharing information and the understanding of many cultural presentations and celebration through assemblies that all students attend. We enjoy stories, food and dances representing many different cultures.

Thanksgiving and **Christmas** lunches are experiences in celebration and camaraderie. All students are invited to share in our complimentary traditional turkey lunches with all the trimmings. Volunteers always welcome.

The **Halloween party and parade** acknowledges one of the year's most popular celebrations. The party includes a haunted house, games, videos, hot dogs, craft and bake table. Always a great evening of family fun. The Halloween parade allows all the children to share costumes and spooky snacks with the school and their class mates. While the history of Halloween may be discussed with our oldest students – we maintain “trick or treat” fun as the base of this acknowledgement.

Remembrance Day – Students acknowledge the efforts and dedication of Canadian Veterans by a minute of silence. Here again different classes from Pre-Casa through to Grade 8 participate in presentations for the assembly. Senior students attend the Cenetaph ceremony at the town's centre.

The **Pickering Santa Claus Parade** usually held the Saturday after Remembrance Day, has become an annual tradition. Parents and children meet at MLCP to take a school bus to the start up point, share in the excitement of the parade and return to MLCP via bus for hot chocolate and snacks. The more the merrier!

Parent Teacher Interviews offer the opportunity for a formal consultation between teachers and parents. They usually run 10 minutes in length and we ask for your respect towards other parents with regards to the time frame.

Field trips are planned throughout the year for the different age groups. Permission/information forms are forwarded prior to the trip for your signature. Volunteers normally welcome.

Optional **pizza and hot dog** lunches are offered monthly. Milkshake Monday has been offered at the Elementary level once per month. Watch for sign up sheets.

C.T.B.S Testing for the Elementary students takes place at the end of Term I.

This term hosts our annual school **photograph session**. Packages include individual and class group options.

Senior Elementary students receive their immunizations **HEP B and HPV** in the first, second and third terms.

The celebratory, **Carols By Candlelight**, shared on one of the last Friday evenings before the holiday break. This is a lovely family evening of carols and camaraderie that takes place during the festive season.