



Duncan MacMillan Final Newsletter
Wednesday, June 24, 2020

Update:

There has been a change regarding composite photos, Jeannie Hubley was contacted by the curator at the Memory Lane Heritage Museum in Lake Charlotte and they are not able to accommodate the photos so they will now be housed at the local Heritage Society at the MacPhee House. We are thankful that Wendy MacKenzie is willing to accommodate these, along with other, valuable artifacts which capture the history of the school. Thank you, again, to Jeannie Hubley, and the School Advisory Council (SAC) members for their support in finding a workable solution.

Graduation went well and we are so proud of our graduates! It is so unfortunate that we could not hold the graduation that everyone envisioned earlier in the school year and that our grade 12 students did not have the prom experience they dreamed of throughout the years. We are however, **very proud** that our students did what was necessary during such unsettling times created by the CoVID virus. The outline of our expenses, for our graduation, are below. While there were not enough funds to cover the graduation, in its entirety, we felt that because it was the final year for DMHS to host a graduation that the experience should be as close to our traditional graduations, as possible, for our students.

We had two bursaries that came in from Atlantic Gold and one from Healthy Living and Loss Group in memory of Lori Lowe **after** graduation which were awarded to:

Cecilia (CeCe) Boutilier - \$1000.00 (Atlantic Gold)

Shay-Lynn Westhaver - \$1000.00 (Atlantic Gold)

Autumne VanBuskirk - \$100 (Healthy Living and Loss Group)

Sincere thanks are extended to the staff of DMHS, who supported in a variety of ways, our efforts to host a graduation during very difficult circumstances. A very special thanks to Mrs. Beaver for her inspiring address to the graduates. Together we did it! We created a day of graduation memories for our students, thank you.

Graduation Expenses 2020

Revenue - Grad Fundraiser (December 7, 2019)	
Penny Auction	\$ 834.75
50/50	\$ 190.00
Canteen	\$ 245.75
Door Prize	\$ 234.00
Cake Walk	\$ 504.00
Gift Card Tree	\$ 401.00
Total	\$ 2,409.50
Expenses	
Will Film Inc. (videography/photography)	\$ 1,840.00
Caps & Gowns	\$ 726.62
Decorations	\$ 274.25
Helium Balloons	\$ 64.17
Flowers for Grads	\$ 50.58
Potted flowers for Stage & Guest Speaker	\$ 161.00
Graduation Composites	\$211.60
Total	\$ 3,328.22
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Balance	Paid by DMHS Admin Funds

June 2020 Lieutenant Governor Award Recipients:

We are pleased to announce Emily Logan and Jake Redden are the deserving recipients of the award this year. Thank you, Emily and Jake, for your hard work, we look forward to your continued success next year.

Marine Drive Academy Update:

As we look ahead to our new school year (2020-2021) we have been allocated less teachers (resources, I'm told were reallocated to schools of greater need) therefore, there are changes in the new year, like in all schools. Next year, **as of the time of this update, our confirmed staff** are as indicated in the table below. Please note, as a result of small student numbers our elementary classrooms will have combined classes.

<p><u>Elementary Teachers:</u> Primary/ grade 1 - Ms. Nebucett Grade 1 - 2 - Mrs. Hawes Grade 2-3 - Mrs. Rutledge Grade 3-4 Ms. Whyte Grade 5 - 6 Mrs. Glawson Grade 6 French - Mrs. Power</p> <p><u>Specialists:</u> Mrs. Leslie - Resource P-8 Mrs. Baker - LC Mrs. Boutilier - LC Ms. Hann - Music P-12 TBA - French 4-12 Mr. Blakeney - Physical Education P-12</p> <p><u>NS Health Authority:</u> Mrs. Rasmussen - YHC TBA - School Community Social Worker</p> <p><u>EPAs:</u> P-12 Mrs. Boutilier Mrs. Hilchie Mrs. Lloyd Mrs. Logan Mrs. Lowe Mrs. Parnell</p> <p><u>Cafeteria Manager:</u> Mrs. Lucas</p>	<p><u>Jr/Sr Teachers:</u> Mr. Cumminger Mr. Glawson Mrs. Henley Ms. Landry Ms. MacAulay Mrs. Mannette Mr. MacQueen Mr. Nemalikanti Mrs. Prest Ms. Walsh Mr. Wilson</p> <p><u>Specialist: Resource</u> Mrs. Smith 9-12 & Department Head Junior High Support - Ms. Mason</p> <p><u>Aboriginal Support Worker:</u> Ms. Mullen</p> <p><u>Library Technicians:</u> Mrs. Gillis Mrs. Graham</p> <p><u>Administrative Assistant:</u> Mrs. Levy</p> <p><u>Caretaker:</u> Mr. Rasmussen</p> <p><u>Custodians:</u> Mrs. Boutilier Ms. Boutilier</p>
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Marine Drive Academy Update:

It is exciting to see how the school is progressing and the tremendously open and bright learning spaces which await inside. Below are a few photos of the beautiful new school for our students. Again we posed the question, will it be ready in September? Again, the answer is “yes”.

With the new school, as you are aware, there will be change. One change has already been communicated via the Swift regarding bell times (see below).

Start: 8:30 AM

Lunch time will be from 11:30-12:15 (elementary)

Lunch time 11:45 to 12:30 (jr./sr)

End at 2:30 PM

Marine Academy School Logo

We had planned to announce our new logo in a manner other than a newsletter however, CoVID 19 has interrupted many plans this year. It is important, we feel, that the student who designed the new logo be acknowledged, **prior** to everyone walking into the new school. The School Advisory Council (SAC) members looked at all submissions from the students and community members and decided upon the original design, created by Emily Logan, as the anchor creation to finalize the new logo. I know you join with me in issuing a huge thank you to **Emily Logan** for submitting a design inclusive of our Marine Drive Academy communities and population. Thank you Emily! The design (tweaked and perfected by the SAC members and the design company) will be shared when the image is available from the company which is professionally creating it. A wonderful job by all who had a hand in it!

We are prepared, on our end, to move into the new space. Teachers have organized their materials and any resources they wish to have accompany them to the new building. We are now just waiting for moving day. This is an exciting time for everyone! We cannot wait for the fresh start that this refresh will provide for all students, parent(s)/guardian(s) and staff.

Moving Forward

We look forward to building relationships which will serve the needs of our students at Marine Drive Academy. If you can support the safe arrival program, please, contact Mrs. Levy in late August, we need your help to ensure that calls are made quickly to parent(s)/guardian(s). We will communicate the new attendance line number in late August when it is known.

Also, if you have time and want our school to be the best it can be, we need the support of our parent(s)/guardian(s), it takes everyone to build a strong school community, staff and administration cannot do it alone. The parent teacher group (PTG) will welcome new members

in the fall, if you are interested in becoming involved, please, contact Lisa Hubley or Marlene Rutledge.

Marine Drive Academy Photos During Construction

The photo on the left below is of the gym. The school logo is painted in the center of the gym floor. The photo on the right is of the Nutrition Lab.



The photo on the left below is of the science lab. The photo on the right is of the top floor hallway.



The photo on the left below is of a standard classroom on the top floor.
The photo on the right is standard classroom on the bottom floor.



The photo on the left is of the cafeteria looking toward the music room.
The photo on the right is looking toward the cafeteria serving window.

