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Thanksgiving Break - November 23-27



Happy Thanksgiving from all of us at MacLaren to you and your family. May you have a restful break filled with special family moments throughout.

Annual Faculty/Staff Cookie Exchange - Sign Up Now!



Parents, please let your children know of this student-sponsored cookie exchange. Thank you!

Calling all students! We are going to be having a cookie exchange for the teachers and staff. They have been working extremely hard this semester and this is our way of showing our gratitude. **Please sign up to bring a dozen (or more) individually wrapped/bagged cookies.** Items can be dropped off at the south doors of the school on December 7 or 8. Please make a note of what item you brought and if gluten free, dairy free or other dietary compliant information. **Sign up here:**

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040f4dafad2aa46-maclaren18>

Please direct any questions you may have to Mrs. Finch at dfinch@maclarenschool.org.

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Happy Friday

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End of Year Giving - Annual Fund and Masters Fund

You will be receiving a letter soon in the mail outlining our two main funds to donate to as you decide your end of year giving. **We have made donating easy - using PayPal or a check/credit card. There is even the option to make monthly payments instead of one lump sum.** Find out more [here](#).



Below are brief descriptions of these funds:

The Masters Fund helps to provide additional compensation for our **dedicated faculty and staff** who are working valiantly to keep our doors open even as schools across Colorado remain remote. Especially given that **MacLaren's starting salary is a full 35% below a traditional district salary**, this remains an urgent priority for us: to close the gap towards salary parity. **The money donated to the Masters Fund will be distributed equally to all faculty and staff twice a year - December and May.** Instead of individual teacher gifts, please consider donating to the Masters Fund and spread your gifting out to all those who care for your child.

The Annual Fund generates **support for our program as a whole.** In a year when school funding has been cut by 5%, we have managed to budget in a way without any layoffs. But **we have had to cut our budget extensively.** Gifts to the Annual Appeal allow us to buy the supplies needed for our program, from instruments to lab equipment to textbooks.

Please consider giving to either fund -- or even to both! Giving is easy. You can give monthly, as a MacLaren Partner, or with a one-time gift. Find out more by clicking [here](#).

Birthday Brigade Sign-Up - December Birthdays



December birthdays are right around the corner! **Sign-up now to bring a food treat or small gift** to a faculty or staff member to help make their birthday extra special. Please [click here](#) to sign up online.

Half & Half/Creamer Sign-Up and Stuff the Lounge Sign-Up

It's the small, daily touches that help the faculty and staff get through each day. **Your donations of snacks, drinks, half & half and creamer really do mean a lot.** If you would like to donate to these parent-led initiatives, please see the links below.



Half & Half/Creamer:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0F4DA4AA22A31-half>

Questions? Contact Purvi Sittner at purvisittner@yahoo.com.

Stuff the Lounge:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0e4faaae22a64-maclaren16>

Questions? Contact Beverly Frisbie at frisbie98@msn.com.

Save the Date



These are events in the not-so-distant future:

12/11 - Last Day of Classes

12/14-1/5 - Winter Break

1/6 - First Day of Classes