



Deer Park Digest

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2017

MARCH

DP Happenings from Ms. Robinson...

It seems like only yesterday that I was introducing myself to the Deer Park Public School community. The year has passed quickly. In that time I have had the pleasure of working with and getting to know many of you. I am happy to say that I know most of our students by name, which is a wonderful thing. I am still very pleased to have been appointed to Deer Park and I look forward to many more years with you.

As we begin our second term of the year we remind our students to set personal goals in the areas of learning skills and academic skills. Please be reminded to fill out the tear off at the bottom of the term one report card. One side is for parents/guardians and the other is for students. Goal setting is an important life skill and perseverance is a trait that we are focusing on as a staff with our students.

Just a reminder to check out the DP website to find all of the information you need to stay up to date with our school life and happenings in our Board. We wish all of our families a wonderful and safe March Break holiday! **Enjoy!**

MARCH

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Terry Fox Assembly-Mrs. Benyik @ 1:15 p.m.	30



Inspire Learning!

York Region Mission:
To advance student achievement and well-being through public education, which motivates learners, fosters inclusion, inspires innovation and builds community.



Monday March 13th—Friday March 17th
School resumes on Mon. March 20th.

A Message from the Library...

Learning Commons March News

Makerspace is open for STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts, math) learning during Study Hall Day 1 and 5 as well as during class time. Come learn, create and invent!

We are so lucky to see new technology in high demand here at Deer Park. New chromebooks and ipads are supporting learning throughout the school. Please support us by continuing to model appropriate use of technology and online etiquette.

Healthy School NEWS

Great Gulp Event



We are supporting the Town of Georgina's The Great Gulp by creating a wave of hydration at Deer Park P.S. on Mar 22, 2017 beginning at 2:15pm.



The Great Gulp Make Water Your First Choice!

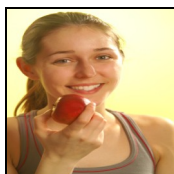
Celebrate World Water Day with the Town of Georgina by participating in The Great Gulp, a coordinated drink of water. How to participate: On March 22 make a toast and take a BIG drink of water!

Don't forget your reusable water bottle.

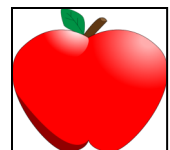
Share your Great Gulps with us using the hash tags #HealthyKidsTOG and #TheGreatGulp

Join the water movement – take the Water Does Wonders pledge at waterdoeswonders.ca

The Great Big Crunch!



This year our *Great Big Crunch* event is on March 10th at 2:15 p.m. You're welcome to join us for this very brief but fun experience as we celebrate once again being a Healthy School!



March 2017 Trustee Greetings

With spring approaching and the hours of daylight increasing, now is a good time to enjoy the outdoors and our natural environment. Did you know that our Board has five [outdoor education centres](#), and students have opportunities to visit them and other outdoor learning spaces throughout their schooling? This is part of our commitment to giving students an opportunity to learn in and about the natural world. This learning supports students in gaining a deeper appreciation for nature and the importance of environmental sustainability.

“Modelling continuous environmental sustainability” is one of the goals outlined in our [Board of Trustees’ Multi-Year Plan](#). We believe that we all have a role to play in reducing waste and protecting our environment. Our students, staff members and families continue to show leadership when it comes to supporting student learning and initiatives to reduce our ecological footprint.

Spending time outside as a family also provides a great opportunity to support and enhance your child’s learning outside of school. Whether visiting a park or museum, reading with your child in your home language or asking questions about their day at school - know that there are many ways you can support their education and that you are making a difference.

I hope you all have a happy and safe March Break and enjoy the warmer weather ahead.

Appropriate footwear...



With Spring approaching, students are moving from boots to shoes. Please note, that **Heely shoes are not to be worn to or at school.**

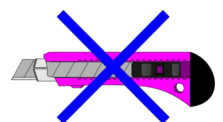
There have been a number of injuries with students using these shoes when they are not wearing protective equipment (helmets, wrist guards).

Thanks



Replicas and Knives Reminder

As spring approaches and our students begin playing outside again, we need to take the time to remind them that toy guns (or any replica weapon) and knives **MUST NOT** be brought to school. This includes any Swiss army, carving, or multi-purpose tools that contain knives. Realizing we use these tools frequently in our community for activities such as hunting, camping, and fishing, we must work harder to ensure our children understand that they cannot be brought to school. Your support and attention to this matter will help us avoid lengthy, mandatory suspensions.



Lates and Absences

Please take the time to review how many lates and/or absences your child(ren) have had during term one.

If your child has already missed 10+ days in one term this would be considered a concern in terms of the possible negative impact on his/her learning. If a student misses 20+ days in one school year, research shows that a student could be in jeopardy of losing his/her credit (especially crucial in high school).

Lates are a big concern too. We have many students arriving at school anywhere from just a few minutes late - up to an hour late, for school in the morning. Often this is not because of any appointment or illness. The reasons given are often that the student/family slept in, or the student missed the bus or the student didn't want to take the bus and had to wait for a ride.

We remind parents and students that our day begins at 8:15 a.m. and we go straight into programming. If your child's day begins with Language, then he/she will miss the main literacy lesson of the day and all of the instructions for what is to happen during the 100 minute literacy block. He/she also misses collaboration and independent work time to complete tasks and comprehend their work. Lates not only impact the child who is late, but they can also impact other students. When a student interrupts the flow of the classroom by walking in late it can throw off the whole classroom. Please consider what changes you and your child(ren) may need to make in order to be punctual for school and miss fewer days of instruction.

Thank you for your ongoing support and interest in your child's education.



Grade 8 Graduation Photos!

Please mark April 19th on your calendar!

Graduation photos will be taken at 8:15 a.m. on this date. Gr. 8 students will be photographed wearing a black gown with our school colours.

It is recommended they wear a white shirt with a collar for the photos. Graduates, don't forget to also wear your best smile!

Grade 8 Grad date is Wed June 28th.

Lost and Found Reminder

Our lost and found continues to be an active location during cold wintery weather.

We encourage you to hound your children to check for their missing belongings and make an opportunity for yourself to check the box when you are in the school. Labels work wonders and are certainly worth the time to ensure your child's belongings find their way home.

We will be packing up unclaimed items for donation on Friday March 10th.



CONGRATULATIONS STUDENTS OF THE MONTH!

January

Lia N.
Marley B.
Daxton P.
Colin G.
Taelyn J.
Owen G.
Taia F.
Michael J.
Jacob M.
Alex G.

February

Adam J.
Alex G.
Jessica G.
Shayla B.
Ethan F.
Mark B.
Arianna J.
Faith M.
Deacon B.

Projected Enrolment

Are you moving before next September? Is there someone in your neighbourhood with first-time Kindergarten age children? If so, please let us know as soon as possible. We are currently projecting our student enrolment for September 2017. These numbers help us to organize our staffing. It is important that we know as soon as possible whether you may be leaving the Deer Park community before September. If there is someone with a 4 year old in your neighbourhood who has not yet started school, let them know that registration has now begun. If you know of someone moving into your neighbourhood with school-aged children, we would like to know as well. Thanks for your assistance in preparing for the next school year.

Call our office with any information at 476-4185.
please: 905-476-4185.



Report Card Feedback

A reminder to all parents/guardians that the report card for term one went home on February 15th. We encourage you and your child (ren) to complete the appropriate tear off section from the report card and return it to the school as soon as possible. This tear off section asked you talk to your child about his/her goals for term two and it asks you as the parent/guardian to also set goals for how you might support at home. We appreciate your ongoing involvement and support in your child's education.

School Council Info

We are looking forward to seeing some new faces at the next School Council meeting. All SC meetings are held on the first Monday of the month.

Next SC meeting: May 1st, 2017

Time: 6:00p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

PINK SHIRT DAY

bullying stops here

Pink Shirt Day A Huge Success!!

At Deer Park Public School we embraced Pink Shirt day and we continue to work hard to bring awareness to anti-bullying initiatives. Our school was a sea of pink on February 22nd!

Thanks to all staff, students and parents who participated to show their support of this important anti-bullying event!



Daylight Savings time is on Sunday
March 12th.
Turn your clock forward 1 hour!

Many, Many Thanks

We want to thank all our parents who continue to discuss the **ban on sprays** (perfumes/colognes) and **the appropriate use of cell phones** at Deer Park Public School. The majority of our students are acting respectfully and our learning environment is a safe place with a focus on learning. As a reminder, cell phones are not permitted to be used during the school day unless a teacher has given specific permission to a student. If a student feels ill and needs to call home, he/she must use the office phone. Students texting or calling their parents using their cell phones is causing issues. We have parents showing up to pick up their child when we are not even aware that a student has an issue and needs picking up. Students are encouraged to come to the office if they have any issues and we will allow them to use the school phone to call parents. This way we are kept in the loop of communication and can better ensure that our students are receiving the supports they need and they are kept safe.

Full Day Kindergarten Registration is Open!

Children who will be 4 years of age by December 31, 2017 are eligible for junior kindergarten in September of 2017, Kindergarten Registration has **begun at Deer Park PS. Office hours for registration are from 8:30-12:00 and 1:05-3:30. Please bring the required documents to register your child:**

- ♦ Proof of child's age (one of the following: Birth Certificate, Birth Registration, Statement of Live Birth, Passport)
- ♦ Proof of residency (one of the following: Property Tax Assessment , Proof of Purchase, Rental Agreement, Lease)



Kindergarten Readiness

CAPC

Deer Park P.S. will be running our Kindergarten readiness Program for our incoming JK or new to kindergarten students.

When: Monday , March 20th—May 1st. (every Monday)

Where: Deer Park P.S.

Time: 12:30—2:30 p.m.

The program has a student component and a parent component. It's **FREE!** The intention of the program is to help our little JKs transition into school in a comfortable and fun way. This program has been running for years and has been a huge success! We look forward to meeting our newest students. Please spread the word to your neighbours and friends to let them know!

Please call the school to register your child for this program.

Terry Fox Run on April 12th

Deer Park will complete the
2016

Terry Fox run this spring to
commemorate when he started
his run!

Let's keep his dream alive!
Stay tuned for more details to
come!



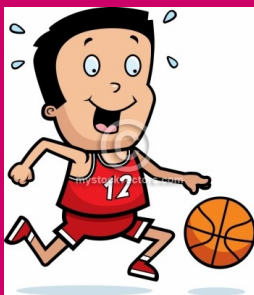
Intermediate Girls Basketball

"On Wednesday February 15th, nine of our Intermediate girls represented Deer Park P.S in the area basketball tournament at Sutton District High School. The girls demonstrated great sportsmanship and teamwork skills throughout the season and during the tournament. A special thank you to all the parents who helped with driving arrangements and their ongoing support. Thank You, Ms. Sottile"



Intermediate Boys Basketball

Congratulations to the Intermediate Boys Basketball team for their excellent effort and attitudes at the area tournament that was held on Thursday, February 16th at Sutton District High School. The boys played great as a team and represented Deer Park well. They defeated Black River P.S. and were within a few baskets for most of their other games. The team members included: Douglas C., Hudson T., Devin D., Michael J., Owen M., Connor M., Oliver T., Nathan T., Nevin M., and Findlay F. A great group of students to coach! Mrs. Towle



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Sunday	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WED.	THUR.	FRIDAY	Saturday
			D5	D1	D2	3
				Pizza Gr. 8 Choices @ 9:00am		
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		Tuck		Pizza Gr. 8 Choices @ 9:00am	The Great Big Crunch @ 2:15 pm	
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	Welcome back! CAP-C STARTS 12:30-2:30	Tuck	Great Big Gulp @ 2:15 pm.	Pizza Gr. 8 Choices @ 9:00am		
26		D3	D4	D5	D1	31
	CAP-C 12:30-2:30	Tuck	Annual Regional Parent symposium 5-9 pm Sheraton Park Toronto North	Pizza Terry Fox Assembly @ 1:15 Mrs. Benyik Gr. 8 Choices @ 9:00am		

