

Johnny Lombardi Public School

September, 2016

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Superintendent: Paul Valle
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Welcome!

After many months, the wait is over. On Tuesday, September 6, 2016 the staff of Johnny Lombardi Public School welcomed 360 students from Junior Kindergarten to Grade 8 for the first time into the building. Teachers, Educational Assistants and DECEs enthusiastically worked over the last two weeks to get their classrooms ready for their first group of students. Their smiles when they saw their building for the first time was contagious. The energy that this dedicated group of educators brought to the building could be felt each day they were here. Our Custodial staff worked tirelessly throughout the summer to ensure our building was clean and safe for all our students. Our office staff started from nothing and within days had our building up and running.

It is with extreme pride that I wish to thank all members of the JLPS school community for all their hard work, for their commitment to your children and most importantly for having the courage to join me on this wonderful adventure of opening a new school.

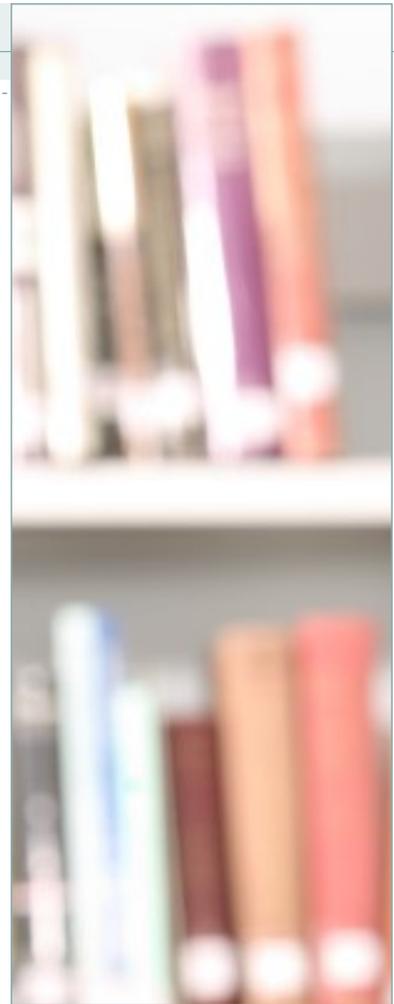
This year will be filled with many amazing events, but of course we will also have our challenges, as any new school does. This will be a year where we will all learn to get to know each other and how to adapt when there are new school limitations. For example we have a very large school yard area and green space. Unfortunately, in order to ensure our grass thrives, we will be limited to the tarmac only areas for the first year. Students will be made aware of these limitations throughout the year, but I am confident that our staff can support your children through these challenges without difficulty.

Please take a few minutes to review the information in this newsletter. All further communication will be sent to parents/guardians via our school blog. Please subscribe to our blog so that you can be up to date with all current information regarding school events and announcements. Teachers will also communicate to families using various media, i.e., agendas, newsletters, class blog or twitter to name a few.

I look forward to meeting all of you throughout the year.

Rita Angellotti

Principal

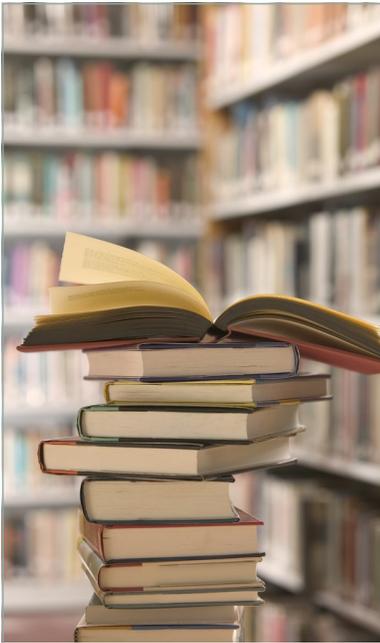


SEPTEMBER EVENTS

- YRDSB Safety Week– **26-30**
- PA Day (no school for students)– **26**
- School Council Meeting– **28**

OCTOBER EVENTS

- Lice Squad– **4-5**
- Meet The Teacher Night– **6**
- Cross Country Meet– **19**
- School Photos- **26**



SCHOOL BLOG

We are very excited to announce that Johnny Lombardi P. S. has a new **Blog**.

This blog will provide parents and guardians with the following information:

- The weekly update
- News and information about the running of the school
- Interesting news about the learning that is taking place in classrooms
- Parents and guardians can access this blog in a few different ways.

Bookmark this page.

Click on the following link:

<http://johnnylombardips.blogspot.ca/>

Next, type your email address in the "Follow by Email" box to receive an email on the days we post to the blog.

Doing this allows the Blog Post to come directly to you.

SCHOOL CASH ONLINE

Johnny Lombardi PS is accepting online payments through School Cash ONLINE!

School Cash Online provides the following benefits:

- A convenient fee payment option that saves time
- Reduces paper
- No more need to send cash or cheques to school
- A quick way to register. It takes less than 5 minutes to register.

Parents that opt to participate will receive notification via email of student fees owed (both required and optional), and can make secure online payments by credit card or Interac and receive a receipt. **Follow these easy steps to register and get started!**

Step 1: Register

Click on the School Cash Online button on our school's website at <http://johnnylombardi.ps.yrdsb.ca/> and select the "**Get Started Today**" button.

Complete each of the three Registration Steps

***For Security Reasons your password, requires 8 characters, one uppercase letter, one lowercase letter and a number.**

Step 2: Confirmation Email

A registration confirmation email will be automatically forwarded to you. Click on the link provided inside the email to confirm your email and School Cash Online account. The confirmation link will open the School Cash Online site prompting you to sign into your account. Use your email address and password just created with your account.

Step 3: Find Student

NOTE: A STUDENT NUMBER IS REQUIRED

This step will connect your children to your account.

Enter the School Board Name
Enter the School Name
Enter Your Child's Student # and Last Name
Select **Continue**

On the next page confirm that you are related to the child, check in the Agree box and select **Continue**
Your child has been added to your account

Step 4: View Items or Add Another Student

If you have more children, select "**Add Another Student**" option and repeat the steps above. 5 children can be added to one parent account.
If you do not wish to add additional children, select "**View Items For Students**" option. A listing of available items for purchase will be displayed.

NEED HELP?

If you require assistance, select the **GET HELP** option in the top right hand corner of the screen or contact School Cash Online – Parent Help Desk at 1-866-961-1803 or parenthelp@schoolcashionline.com

Bus Loop and Students Drop off

Please note that there is a separate bus loop at the front of our school (Lawford Road) for buses only. No vehicles other than buses will be allowed through our bus loop.



INSIDE STORY

Parents/Guardians must use the Kiss n' Ride at the side of the school (Stanton Avenue).

All students, including Kindergarten, must be dropped off at our **Kiss n' Ride**, where they will be escorted out of the vehicles. Parents/Guardians are not to exit their vehicles but wait until a staff member removes the child(ren) from the vehicle. All students will safely be delivered to their play area by either staff or members of our Student Safety Patrol. Please do not park and leave your vehicle in our Kiss n' Ride, but if you do wish to park you can only park in our Visitors Parking lot, located on the right side when you enter the drop off entrance. Please help us to ensure that all our students remain safe at all times by adhering to these guidelines.

RE-ORGANIZATION FOR 2016-17

As we are a growing community, accepting registrations daily as new families move in, our class lists are not finalized. We have already made adjustments to our lists and will continue to do so in order to ensure we are meeting all Ministry and York Region District School Board guidelines.

Additional information will be sent home shortly.



TRUSTEE'S MESSAGE

As we start another school year, we are very pleased to welcome all of our new and returning families. I hope you all enjoyed the hot summer months and are looking forward to the start of school.

There is a lot to look forward to in the months ahead and many ways for families to engage with their child's learning. There is a strong connection between parent and family engagement and student achievement and well-being, and I hope that you will find opportunities to get involved.

MEET THE TEACHER/CURRICULUM/BBQ NIGHT

On Thursday, October 6 we invite all families to join us for our Meet the Teacher/Curriculum/BBQ Night. This evening will give parents/guardians an opportunity to meet their child's teacher, hear about the curriculum they will be taught and ask questions regarding the day to day routines in the classroom. The evening will begin with a BBQ together and then parents/guardians will have an opportunity to visit with their child's teacher. More information will follow shortly regarding the BBQ with order forms going home. We hope to meet as many families as we can on this evening.

MILK BAGS

We will be collecting your used milk bags all year in order to support one of our Community Service endeavours. Please do not throw them away, but have your child bring them to school. We have a special basket in the office to drop them in.