



The Mount Joy Messenger

Fall 2017

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

The start of the school year is a time of new beginnings. Staff, students and parents alike, view the beginning of the school year as a time to start anew, a time for second chances and a time to look at things with a fresh new perspective.

Thank you to our caretakers who have worked very hard over the summer to prepare our classrooms for a fresh start, as well as our office staff who are always at the frontlines of everything we do for students.

We are excited to welcome our new students, parents and teachers to our school. We also welcome those who have been with us and are returning again. Our staff is committed to creating welcoming spaces for their learners and preparing meaningful lessons. Many teachers participated in professional development courses, workshops, and did professional reading and cannot wait to implement all of the wonderful things they learned.

As we look to the start of the new year, we hope each day allows our students to feel deeply, think clearly and critically, and act wisely through the things they learn daily at school. We look forward to supporting our students, teachers and parents and believe that through our partnership, we can make a difference in the lives of our students and accomplish anything we set our minds to.

We look forward to a great year of learning and growing together!

Leeanne Hughes-Fernandes & Sharon Moss

November at a glance

- 1—Gr 3 Swim to Survive (Newman & Tsang) /
- Gr. 8s to BOSS
- 2 Gr. 3 Pioneer Village Trip
- 7 School Council at 6:30pm
- 8 Gr. 3 Swim to Survive (Baker)
- 10 Remembrance Day Assembly
- 15 Gr. 3 Swim to Survive (Baker)
- 21 Progress Reports go home
- 22 Gr. 3 Swim to Survive (Baker)
- 23 Parent-Teacher Interviews / Student Led Conferences afterschool—evening
- 24 – PA Day for Interviews / Student-Led Conferences until 11:15am



STUDENT ALLERGIES

Due to the severe allergy to peanuts / nuts and shellfish of several of our students, we are asking that NO peanuts / nut products or shellfish be brought into the school for snacks or lunches. If you would like a list of nut free snack and lunch ideas please visit:

<http://snacksafely.com/>



TERRY FOX RUN / WALK AT MJPS

On October 6, our school community participated in the Terry Fox Run. All of our students participated in this event to raise awareness and money for cancer research. Our students ran / walked on a beautiful, sunny afternoon and donations were made to The Terry Fox foundation. We raised \$735.60 for cancer research. Great job Mount Joy!!!!



MOUNT JOY GOES GREEN

Please bookmark this website so you can check to see what is happening at Mount Joy PS.

<http://mountjoy.ps.yrdsb.ca/>

Our website aims to be more environmentally friendly by reducing the amount of communication sent home on paper.



BABY NEWS



Ms. Grech welcomed her daughter, Josephine in early October 3, 2017. Both mom and baby are doing well!

REMINDERS

Please label your child(ren)'s lunch container and any clothing they may take off during the course of the day. This way, you will be sure to get it back at the end of the day!



Halloween—Let's Make it Safe!

A reminder that as Halloween approaches, students are not permitted to bring any replica/toy guns, knives, sticks, swords, etc. to school even if they are part of the costume. Make-up is preferred over masks to ensure that students can see properly. Jokes that include spray cans of silly string, fake blood, etc. should be kept at home for Halloween evening as they are often misused at school. Individual teachers will communicate specifics about Halloween activities in their classes.



Please **DO NOT** send any food items to school to celebrate your child's birthday or other holidays. Mount Joy is a Healthy School and we do have students who are allergic to certain food items. Thank you for your understanding.



Please make sure you activate your Edsby account when you receive the email next week!!

We are very excited about this new opportunity to connect with families. We will organize parent-teacher interviews and student-led conferences taking place on November 23 and 24 using this software. For more information on Edsby, visit the Edsby website at www.edsby.com/help/parents. Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions.

More fruits and veggies please

Canada's Food Guide recommends that children four to 13 years of age eat at least five to six servings of fruits and vegetables each day. One serving includes a medium piece of fresh fruit, half cup of cooked vegetables or one cup of salad.

How to help your child eat more fruit and vegetables:

- Include fruit at breakfast; try adding half cup of banana slices or berries to cereal
- Include fruit and vegetables in lunch bags daily
- Keep washed fruit and vegetable sticks ready where children can easily reach them
- Serve a healthy snack after school that includes a fruit or vegetable; try serving fresh fruit slices with cheese or yogurt
- Set a good example by eating lots of vegetables and fruit yourself

For more information about creating a healthy school food culture, visit brightbites.ca

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ARTS UNIONVILLE

at Unionville High School

- A four-year, 8-credit, intensive arts high school program for artistically interested and talented students.
- Open through application and audition. Applications due: December 1, 2017.
- Dance, Drama, Winds, Vocal, Visual Arts students residing in the Arts Unionville boundary of York Region may apply.
- Strings students residing in the Arts Unionville, Arts Westmount and Arts Huron areas of York Region may apply.
- Piano students residing in all areas of York Region may apply.
- For more information and to complete our online application please go to:

unionville.hs.yrdsb.ca

PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR INFORMATION SESSION:

Tuesday November 7, 2017 6:30pm to 8:30pm at Flato Markham Theatre

Complimentary tickets must be reserved by calling Flato Markham Theatre at 905-305-7469 after October 1st.

Online Applications open on November 8, 2017

November 2017

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 (Day 4) Pizza lunch Gr. 3 Swim to Survive Gr. 8s to BOSS	2 (Day 5) Subway lunch Gr. 3 Pioneer Village Trip	3 (Day 1)	4
5 Daylight Saving Time Ends—Fall Back 	6 (Day 2)	7 (Day 3) Sushi lunch UHS Arts Grade 8 Information Night 6:30pm School Council Mtg	8 (Day 4) Pizza lunch Gr. 3 Swim to Survive 	9 (Day 5) Subway lunch	10 (Day 1) Remembrance Day Assembly	11 
12	13 (Day 2)	14 (Day 3) Sushi lunch	15 (Day 4) Pizza lunch Gr. 3 Swim to Survive 	16 (Day 5) Subway lunch	17 (Day 1)	18
19	20 (Day 2)	21 (Day 3) Sushi lunch Progress Reports Go Home	22 (Day 4) Pizza lunch Gr. 3 Swim to Survive 	23 (Day 5) Subway lunch Parent-Teacher Interviews / Student-Led Conferences	24 (Day 0) PA DAY	25
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