

Mount Joy Public School

Together We Are Magic!

June 2014



News from the Office

Longer days and the warmth of the sun tell us that summer is upon us. We certainly seemed to jump straight from winter to summer this year. Could it really be that less than a month ago, we were still worried about snow storms? Here we are, heading into the final month of the school year, with so many wonderful memories on which to reflect. This has been a truly memorable year here at Mount Joy. Together, our staff and students have worked hard to expand horizons, deepen thinking, and to express themselves in truly creative ways.

There is so much for which we should be proud, and we hope that you will join us on **Wednesday June 11** at our **Community Night** to celebrate all that has come to define Mount Joy this year. Students will share their artistic talents, athletic prowess, technological savvy, academic achievement, and their willingness to have fun. Community Night is open to all Mount Joy families, and we hope that you will be there. The night begins with a wonderful performance by our band at 6:00. Come on out, and celebrate the spirit of Mount Joy!

As the school year comes to an end, we must bid farewell to some members of our staff who are moving on to adventures anew. After 31 years, **Mrs. Nageleisen** is retiring from a career she loves in order to channel her energies into keeping active in new ways. Thank you, Mrs. Nageleisen for all that you have done to support students over the course of your career, and we wish you all of the very best in your retirement.

This June, we will also bid farewell to **Ms. Manimanakis** and **Mrs. Lorenzatti**, who are taking on new teaching roles at schools in York Region. We thank them for their tireless service to our students, and wish them all of the best at their new schools. **Mrs. Jit**, who has been on parental leave this year, will be moving on to a central role, as a Reading Recovery Teacher Leader. We wish her all the best in her new leadership role. All have left their marks on Mount Joy, and will always have a home here.

It is with mixed emotion that we announce that this June, we will also say good-bye to **Ms. Brndiar**. Ms. Brndiar has played such a significant role in setting the direction of Mount Joy, and creating the positive and invigorating atmosphere that has come to define our school. As Vice Principal, Ms. Brndiar has endeared herself to students, staff, and parents alike. Her positive attitude, astute leadership, and addictive enthusiasm for life has had such a tremendous impact on us all. Ms. Brndiar has been appointed as Vice Principal at Greensborough and Reesor Park. This will be a wonderful new opportunity for Ms. Brndiar, and we wish her all the best in this new challenge. It is clear that Ms. Brndiar is soon destined for a school of her own. We have been forever touched by Ms. Brndiar's talents. Thank you, and best wishes.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the School Council, under the leadership of Chair, Kevin Martin, for their committed support over the year. Their fundraising efforts have enabled us to make significant purchases to support the academic and social-emotional needs of your children. The council has helped to purchase technology, instruments, cameras, and to fund field trips. Thank you to all of those who dedicate time to volunteer in some capacity in the name of our students. Your time is so valuable, and your dedication is so truly appreciated.

Saying good-bye is difficult, but, we must begin to look forward to an exciting summer that will allow us all to rest, relax, and re-energize, before we return in the fall for a fresh new start at another incredible year. On behalf of the staff of Mount Joy, we wish you all of the best for a safe and enjoyable summer.

Sincerely,
Mr. Pettigrew & Ms. Brndiar



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Community Night

On June 11th, from 6pm-8pm, Mount Joy is holding a community night event which is filled with exciting games and talents that will be shared by our students. All families are welcome to come and join us and explore the many talents and events currently being run at our school. We encourage all parents and students to participate in all the activities. For example; there will be performances from our Fitness Club, the Band and the Glee Club. Along with that, there will be demonstrations and presentations about some of the sports students have been playing, but most importantly, there will be some amazing academic presentations as well that will encourage families to learn a lot about the extraordinary assignments/projects we've been discovering. We are looking forward to seeing you on Wednesday, June 11, 2014!

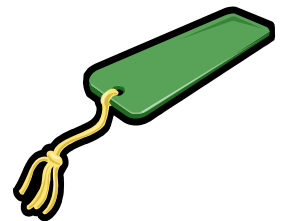
Written By: Sarayu



Slurp! Slurp! Slurp! Are you ready for this hot hot summer?! Come to community night at Mount Joy on June 11 to refresh yourself! Ms. Shen's grade 1/2 class is hosting a lemonade stand! We are selling sparkly hair clips too for a minimum of 50 cents. Because we are donating money to UNICEF for poor countries that don't have fresh or clean water, food, shelter, and clothes. Don't miss out! We are starting at 6 and closing at 7:45. Do you want countries that have less than us to be safer and healthier? So come to our lemonade stand!

Written by: Kayley, Sadie, Alyssa

Last month our class was nominated for the Feed the Deed challenge. In our class we have been learning about our local community. Did you know that there are people in our local community who don't have homes to live in or enough food to eat? We want to help change that. We will be selling bookmarks on community night for 50¢ and all the money we raise will go to help make change for the homeless. Plus, the bookmarks have cool strategies to try when you get stuck on a word. We hope to see you all there. Go Mount Joy!



Also, we nominate our reading buddies Ms Harding's class to Feed the Deed next!



Lost and Found

The contents of our Lost and Found box will be on display in one of our classrooms during Community Night and then they will be in the front hallway for the remainder of the week. Please remind your son or daughter to look for all his or her missing clothing items. When you are in the school on June 11, please take a look as well. The items will be on display until Friday, June 13, 2014.



June in the Library

Summer Reading

Can you believe that it is June already. What an amazing year it has been in the library. We have thoroughly enjoyed every part of it. We wish everyone a safe and exciting summer and encourage all to get out and get reading. In order to support students' summer reading, we have invited the Markham Public Library to come to our Community Night. Visit the Library booth and sign up for a library card. With a library card, you and your family will be able to visit the library, keep reading, get involved in reading programs and spend quality time together ALL summer. For those who are unable to come to Community Night, library card applications will be available in our library office for the month of June.

Scholastic Book Fair: June 9-June 12

The Scholastic Book Fair is coming to our school! What better way to promote reading to our students than by supporting this important literary event.

We invite your entire family to participate by purchasing the latest and greatest in children's books. Did you know that for every \$10 you spend at the Fair up to \$6 comes directly back to our school? Your support of this vital literary event is key in helping us obtain new books and resources for our library and classrooms.

Don't forget to mark the Book Fair dates on your calendar! We look forward to seeing you during our Scholastic Book Fair and thank you, in advance, for supporting this great literary fundraiser. Mostly, thank you for believing in books and the importance reading has on your child's future.

Important Dates

June 5: Final day to take out books

June 9-June 12: Scholastic Book Fair

June 13: Final day to return books

Dress Code

At school, we strive to create an effective and safe learning environment that supports mutual respect, social and emotional growth. It is important that students dress appropriately for the task of learning. Clothing which demonstrates respect for self and others is expected at all times. During the warm weather, students are expected to wear something comfortable but appropriate for a school setting. Crop tops, spaghetti straps, short shorts, tube tops, spandex, muscle shirts or any clothing that is transparent or contains offensive words, symbols or messages is not suitable for school wear. Tops should be long enough to completely cover the stomach and lower back areas. No undergarments should be visible. Staff members will require students who have chosen inappropriate dress to change into something more acceptable.





ONLINE RESOURCES

This summer, Mount Joy families have access to many online reading and researching resources. Students are encouraged to use these resources at home to help develop reading skills, learn new facts and have fun!

Check out the following resources;

<p>PEBBLE GO This database for primary and junior students has information on Earth and Space, Plants and Animals and Social Studies. There are interesting articles and videos on a wide range of interesting topics. http://pebblego.com Username: mjpebble Password: mjlibrary</p>	<p>BOOK FLIX This website pairs fiction and non-fiction books to provide information on a variety of topics. Learn about animals, people, countries... You can read the books or listen to them online. http://www.scholastic.ca/education/bookflix_ontario/ Login: dsbyork Password: dsby7692</p>
<p>TUMBLEBOOKS This website has many different picture books in a few different languages. You can read the stories or have the computer read them to you. www.tumblebooks.com/library/ Login: mountjoy Password: books</p>	<p>TEACHING KIDS NEWS This site provides up to date news for kids on a variety of interesting events. Keep up to date on the world around you. www.teachingkidsnews.com</p>
<p>ENCYCLOPEDIA BRITANNICA This online encyclopedia is full of information. You can read, look at pictures, view videos and find interesting websites on specific topics. The website also translates information into a variety of languages. http://school.eb.com Login: dsbyork Password: dsby7692</p>	<p>RAZ KIDS... A primary online levelled reading program. Highly engaging fiction and non-fiction texts with individual programs and 'just-right' books for primary students.</p>



Graduation

This year's Grade 8 Graduation Ceremony will be held on **Tuesday June 24, 2014**. Our theme this year is the "Year 2000", to celebrate the fact that this year's graduating class was born in that year. Family members of each graduating student are invited to attend the Graduation Ceremony which will take place at **5:45pm** at Mount Joy Public School. Graduates are expected to be at the school by **5:15pm at the latest**. While at the school parents will be given the opportunity to mingle, take pictures, and enjoy a variety of refreshments to celebrate this wonderful occasion. Once the ceremony has concluded a bus will arrive at the school by **7:00pm** to drive all of the students and supervising teachers to Frankie Tomatto's. At the venue, students will enjoy dinner, dancing and refreshments until **10:00pm** when the bus will arrive to drive them back to Mount Joy Public School. Parents are expected to pick up their child no later than **10:15 pm** from the school. Hope to see you there!



June 27th, 2013 Early Dismissal in Elementary Schools

All schools in the York Region District School Board are committed to student success and well-being. On **Thursday, June 26th, 2014** an early release day will take place to allow elementary teachers and support staff to take part in staff meetings during the afternoon of that day. These meetings will allow for school staff to engage in culminating activities regarding the review and revision of the School's Improvement Plan.

As has been our practice over the past three years, students will attend school during the morning of Thursday, June 26th, 2014 only. Students will be dismissed early that day at **11:15 am**. Arrangements will be made to ensure that students who are normally bussed to and from school will receive transportation at this time. Parents whose children attend after school child care should make appropriate arrangements to address this change in schedule.

Mount Joy Students Win Awards

Tamil Awards

This May, two students from Mount Joy were recognized for their overall achievement in academics and citizenship. Jathushika and Varsha, both Grade 7 students, were presented with their medals at an awards ceremony at Richmond Green Secondary School. Jathushika and Varsha were chosen for this award based on their excellence in academics within all subject areas as well as their continual participation in the school's Student Leadership group. All the intermediate teachers felt as if these two were deserving of the award.

AEBS

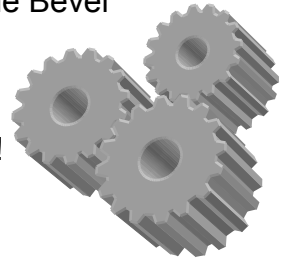
On June 2, the AEBS award was presented to Intermediate and Secondary students. AEBS, or The Alliance of Educators for Black Students, is a group of teachers and administrators who look for African American/Canadian students that exemplify the character traits of Respect, Responsibility, Empathy and Honest. One of our own students, Bryan, received such an honor this year for his hard work both inside and outside of the classroom. Bryan is an excellent academic student who always puts others first and is a constant team player. He advocates for his own as well as his peers learning and is extremely deserving of this accolade.



PULLEYS AND GEARS

On June 2nd, Scientist Chung came to our portable! She taught us about gears and pulleys. First we talked about Isaac Newton. Isaac Newton discovered gravity! We also talked about mechanical advantages for pulleys. Mechanical advantage is the advantage to lift the weight, which makes it easier. We talked about the No pulley system, the fixed pulley, moveable pulley, block and tackle, and double block and tackle. The moveable pulley, block and tackle, and double block and tackle gave a mechanical advantage. The fixed pulley didn't. We tested each one, and we found out that the double block and tackle gave the most mechanical advantage. Pulleys were really interesting!

We also learned about gears. You have probably heard of gears before. The most popular gear is the spur gear. It's the one where the gears are side by side. What about the other gears? There are 3 more gears that we talked about: The bevel gear, the worm gear, and the rack and pinion. The Bevel gears are gears that are at an angle. They are usually found in can openers. The worm gear is a gear that is turned and turns the worm gear above it. They are usually found in Music boxes. The rack and pinion is a gear that runs back and forth on another gear. They can be found in ice cream scoops. We sure learned a lot about pulleys and gears!



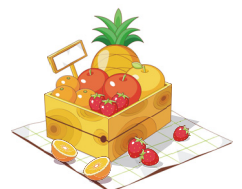
*Written By:
Arwen and Dillani*



During the month of May, Mount Joy took the opportunity to launch an after school math program. The goal of this program was to reach out to students who were hard working, dedicated learners and eager to strengthen their math skills, all while working together to reach a common goal. After weeks of hard work, we were able to use our math skills to transform everyday math problems into real life solutions. Students used their knowledge of addition, subtraction, multiplication, division, area, perimeter and other measurement concepts and applied it to our task at hand. The end result was a beautiful garden outside the front of our school. Our students quickly began to understand that math is all around us when it comes to everyday activities, even gardening! Ms Yorke, Ms. Keneknecht, Mr. Hui, Ms. Shen, Ms. Rai and Mrs. Liu couldn't be happier with all of the students who showed up everyday ready to contribute, willing to take risks with their learning and making Mount Joy an even more beautiful place to be!

Tuck Shop

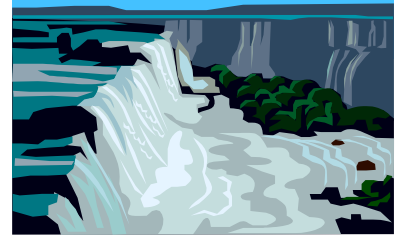
The Mount Joy Healthy Snack Tuck Shop has been up and running since October of this year, but has been in operation here at Mount Joy for the last four years. Each week, Intermediate students organize and run the school store by ordering snacks, preparing snack bins, selling snacks, and by counting and depositing any profits made from the store. In the past, a significant portion of money earned through the Tuck Shop has been used to help the Grade 8 students with the cost of the Graduation. This year, we are pleased to announce that we have raised over **\$1000** dollars from The Tuck Shop. Their hard work and dedication to the store has definitely paid off and this money will definitely help the Grade 8's plan a Grad Night that they will never forget. Good work Intermediates!!!





Niagara Falls-May 22 & 23, 2014

On Thursday, May, 22nd and Friday May 23rd the grade eights went to Niagara Falls on their graduation trip and stayed there for 2 days and 1 night at the Days Inn hotel. They had lots of fun and experienced many new things. They visited several remarkable places such as Fort George, where they learned about the British Army during the War of 1812, the Botanical Garden where they saw and smelled beautiful flowers, the Maid of the Mist where they got a close-up view of Niagara Falls, Rock n' Roll bowling where they played bowling, and Clifton Hill where they got free time to hang out with their friends. The grad trip will be a memory that the grade eights will take on to high school and beyond. After a long year of hard work, this trip was a nice reward for the graduating students. Thanks to all the teachers who made the trip possible.



THANK YOU

To Mr. Yogeswaran of Waran Esso

For your generous \$500.00 donation
towards our Community Night

We will be hosting our:

Volunteer Tea

Monday, June 23, 2014

From: 8:00-9:15am.

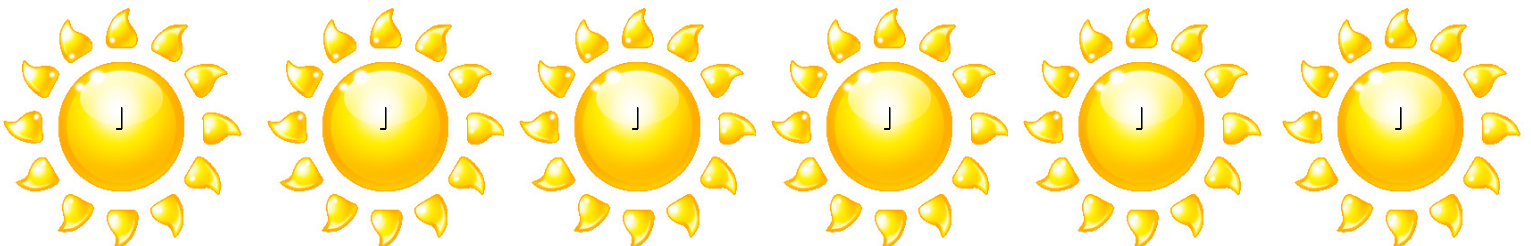
For: Everyone who has volunteered their time
to help us here at Mount Joy

Please come and enjoy coffee, tea
and treats in the library with us!



Feed the Deed

Mr. Sennema' Grade 7/8 class was bestowed 'Feed the Deed' last month, so as a collective, so we decided to plan an appreciation cakes, cookies and tea for Mount Joy's lunch monitors. We know how challenging it is to monitor intermediate students at times, so we began by taking a collection for some funds then we took to our kitchens whereby the students created and baked homemade items such as cake, gingerbread cookies and other 'sweet items' as well as parting token gifts for these special ladies. We wanted to thank them and let them know that we appreciate their valuable time and efforts supervising our students here. Short work was made of the left-overs and we have decided to nominate Mr. Berger's Grade 8 class to 'Feed the Deed' for June.



Unionville Meadows Summer Institute

Ride the summer adventure with us!



AVAILABLE AT THIS LOCATION

AVAILABLE AT THIS SITE

- optional lunch
- extended child care (a separate YMCA registration form is required)

During the literacy block, students are engaged in fun and enriching learning activities that address reading, writing, media and oral communication expectations from the Ministry of Education curriculum documents under the supervision of YRDSB Teachers and Administrators.

During the activity block, students are engaged in purposeful, intentional learning which is embedded within the following electives:

- Actor's studio
- Ball Hockey
- Comic Book Wizard
- Cricket
- DigiArt
- Field Invaders
- Music Mix
- Naturally Curious
- Racquet Sports
- Ready, Set, Cook
- Rock Hounds
- Simple Machines
- Soccer
- Sportacular Fun
- Street Ball
- Tech World
- Ultimate Frisbee
- Visual Arts
- Wacky Science World



Weekly out trips for **Clubhouse & Words Alive** students at no additional cost!

Weekly Outdoor Education trips will be taken to Bruce's Mill!



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Cost for YRDSB student:

\$115
per
week



June

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
2 <i>EQAO (Grade 3)</i> 	3 <i>EQAO (Grade 3)</i> <i>School Council Meeting</i> <i>6:30p.m.</i>	4 <i>EQAO (Grade 3)</i> <i>Pizza Day</i> 	5	6 <i>P.A. Day</i> <i>(No School)</i>
9 <i>Regional Track and Field</i> <i>Book Fair Begins</i> 	10 <i>Sub Day</i> 	11 <i>Community Night</i> <i>6:00-8:00pm</i> <i>Come out for some fun!</i> <i>Pizza Day</i>	12	13 <i>Walk for Scoliosis</i> 
16 <i>Talent Show</i> <i>Student Volunteer Lunch</i>	17 <i>Sub Day</i> 	18 <i>Pizza Day</i>	19	20 <i>Primary Play Day</i>  <i>Camp Robin Hood</i>
23 <i>Volunteer Tea</i> <i>(8:00-9:15a.m.)</i> 	24 <i>Grade 8 Graduation</i> <i>(5:45pm start)</i> <i>Sub Day</i>	25	26 <i>Last Day of School</i> <i>(8:15-11:15a.m.)</i>	27 <i>P.A. Day</i> <i>(No School)</i>

Looking ahead to September

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
1	2 <i>Welcome Back!</i> <i>(School Begins)</i>	3	4	5
8	9 <i>School Council Meeting</i> <i>6:30p.m.</i>	10	11	12

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