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News from the Office

Summer is upon us and the staff and students of Mount Joy continue to be busy working hard on curriculum expectations, participating in various clubs and initiatives around the school, as well as having fun while doing so. With the school year quickly coming to an end, we encourage everyone to reflect upon all the wonderful progress and achievements made and to set new goals for the new school year in September.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank our School Council, under the leadership of our co-chairs Karen Ngai and Anita Jarchow, for their unwavering commitment over the school year. Not only have their fundraising efforts helped support the school in purchasing resources and technology to support students' academic learning, but their tireless efforts to ensure the social-emotional well-being and safety of all students has been at the forefront of all their decision-making. We are also so thankful of all those who have volunteered their time in some capacity to help support students. Your dedication to help out is truly appreciated. Mount Joy is so fortunate to have the support of the families who make this the special place that we are so lucky to be a part of!

Although June is a time for farewells, we look forward to a summer that will allow everyone to rest and rejuvenate prior to the start of another school year. On behalf of the staff at Mount Joy Public School, we wish all our families a safe and relaxing summer.

Sincerely,
Mr. Pettigrew & Mrs. Di Stefano

Reflections on our
Community Night
that took place on
Thursday, May 28th
6:00-7:30 pm

Thank you to all the
Mount Joy families that came out
this past week to our annual
Community Night!

It was an incredible night filled with performances from our school band and choir, opportunities to enjoy the artistic talents of our students displayed in our library, as well as the numerous activities that were enjoyed by families.

This evening could not have been possible without the collective efforts of staff, students and our Mount Joy community.

Principal: Mr. Ken Pettigrew

Vice Principal: Mrs. Christina Di Stefano

EOAA: Ms. Alison Meechan

Secretary: Ms. Nuria Costa

Trustee: Mr. Allan Tam

Superintendent of Schools: Mr. Dan Wu

School Council Chairs: Ms. Anita Jarchow
Ms. Karen Ngai

Literacy Corner

Wesley King

By: Grade 6 Students

On Tuesday May 5th, 2015, Wesley King, a great author, visited Mount Joy P.S. The students from grade 6-8 were so excited to meet Wesley King. He told us many things about his journey and struggles of becoming an author. It was an interesting start to his presentation as he started off by showing the students an improve story with sound effects and acting out of the story. All the students enjoyed this very much and they had a good laugh over the sound effects. He also told us about his dream to become an astronaut, but sadly, he couldn't achieve that goal due to his height, and so, he decided to become an author. So far, he has written the books *The Vindico*, *The Feros*, and *The Incredible Space Raiders From Space*. We had a great experience and learned a lot from Wesley King.



Summer Reading Tips



Your school-aged child's summer reading and book discussions will help him maintain his reading skills, improve his reading fluency, and learn new vocabulary and concepts. Most importantly, when parents and children enjoy summer reading together, children develop a love of books and reading that lasts a lifetime.

Try some of these suggestions for making your school-aged child's summer full of literacy fun.

- Set aside a consistent time each day for reading.
- Read aloud to your reader.
- Connect read-aloud choices to summer activities. When you read and discuss books about things your child has experienced, you help her/him learn important vocabulary and extend her/his understanding of experiences.
- Allow your child to choose books for summer reading.
- Help your child select books at a comfortable level: if she/he makes five or more errors in reading a page of about 50 words, the book is too challenging.
- Encourage your child not to limit summer reading to books. Encourage your child to read the sports page to check up on her/his favorite baseball team or to read children's magazines.
- Read a book and watch the video together.
- Take books along on outings. Pack books in your beach bag or picnic basket. You and your child can enjoy books together anywhere you go this summer.
- Encourage your child to write this summer, too. From writing postcards to friends and relatives to keeping a journal while on a trip, summer presents unique ways for your child to write about her/his own experiences.

(Adapted from "Summer Reading Tips": www.pbs.org)

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 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 clothing seen as inappropriate dress to change into something more acceptable.

Graduation

This year's Grade 8 Graduation Ceremony will be held on **Wednesday, June 17, 2015**. Our theme this year is "*Once Upon a Time*". Family members of each graduating student are invited to attend the **Graduation Ceremony**, which will take place at **5:45 pm** at Mount Joy Public School. **Graduates** are expected to be at the school by **5:15 pm 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 **6:30 pm** to drive all of the students and supervising teachers to Frankie Tomatto's. At the venue, students will enjoy dinner, dancing and refreshments until 10:00 pm 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 10:30 pm** from the school. Hope to see you there!



Niagara Falls – May 21st to May 22nd, 2015

On Thursday, May 21st and Friday, May 22nd the Grade 8s went to Niagara Falls on their graduation trip. 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, took a ride on 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. This graduation trip will be a memory that the Grade 8s will take on to high school and beyond. Thanks to all of the teachers and staff members who made the trip possible.

Clothing Drive

We, the Peace Club, are running a clothing drive. The dates are May 19th to June 1st. We are accepting bags of gently used clothing. We will be donating the clothes to Goodwill. For each bag you bring, you will earn a raffle ticket to win a free visit to the movies. Goodwill will also donate money to our school, which we will use to help our school and community. The Peace Club will have a booth for donations at Community Night and donations can be dropped off to the library each day. Thanks for your donations!



The Mount Joy Peace Club

Volunteer Tea

Mount Joy will be hosting their **Volunteer Tea** on **Monday, June 22nd, 2015** from **8:00 – 9:15 am.**



We welcome all those in our community who have volunteered their time to help us here at Mount Joy.

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



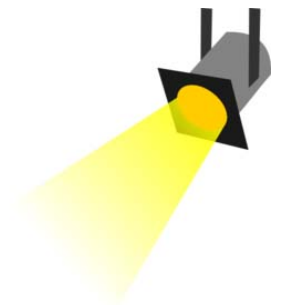
Parent requests for Information (CRA, etc) - Summer Process

All requests from parents for records and information related to CRA Tax Benefit applications, will be handled by Community Education Centre East, 1000 Carlton Road, Markham, L3P 7P5, (905) 940-7800. Please be advised that this location is closed on Fridays during the summer months.



Spot Light on Student Voice Risk Taking





By **Vinojan and Sumeda**
in Mrs. Walsh's Grade 6 Class



Risk taking is something that everybody at Mount Joy should take part in. By taking risks, you can make new friends, have a new hobby and learn something new. Even if you make mistakes, that is okay because you are taking a risk, and that is what matters most. When you take risks, you come out of your comfort zone and you may have fun with it. When you take risks, you are helping yourself because you make yourself feel brave by trying things that you wouldn't normally want to try. So be brave Mount Joy and take risks!



June 2015

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
1 <i>School Council Meeting 6:30 pm</i>	2 <i>Sushi Day</i>	3 <i>Pizza Day</i> 	4 <i>Frozen Yogurt Day</i>	5 <i>P.A. Day</i>
8	9 <i>Sushi Day</i>	10 <i>Pizza Day</i> 	11 <i>Frozen Yogurt Day</i>	12
15	16 <i>Sushi Day</i>	17 Grade 8 Graduation  <i>Pizza Day</i> 	18 <i>Frozen Yogurt Day</i>	19
22 <i>Volunteer Tea</i>	23 <i>Sushi Day</i>	24	25 Last Day of School	26 <i>P.A. Day</i>

Looking ahead to September

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
	1	2	3	4
7	8 <i>First Day of School</i>	9	10	11



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 Mount Joy Public School website:
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 School Council's NEW website:
www.mountjoyps.wordpress.com

