



The Mount Joy Messenger

June 2018

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From the Principal's Desk

June is finally here and what an incredible year it has been! Looking back we can say that it has been a busy and successful year at Mount Joy and we have a lot to be proud of! Of course our successes are a result of the contributions of our staff, students and school community. May has been a busy month at Mount Joy! We had our Jump Rope for Heart fundraiser in early May and we raised **\$4391.80** for the Heart and Stroke Foundation! That is amazing! We also had our school Track & Field meet, and we welcomed our new incoming Junior Kindergarten students with our Welcome to Kindergarten Nights. We also participated in the Bike Train / Walking School Bus Program to celebrate Bike to School Week, partnering with the City of Markham. Our MJAFF (Mount Joy Arts & Film Festival) was a great success, celebrating the exceptionally talented students we have at Mount Joy. Coming up in June we look forward to our Volunteer Tea on June 19 to celebrate our many volunteers who contribute to our school in so many ways and to our Community Night on June 20!

Finally, at the end of June, we look forward to celebrating Graduation with our Grade 8 students. This is a new transition for them in their lives filled with wonderful new and exciting experiences. We are proud of all of our Grade 8 students' efforts and achievements and wish them all the best in their future endeavours. We hope that you carry with you the many memories and experiences from Mount Joy and use what you have learned in your elementary years throughout high school!

We would like to express our gratitude to our School Council who have been unwavering in their commitment to our school priorities and events. With their leadership and support we have been able to enjoy the many wonderful Movie Nights, Family Adventure Night, Games Night, our Community Night, pizza and pasta lunches and their support for our new sound system and for our Gr.8 Graduation. These are just a few of the many contributions they have made to our school and we thank them for their dedication and commitment.

There are a few additional staffing changes to note for the upcoming 2018—2019 school year. We wish Ms. Petropoulos all the best as she welcomes her new baby into her family at the end of June. We say goodbye to Mr. Hui who will be leaving Mount Joy for Castlemore PS in September. We wish him all the best as he begins the next chapter in his teaching career. We say goodbye to Ms. Juma, Ms. Ngan, Ms. Tsang, Ms. Perruccio, Ms. Rasaratnam and Ms. Mpindu who were Long Term Occasional teachers this year at Mount Joy. We thank you all for your dedication to our students and school community!

Finally, we have a special goodbye to Ms. Meechan, our Office Administrator who will be leaving us at the end of June for Harry Bowes PS in Stouffville. Ms. Meechan has been at Mount Joy for over 9 years and has been unwavering in her support of the Mount Joy Community. We are so grateful for the contributions she has made to our school over the past many years. We wish her all the best as she begins this next chapter in her career. I know you join us in wishing her all the best!

Have a safe and happy summer! See you on Tuesday, September 4, 2018!

Leeanne Hughes-Fernandes & Lily Leung

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/>



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.



June at a glance

June 4 — P.A. Day

June 5— School Council Meeting 6:30 pm

June 8 —Grade 6 Scientist In the School

June 11 — Area Track & Field Meet

June 14 —Grade 3 (Newman & Tsang) Scientist In the School

June 19 —Volunteer Tea (8:00-9:00 am)

June 20— Community Night (5:30-7:30 pm)

June 21—Primary Zoo trip

June 22—Talent Show

June 25—Grade 8 Graduation

June 28 — Last Day of Classes (A.M. only—Classes end at 11:15 am)



Please join us for our Community Night on June 20th. Our School Council and staff have worked together to prepare an engaging and fun evening for the entire family. There will be games, food, and an opportunity to meet other MJ community members. Join us on June 20th from 5:30—7:30 pm.

If you are available and want to volunteer for this event, please contact our parent council volunteer coordinators



Walking School Bus/Bike Train Day

Mount Joy in partnership with the City of Markham completed our first Walking School Bus/Bike Train Day challenge on May 31 to encourage our students and families to leave their cars at home! This event was a great success thanks to our sponsors: No Frills, MacDonald's, the City of Markham and our staff and family volunteers!



Are you moving?

If you are moving or changing schools, kindly notify the office at your earliest convenience so we can support you in the transfer process to provide a seamless transfer of schools for your children.



Junior Boys Soccer!

On Friday, May 18th, our Jr. Boys Soccer team proudly represented Mount Joy at their soccer tournament at St. Brother Andre Catholic High School. Our talented athletes not only made it through to the semi-finals where they defeated the 1st place team 3-1, but they went on to the championship game where they were able to take a 1-0 lead and win it all! After a great deal of practice, passion and drive, we were able to add another banner to our ever growing collection and display of our student's hard work, athletic talent and endless dedication to sport. Congratulations to all of the junior boy soccer players and thank you for proving once again that Mount Joy is a force to be reckoned with!

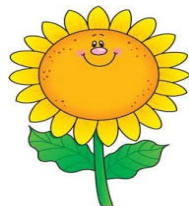
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From the Eco Team

K-Cup pods and other single-use coffee pods are recyclable and can be recycled with your containers in your blue box or container recycling bin, once the top and coffee grounds have been removed. **Used coffee grounds** are neutral so you can use them in your garden or potted plants at home.

How to Recycle Your Single-use Coffee Pods

1. Before throwing in the recycling, remove the plastic foil or top.
2. Remove any coffee grounds that are still in the pod with a rinse.
3. Place the empty coffee **pod container into your recycling bin.**



Hand-washing

Children share many items throughout the school day and at

home including books, puzzles, computers, water bottles and sports equipment. Sharing can spread germs that can cause sickness, especially during cold and flu season. Correct handwashing is the best way to prevent the spread of infection.

To help keep the people in your home healthy, follow these simple steps:

Encourage children to sneeze into the bend of their arm rather than into their hands.

Make time for handwashing, especially before eating, after using the bathroom, blowing your nose, sneezing, handling garbage, touching animals, playing outdoors or visiting someone who is sick.

Wash your hands whenever they look or feel dirty.

TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE
THE HEALTHY CHOICE THE
EASY ONE!

For more information about preventing infections and proper handwashing, visit york.ca/preventing-infections



Check out Mount Joy's 2018 Twitter Feed:

<https://twitter.com/MJPSMarkham>



Kindergarten Registration

Kindergarten registration commenced on January 19, 2018 for the 2018-19 school year. Registration forms are available on YRDSB's website: www.yrdsb.ca. Children who turn four or five years old during 2018, live within the school boundary and whose parents are public school tax supporters will be eligible to register for kindergarten. A kindergarten information session for parents is being planned for this spring. For more information please visit the YRDSB website or contact the school.

Summer Institute

Looking for summer learning and fun activities for students entering Senior Kindergarten to Grade 8? Summer Institute offers academic, recreational and athletic programs and activities with intentional links to the Ontario Curriculum.

The program runs for six weeks during July and August. It is offered at 11 school sites around York Region.

For more information on dates, programs and locations, please visit the Summer Institute page on www.yrdsb.ca.

Registration opens March 7. Families can now register online, as well as in person or by mail.

Eco News!

Do you have markers, pens and highlighters that have run out of ink? Do you have mechanical pencils that no longer work? Hold onto them! You no longer need to throw them in the garbage. We at Mount Joy P.S., are collecting them to recycle. Teracycle in partnership with Staples Canada are running this recycling program to allow us to divert these used writing instruments from going in landfills and give them a second life.

Accepted waste:

Any brand of pens and pen caps

Mechanical pencils

Markers and marker caps

Highlighters and highlighter caps



Our Website!

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.



June 2018

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1 (Day 4)	2
3	4 (Day 0) P.A. Day	5 (Day 5) Sushi lunch Parent Council Meeting @6:30	6 (Day 1) Pizza lunch	7 (Day 2) Subway lunch	8 (Day 3) Grade 6 Scientist in the School	9
10	11 (Day 4) Pasta Lunch Area Track & Field Meet	12 (Day 5) Sushi lunch	13 (Day 1) Pizza lunch Grade 3 Scientist in the School (Newman & Tsang)	14 (Day 2) Subway lunch	15 (Day 3)	16
17	18 (Day 4) Pasta Lunch	19 (Day 5) Sushi lunch Parent Volunteer Tea (8-9am) Regional T&F Meet	20 (Day 1) Pizza lunch Community Night (5:30-7:30 pm)	21 (Day 2) Subway lunch Grade 2, 3 and Ms. Kumabe's class to Zoo!	22 (Day 3) Talent Show (8:30 am)	23
24	25 (Day 4) Pasta Lunch Grade 8 Graduation	26 (Day 5)	27 (Day 0)	28 (Day 0) Last Day of Classes (Classes end at 11:15 am)	29 (Day 0) P.A. Day	30