



# The Mount Joy Messenger

## May at a glance

- May 1** — Parent Council Meeting  
6:30pm
- May 7** — Spirit Assembly & Music  
Monday
- May 7–11**—Jump Rope for Heart  
week and Book Fair!
- May 10 & 11** — Grade 8 Trip
- May 11**—Grade 7 Immunizations
- May 14** —Track & Field Gr.4-8
- May 15** —Track & Field Rain Date;  
Welcome to Kindergarten Parent  
Information Night @ 6:30pm
- May 21**—Victoria Day (No Classes)
- May 24**—Welcome to Kindergarten  
Family Night @ 6:30pm
- May 23-25** — Grade 6 EQAO
- May 28–30** — Grade 3 EQAO
- May 29**—Intermediate Band at  
Wonderland
- May 31**—Bike Train / Walking  
School Bus Event with City of  
Markham on our way to school  
AND Arts Night (MJAFF) Gr. 6-8  
@ 6pm



**Grade 8 Graduation  
is Monday, June 25, 2018**

Principal—Leeanne Hughes-Fernandes

Vice Principal—Lily Leung

Superintendent—Dan Wu

Trustee—Allan Tam

## From the Principal's Desk

It's hard to believe that June is just around the corner. We are looking for-ward to the warmer temperatures. Along with spring comes rain and unfortunately this creates many "pavement only" recesses while we allow the grass to dry . Things will be very busy throughout the month of May as you will see on our May calendar. We are looking forward to all the wonderful spring events that will be taking place such as welcoming our new Junior Kindergarten students to Mount Joy at Welcome to Kindergarten, our Track & Field day, our Grade 8 trip to Niagara and ending the month off with Mount Joy Arts and Film Festival (MJAFF) . It is certainly proving to be a very busy and exciting month ahead!

We have received the staffing that directs us in our class organization for the 2018-2019 school year. We have met with staff to share the tentative school organization. As we organize for next year, our staff will make every effort to place students in the best learning environment for each child to be successful. We take into account individual needs, academic achievement, emotional and social development, number of boys and girls, and work habits. Parents wishing to provide input into this process are requested to submit a letter to the principal by May 15th. The school does not accept requests for specific teachers, straight grade classes or specific friendship groupings. While your input is carefully considered, the final decision about a child's class placement rests with the school.

*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.



## Welcome to Kindergarten

There will be two separate sessions/dates for Welcome to Kindergarten this year.

On Tuesday May 15th at 6:30 pm, we will be hosting a parent information session where parents will have an opportunity to learn more about the Kindergarten program at Mount Joy and to ask questions. This session is for parents only.

On Thursday May 24th at 6:30pm, you and your child(ren) who will be starting Kindergarten Year 1 at Mount Joy are invited to join us for some fun hands on activities. You will have an opportunity to meet some of our Kindergarten staff on this evening.

### What is the EQAO and why are students tested?

The EQAO is the provincial Education Equality and Accountability Office. It is an independent government body that develops and oversees reading, writing and mathematics tests that Ontario students must take in Grades 3, 6, 9, and 10.



The tests give parents, teachers, principals and school boards information about how well students have learned what the province expects them to learn in reading, writing and mathematics.

This year, our **grade 6s** will be completing the test from **May 23—May 25th**, and our **grade 3s** will be completing the test from **May 28th—May 30th**.

### How can I help my child prepare?

There is no special preparation for the tests. Some teachers provide sample questions to help students understand what the tests will be like. The best way to help your child is to make sure he or she is rested and at school on time.

### Walking School Bus/Bike Train Day

Mount Joy will be working in partnership with the City of Markham for our Walking School Bus/ Bike Train Day on May 31 to encourage our students and families to leave their cars at home!



**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.**

## Scholastic Book Fair

The **Scholastic Book Fair** is coming to our school again! 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. Your support of this literary event is a key part of helping us obtain new books and resources for our library and classrooms. You'll find hundreds of quality books at our Book Fair with a wide assortment for all reading levels.

Visit the Scholastic Book Fair's website at [www.scholastic.ca/book\\_fairs](http://www.scholastic.ca/book_fairs) to get more detailed information about these books. You can also watch book trailers and author videos with your child on the BookTube page.

Students will be bringing home a Book Fair flyer that provides a preview of only a FEW of the many books available to purchase at our Fair. 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 opportunity. Thank you for believing in books and the impact of reading on your child's future.

Sincerely,

Mount Joy Public School

**Book Fair Dates:** May 7-11th, 2018

**Location:** MJPS Library

**Time:** Every day at morning recess from 9:55 to 10:25 am

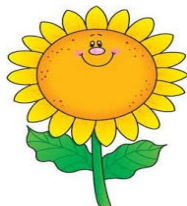


### From the Eco Team

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 hand-washing 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



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](http://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](http://www.yrdsb.ca).

## 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**



## 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.



# May 2018

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1 (Day 2) Sushi lunch Parent Council Meeting @6:30	2 (Day 3) Pizza lunch	3 (Day 4) Subway lunch	4 (Day 5)	5
6	7 (Day 1) Pasta Lunch Music Monday Spirit Assembly Jump Rope & Book Fair Week	8 (Day 2) Sushi lunch	9 (Day 3) Pizza lunch	10 (Day 4) Subway lunch Grade 8 Graduation Trip	11 (Day 5) Grade 8 Graduation Trip Grade 7 Immunizations	12
13	14 (Day 1) Pasta Lunch Track & Field Gr. 4-8	15 (Day 2) Sushi lunch T&F (Rain Date) WTK Parent Info. Night	16 (Day 3) Pizza lunch	17 (Day 4) Subway lunch	18 (Day 5)	19
20	21 Victoria Day No Classes	22 (Day 1) Sushi lunch	23 (Day 2) Pizza lunch Grade 6 EQAO	24 (Day 3) Subway lunch Gr. 6 EQAO WTK Family Night @ 6pm	25 (Day 4) Grade 6 EQAO	26
27	28 (Day 5) Pasta Lunch Grade 3 EQAO	29 (Day 1) Sushi lunch Grade 3 EQAO Intermediate Band at Wonderland	30 (Day 2) Pizza lunch Grade 3 EQAO	31 (Day 3) Subway lunch Walking School Bus/Bike Train Day Arts Night MJAFF) Gr.6-8	June 1(Day 4)	

# KIDS KITCHEN

## MAY 2018 UPDATE

### MAY SPECIALS

Each month we feature specials and combos to bring you more variety.  
For the month of May your child can enjoy:

**Sweet & sour chicken with steamed rice** Lightly breaded chicken pieces tossed in a sweet & sour sauce served over a bed of steamed rice



#### BLT on a Kaiser bun

Crispy turkey bacon topped with sliced tomato and lettuce on a kaiser bun.



#### Grilled Veggie Sandwich

Grilled peppers, eggplant and onions, topped with cheddar cheese on a kaiser bun.

These items are available as a combo or entrée only. Visit us on-line to see our full menu.

These specials are available until May 31st. Place your orders today!

### Ordering is easy!

Login to place your orders at [www.kidskitchen.ca](http://www.kidskitchen.ca)

Orders are accepted until 10am the previous business day (on Friday for Monday orders). A valid credit card is required.

### We're here to help!

Live customer service: 8am – 3pm Monday to Friday.

**Spend more quality time with your kids. Leave the lunches to us!**

905.944.0210 | [www.kidskitchen.ca](http://www.kidskitchen.ca) | [information@kidskitchen.ca](mailto:information@kidskitchen.ca)

YRDSB'S EDUCATORS FOR STUDENTS OF SOUTH ASIAN HERITAGE

south asian heritage month

# READ-IN

## CHAI HOUSE

TWO LOCATIONS & DATES

**Tuesday, May 8**

4:30 pm to 6:30 pm

**Thursday, MAY 10**

4:30 pm to 6:30 pm

## MILLIKEN MILLS HS LIBRARY

BRING & READ

TEXTS FEATURING SOUTH ASIAN CULTURES IDENTITIES, FORMS, KNOWLEDGE & AUTHORS

artistic

OF STUDENT WORK EMBOLDENED WITH SOUTH ASIAN PRIDE AND HERITAGE

live

OF MUSIC, DANCE, SPOKEN WORD POETRY, CALLIGRAPHY, AND MANY MORE

FOR THOSE INTERESTED IN ATTENDING OR PERFORMING PLEASE FILL OUT THIS FORM:

[bit.ly/essahchai](https://bit.ly/essahchai)