



The Mount Joy Messenger

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From the Principal's Desk

In a few weeks we will be off on our Winter Break! Our staff and students have worked hard these past few months and, have certainly earned this upcoming break! We hope you and your children take time to relax and rejuvenate and spend memorable moments together with family and friends!

Thanks to all of you who visited the school for Parent—Teacher Interviews or Student Led Conferences and engaged in thoughtful discussions about your child(ren)'s learning. We must continue to always work as a committed team in our efforts to ensure that all our students are working and achieving to their full potential!

With the winter weather here, it is important to re-iterate a few messages to our families who use our kiss and ride loop. Please **do not** park your car in the kiss and ride loop. We can assist in getting kindergarten children to the kindergarten yard in the morning. In the afternoon, please consider parking on the street if you need to pick up a child from kindergarten. For your child(ren's) safety, please ensure that they exit the car on the passenger side closest to the curb. We want to keep everyone safe!

Finally, as 2018 comes to an end, the staff at Mount Joy P.S. would like to take this opportunity to extend heartfelt wishes to all of our families for a safe and happy holiday and to wish you the very best for the upcoming year of 2019!

Leeanne Hughes-Fernandes & Lily Leung

December at a glance

December 4 — Parent Council Meeting 6:30 pm

December 13 — K-4 Winter Concert (Kindergarten: 4-5pm; Gr. Sk/1, 1-4: 6-7pm)

December 21 — Spirit Assembly 10:30 am

Winter Break December 22—January 6 inclusive. See you all on Monday January 7th!

Pizza Lunch Dates: Dec. 5, 12, 19, Jan 9, 16, 23, 30 & Feb. 6, 13, 20

Pasta Lunch Dates: Oct. 29, Nov. 5, 12, 19, 26, Dec. 3, 10 & 17

Sushi Lunch Dates: Oct. 30th, Nov. 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th, Dec 4th, 11th, 18th)

Subway Lunch Dates: Nov. 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th, Dec.



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.

Please don't send fast food from McDonald's, Tim Horton's as these restaurants are not peanut free. 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 under-



We are please to share with all of you that our Edsby River is now flowing with information for Mount Joy families! Currently on our Edsby news river, you can find information on our Eco-school initiatives, monthly calendar, and lunch program updates. Starting January 2019, our monthly newsletters will also be shared and posted on our news river on Edsby.



Most families here at Mount Joy are already using Edsby to report student absences, and booking parent teacher interviews and we encourage those of you who have not signed up for this app, that you do so soon so you can receive updates on school news.

We are very excited about this new opportunity to connect with families. 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.



With the start of the holidays are pleased to bring back our annual Winter Holiday Special!



Our Holiday Special includes:

**Roasted chicken leg, Mashed potatoes with gravy,
Steamed vegetable medley and a Homemade short-
bread cookie**

**Gluten-friendly option also available online*

The special will be available on the days we service your school from **Dec 3 – 21, 2018**.

Our other December Special is:

Meatball sub on a whole wheat bun

**Veggie or Halal options available online*

Login to place your orders at www.kidskitchen.ca



Check out Mount Joy's 2018 Feed: <https://twitter.com/MJPSMarkham>

Kindergarten Registration to Commence January 18, 2019

Kindergarten registration will commence on January 18, 2019 for the 2019-20 school year. Registration forms are available on YRDSB's website: www.yrdsb.ca. Children who turn four or five years old during 2019, 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 your local school.

Grade 1 French Immersion Information Sessions and Registrations

Information Sessions

Information sessions for Grade 1 entry into the French Immersion (FI) program will take place at French Immersion schools that have a Grade 1 program on January 17, 2019 at 7 p.m. Please visit YRDSB's website in January 2019 (<http://www.yrdsb.ca/Programs/fi/Pages/Program-Locations.aspx>) to find the FI program location for your elementary school location.

Registration

FI registration will begin on January 18, 2019. Parents or guardians of Senior Kindergarten students entering Grade 1 in 2019, and wishing to enrol in the FI Program, can visit or call their home school office and request an *Office Index Card - short version*. *This Office Index Card must be signed by the principal of the home school. Parents or guardians then take this form, along with one piece of identification showing their address to the designated FI program location to register, between January 18 and February 8, 2019. Registration during this period is not first come, first served.*

Late Registrations

Late registrations are those submitted after February 8, 2019. Late registrations will be treated on a first-come, first-served basis and will be considered subsequent to registrations received during the registration period should overflow be necessary.

Accommodation Plan

YRDSB's FI Accommodation Plan provides long-term consistency and equity of access to all students in York Region and will enable YRDSB to continue to offer the FI program to all who wish to enrol. The FI program will be offered in Dual Track or Single Track settings, in a variety of configurations. In order to meet community needs and optimize available space in our schools, a community's Grade 1-8 FI program may be provided over more than one school during the course of a student's FI education. Space requirements at some schools may mean that siblings are in different schools for primary dual track French Immersion programs due to differing grade structures. Like any of our schools across the Board, changes to school boundaries, and/or the accommodation model for the French Immersion program may need to be considered when new schools open, a school experiences enrolment growth, and program changes occur. This will allow flexibility in addressing community needs and the opportunity to use existing space in schools.

More information is available on the Board's website: www.yrdsb.ca. Please note: Some of the FI accommodation plans will require facility modifications or the development of new schools and will require short-term transition plans that might include overflow while we work toward the long-term vision. Overflow refers to situations in which the Board directs students to at-

OSBRC (Ontario Schools Battery Recycling Challenge)

Mount Joy P.S. is collecting batteries to recycle! This challenge aims to teach students and their families about the proper ways to handle, store and recycle batteries at home and at school. It encourages students to divert garbage from the landfill and learn other ways to reduce, reuse and recycle. An added bonus is that students have the chance to win prizes! This challenge will take place from now until April 19, 2019, so hold onto those used batter-



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



City of Markham

Please be aware of these common school zone violations. It is crucial for parents dropping and picking up students to follow and abide by these signs to ensure safety for all. In addition, if you child rides



Drivers must observe signage and watch for reduced speed limits. Fines may be doubled.



Supervised Crossing. Cross the street here. Obey the crossing guard.



No Parking allowed at the specified times.



School Zone - observe speed limit.



No Parking in Fire Routes. These need to be clear for emergency vehicles. Fines are \$200.



No Stopping sign means no stopping at all the times specified; except to obey police or danger on the road.



Prepare to stop for a school bus at any time. Fines range from \$400 to \$2,000 with six demerit points for a first offence.

December 2018

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	3 (Day 1) Pasta Lunch	4 (Day 2) Sushi Lunch School Council Meeting 6:30pm	5 (Day 3) Pizza Lunch	6 (Day 4) Subway Lunch	7 (Day 5)	8
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