



# The Mount Joy Messenger

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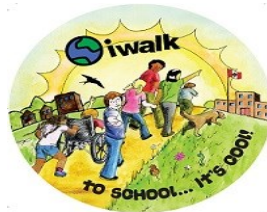


## From the Principal's Desk

It has been an amazing start to the 2018-2019 school year at Mount Joy Public School. Thank you to all staff, students and families for your support. Students are settling into routines and teachers are enjoying getting to know their learners and building community in their classrooms. Thank you to our staff and families for making our Meet the Teacher Night on September 27 such a success! It was wonderful to see our students so proudly showing their families around our school!

Safety is always a main priority at our school. As a board we are committed to providing safe learning environments for all students. On the PA Day in September all staff were involved in safety training ranging from general health and safety to anaphylaxis and epi-pen training. We have already completed one fire drill in September and in the month of October we will do two more drills. We will also complete a lock down drill and a hold and secure drill. Our students take our safety drills very seriously and are always very quiet and quick!

During the month of October we will be also participating in *iwalk* which kicks off on October 3— the International Walk to School Day. Let's walk to school and help the environment and enjoy some exercise and fresh air! Thank you in advance for your support during our Terry Fox Run. Our toonies together will make a difference for cancer research!



## October at a glance

- October 1** — Area Cross Country Meet (rain date Oct. 3)
- October 3** — Walk to School (IWALK month starts)
- October 5** — Terry Fox Run
- October 8** – Thanksgiving (No School)
- October 9** — School Council Meeting 6:30 pm
- October 11** — Grade 7's (Hep B & HPV – boys and girls )
- October 16** — Regional Cross Country Meet (rain date Oct. 19)
- October 22** — P.A. Day
- October 31** — Halloween

## Pizza Lunch Dates:

Wednesday September 26 to November 28 (10 weeks)

(September 26, October 10, 17, 24, 31



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## 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-



## every Student counts Survey

In November 2018, York Region District School Board will invite all students to participate in the **Every Student Counts Survey (ESCS)**. The purpose of this census survey is to better understand YRDSB's diverse student population as well as students' experiences in school and outside of school. Families with a child in Kindergarten to Grade 6 will be invited to complete the survey online with their child at home. Students in Grades 7-12 will be invited to complete the survey online during class time. If you are a parent/guardian of child(ren) in Grades 7-12 and do **not** want them to participate in the survey, please contact CCI Research at 1-866-450-4907 **no later than October 9, 2018**.

The surveys are voluntary and confidential. Information about the surveys and the process is available at [www.yrdsb.ca/escs](http://www.yrdsb.ca/escs). This important initiative will help us work together to create equitable and inclusive school environ-



Make a Commitment to Walk This October  
IWALK month starts October 3, 2018. International Walk to School Month (IWALK) is an annual mass celebration of active transportation taking place around the world every October. The benefits of walking include:

- Helps prepare children for learning
- Keeps students physically and mentally fit
- Builds friendships
- Improves air quality and the environment
- Creates safer neighbourhoods

Join the movement! We encourage all our students to Walk or Wheel for the month of October.

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





Autumn is officially here. A time to give thanks.

We are excited to bring back our first annual seasonal lunch this month along with other favourites.

It is never too late to order. The Kid's Kitchen hot lunch program is fully flexible and convenient. Place orders at any time for as many days as you like that suits your lifestyle. Please visit [www.kidskitchen.ca](http://www.kidskitchen.ca) to view our full menu.

### OCTOBER SPECIALS

Each month, we feature new specials and combos to bring you even more variety!

For the month of October your child can enjoy our ever popular:

#### BEEF SOFT TACO

Lean sauteed ground beef, salsa, lettuce and cheese wrapped in a tender whole wheat tortilla.

OR

#### BEAN SOFT TACO

Black beans, salsa, lettuce and cheese wrapped in a tender whole wheat tortilla.

These are available as an entrée only or as a combo.

Our October specials are only available till October 31<sup>st</sup>. Place your orders today!

Ordering is easy!

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



The idea is simple. Students, staff and parents work together to contribute previously enjoyed clothing and textiles that are then weighed and exchanged for cash at the current market rate. The items will be shipped overseas and sold as quality used clothing, boosting affordable clothing markets in developing countries.

It's a great way for schools to raise money for what's important. Plus, it feels good to be green. The program teaches students about the importance of recycling and re-using, thereby fostering environmental awareness at a young age. On top of this, it makes a real impact by reducing the amount of textile waste in our landfills. **Keep an eye out for Bag 2 School collection bags coming soon!**

### Our Website!

Please bookmark this website so you can check to see what is happening at Mount Joy PS.

<http://mountjoy.ps.yrdsb.ca/>



## 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 their bike/scooter to school, ensure they are wearing a helmet and that they are walking their bike/school on school



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.

### **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:**

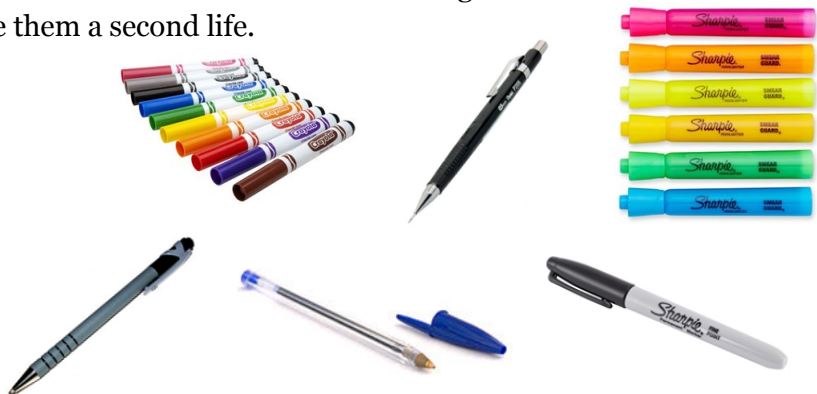
**Any brand of pens and pen caps**

**Mechanical pencils**





**Markers and marker caps**

**Highlighters and highlighter caps**

**Permanent markers and marker caps**



# October 2018

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1 (Day 4) Cross Country Area Meet 	2 (Day 5)	3 (Day 1) Walk2School (IWALK month) Pizza Lunch	4 (Day 2) Orange Shirt Day 	5 (Day 3) Terry Fox Run 	6
7	8 (Day 0) Thanksgiving	9 (Day 4) School Council Meeting 6:30 pm	10 (Day 5) Pizza Lunch	11 (Day 1) Grade 7's (Hep B & HPV – boys and girls )	12 (Day 2)	13
14	15 (Day 3)	16 (Day 4) Regional Cross Country Meet (rain date Oct. 19)	17 (Day 5) Pizza Lunch	18 (Day 1)	19 (Day 2)	20
21	22 (Day 0) P.A. Day	23 (Day 3)	24 (Day 4) Pizza Lunch	25 (Day 5)	26 (Day 1)	27
28	29 (Day 2)	30 (Day 3)	31 (Day 4) Halloween  Pizza Lunch			