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# Mount Joy Public School

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## *News from the Office*

On October 6<sup>th</sup> Mount Joy held their School Council Elections. We are very pleased to share with the community the members who have been elected to hold the following positions for the new 2015-2016 school year. We look forward to working alongside the appointed members and are appreciative of their commitment to student achievement and well-being. Congratulations to:

Anita Jarchow (Co-chair)  
Karen Ngai (Co-chair)  
Anne Martin (Treasurer)  
Amy Hamilton (Secretary)  
Aileen Chan-Vickers  
Rasha ElSayed  
Sabrina Itwarie  
Rowena Leung

Kevin Martin  
Maria Moore  
Lori Russel-Tong  
Thusya Sivapathasundram  
Shona Surgeoner  
Yolanda Tse  
Mark Vickers

Safety continues to be a priority for us here at Mount Joy. In an effort to assist in the safe drop off and pick of your children, as of November 2<sup>nd</sup> the parking lot will be closed daily from 2 pm and re-open at 2:45 pm to assist with the 'Kiss-N-Ride' program. We ask that you plan with your child to meet on the curb or an alternate meeting place as vehicles will no longer be permitted to park in this area. We remind families that the area in front of the school is a bus loop and the City of Markham by-law enforcement officers will be notified if vehicles are parked in this area. We ask that you please refrain from using this loop to pick up or drop off your children. We are continually striving to ensure that our school premises are safe for all our students, staff and community members. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

*Mr. Pettigrew & Mrs. Di Stefano*

**Principal:** Mr. Ken Pettigrew

**Vice Principal:** Mrs. Christina Di Stefano

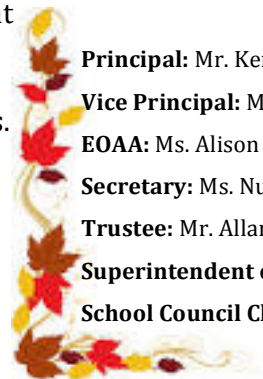
**EOAA:** Ms. Alison Meechan

**Secretary:** Ms. Nuria Costa

**Trustee:** Mr. Allan Tam

**Superintendent of Schools:** Mr. Dan Wu

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



## Community Tea



Join us in the Library for some coffee/tea and treats on Thursday, November 26<sup>th</sup> at 8 am in the Library and find out what's happening at Mount Joy!



Our School Council has a monthly Family Tea inviting all parents, grandparents, and guardians. This is an opportunity for families to meet and mingle, to share ideas, to ask questions, and to find out more about the role of School Council in the life of Mount Joy.

Reminder that the **Fundscrip** campaign is still active and it's an easy way to support our students at Mount Joy. You can register at [www.fundscrip.com](http://www.fundscrip.com) using our invitation code **JXK336**.

For more information on school council or to be added to our distribution list, please email [mountjoyvolunteers@gmail.com](mailto:mountjoyvolunteers@gmail.com).



## Council Corner

We hope you all had a happy and safe Halloween!



We have had some dedicated and hardworking volunteers and we would like to thank Kevin, Emily and Yolanda for all their efforts in getting the Pizza and Sushi lunches running every week. It not only accounts for a big portion of our fundraising efforts, but also feeds our kids and gives us a midweek break!

Our fundraising efforts resulted in the purchase of two water-refilling stations to replace water fountains in the school. We also purchased new instruments for Ms. Coote's instrumental music program (a snare drum kit, 6 small djembe drums with cases, and a flute).

We've got big plans for the rest of the year so keep in touch! Come out to a meeting, visit us online (we'll be updating regularly), or sign up for our emails.

November Council Meeting – Tuesday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> @ 6:30pm in the Library  
November Community Tea – Thursday, November 26<sup>th</sup> @ 8:00am in the Library

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Your Co-Chairs,  
Anita and Karen



WWW.CHILDSAFETYSOLUTIONS.CA

Child Safety Solutions

Looking for something to keep your child(ren) busy and entertained (while learning something) on PD Days this year?

**Register for Child Safety Workshops**

**Babysitting Course** {11yrs +} 9am – 3pm \$65.00

**Friday November 27<sup>th</sup>, 2015** @ Black Walnut Public School **OR**

**Monday May 23, 2015** @ Black Walnut Public School

**At Home Alone + First Aid for Kids** {10yrs +} 9am-3pm \$55.00

**Friday November 27<sup>th</sup>, 2015** @ Black Walnut Public School **OR**

**Friday January 15, 2016** @ Black Walnut Public School **OR**

**Friday June 3, 2016** @ Black Walnut Public School

**Bully proofing** {7-10yrs} **10am -12pm** (2 hr) \$28.00

**Monday December 21, 2015** @ Black Walnut Public School **OR**

**Monday February 1, 2015** @ Black Walnut Public School

**Stranger Smarts** {8yrs +} **12:30pm -2:30pm** (2 hr) \$28.00

**Monday December 21, 2015** @ Black Walnut Public School **OR**

**Monday February 1, 2015** @ Black Walnut Public School

**I Wanna Walk** {8-12yrs} **-2:30pm-4:30pm** (2 hr) \$28.00

**Monday December 21, 2015** @ Black Walnut Public School **OR**

**Monday February 1, 2015** @ Black Walnut Public School

To Register visit,

[www.childsafetyolutions.ca/find-a-course.html](http://www.childsafetyolutions.ca/find-a-course.html)

Any questions, email

[childsafetysolutionscanada@gmail.com](mailto:childsafetysolutionscanada@gmail.com) OR call 289-859-6314

Register ONLINE today, as spaces will be limited!

## Cross Country

Earlier this month, our Cross-Country running team competed in the Area race that was held at Milne Park. It was wonderful to see over sixty-five of our students dedicated to practicing regularly throughout the week with the goal of trying to improve their overall health. We are proud to announce that our runners from all grades were challenged in every race and individually pushed themselves further than in any other year. Mrs. Woods, Mr. Nobes, Mr. McWilliams and Mr. Sennema were thrilled when four of our athletes moved onto to the Regional race in mid October. It was a great way to start off the school year and we are all looking forward to building on from this success.



## Spot Light on Student Voice

### Risk Taking





By Pritika Thevakananthan, Grade 8

Risk-taking, or in other words, stepping out of your comfort zone can be overwhelming. This includes taking risks at school. Everyone at one time or another has had to take a risk. Whether it's presenting in front of a large class or joining new clubs like the volleyball team, it can feel and be risky. Instead of writing MY experiences of risk-taking, I am encouraging YOU to take some! If you are a follower, I DARE YOU to become the leader. Taking a risk to be leader will help build your confidence. If you are a person who is too afraid to join a club, I DARE YOU to join one. Joining something new can be a risk but just think about how it can build your character, taking on a new initiative and experience and basically taking a risk of creating a better you!



Now I DARE YOU, TAKE A RISK!



# November 2015

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
2	3 <i>School Council Meeting 6:30 pm</i>	4 <i>Pizza Day</i> 	5	6
9 <b>Photo Retake Day</b>	10 <i>Sushi Day</i>	11 <i>Remembrance Day Pizza Day</i> 	12 <b>Bus Safety</b>	13 <b>Bus Safety</b>
16	17 <i>Sushi Day</i>	18 <i>Pizza Day</i> 	19	20
23	24 <i>Sushi Day</i>	25 <i>Pizza Day</i> 	26 <b>School Council Tea at 8 am in the Library</b>	27 <i>P.A. Day (No School)</i>
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## Looking ahead to December

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
	1 <i>Sushi Day School Council Meeting 6:30 pm</i>	2 <i>Pizza Day</i> 	3	4
7	8 <i>Sushi Day</i>	9 <i>Pizza Day</i> 	10	11



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