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News from the Office

September has been quite a busy month at Mount Joy for both the students and staff. With start up procedures and routines now in place and students feeling settled in their classrooms, many activities have started up with the help of School Council, staff and countless volunteers. Mount Joy's pizza program is now underway, as well as cross-country, volleyball, technology teams and much more. Be sure to check out all that Mount Joy has to offer on our upcoming Curriculum Night. There will be informational posters detailing the various activities, projected dates and age groups available for students. This is a great opportunity for you and your child to find out about the range of activities that they can take part in at school.

Safety continues to be a priority for us here at Mount Joy. As our enrollment continues to grow, we are continually striving to ensure that our school premises are safe for all our students, staff and community members. Staff has been strategically assigned to supervise areas both inside and outside of the school during entry and exit times, as well as during recess and lunch. Our parking lot continues to be a challenge as vehicles are being left unattended in 'No Parking' zones. We respectfully ask that families dropping and/or picking up children are mindful of these areas and refrain from parking in the 'kiss and ride' and illegal spots in and around the school. Parking enforcement officers will be notified if this continues to pose a safety problem for our students, staff and school families. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Please Join Us For **Curriculum Night**

Thursday, October 2nd

5:30 – 7:30 pm

Pre-ordered food will be available for pick up on the tarmac behind the school from 5:30 to 6:15 pm.

Classroom visits will take place from 6:30 to 7:30 pm whereby students can introduce their family to their teacher and share their classroom routines, expectations and work that they have been engaging in.

We look forward to seeing you all there!

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 Chair: Mr. Kevin Martin

**We are proud to introduce the Mount Joy staff
for the 2014 - 2015 school year:**

FDK	Meghan Gennings	SSC-Prim.	Olivia Lukas
	Elena Panina	SSC-Junior	Leanne Yorke
FDK	Jaclyn Gillies Maerz	ASD	Brooke Leon
	Kitty Li		Jennette Prentice
FDK	Tami MacIsaac		Jaycee Edgar
	Michelle O'Kopniak	MID	Rob Morris
FDK	Christina Larouche		Nancy Brown
	Dawn Vardy		Paul Sandermo
FDK	Natalie Sepe	Literacy	Katie Coats
	Rita Cirignano	Reading	Anna Kujaristi
FDK	Rebecca Agnew	ELL	Ronnie McWilliams
	Najwa Sultana	Library	Heather Horsley
EA	Melissa Szarek	Library	Barb Gorman
Gr. 1	Cindy Malden	Music	Mary Lue Coote
Gr. 1	Tracy Yang	Prep	Melissa Campbell Brock
Gr. 1	Taheeza Surani	French	Rita Judd
Gr. 1	Lisa Liu	French	Morenike Marcus-Jones
Gr. 2	Elena Shen	Art	Jeanine Trabucco
Gr. 2	Justin Hui	EA	Karen McCulloch
Gr. 2	Manreet Rai	EA	Tina Peever
Gr. 2	Donna Pereira-McKenzie		
Gr. 3	Barb Schmidt	Caretakers:	
Gr. 3	Rob Graham	Lead	Shane Pegg
Gr. 3	Kathy Newman		Nick Kotsopoulos
Gr. 3/4	Sarah Baker		Rohan Robinson
Gr. 4	Ambrose Liu		Roger Pinette
Gr. 4/5	Allen Nobes		
Gr. 5	Lillian Harding	Office:	
Gr. 5	Alex Henderson	EOAA	Alison Meechan
Gr. 6	Jen Petropoulos	Secretary	Nuria Costa
Gr. 6	Denise Walsh	Vice Prin.	Christina Di Stefano
Gr. 7	Roelof Sennema	Principal	Ken Pettigrew
Gr. 7	Ruth Woods		
Gr. 7/8	Lorne Berger		
Gr. 8	Lisa Braiantsis		



Literacy News

Welcome back! There is excitement in the air as you walk through the halls at Mount Joy! We are all looking forward to yet another engaging and successful year!

Our classroom communities have been spending time developing routines and expectations of respect and cooperation that will allow for a fun and safe learning environment for everyone. One important way in which teachers are getting their students to actively participate in classroom learning is through talk. Teachers are asking students to share, collaborate, build on ideas, and form opinions in their classroom discussions. Oral communication involves taking risks and sharing thoughts, listening and thinking.

You can help support our learning here at Mount Joy by encouraging opportunities for talk at home. The following are some questions to get you talking with your child about their day at school:

What was the best thing that happened at school today? (or worst?)

How did you help someone today?

How did someone help you today?

Who would you like to play with at school that you've never played with before?

Who in your class do you think you could be nicer to? (how?)

If you got to be the teacher tomorrow, what would you do?

Tell me something that made you laugh today.



Math Partnerships

Incorporating “fermi” or **open-ended** questions is a great way to introduce working in math partnerships. The following are examples of questions you can ask to encourage your child to share their thinking:

Primary Example: The answer is 10. What could the question be?

Student responses may include: $5+5$, $9+1$, 2×5 ,

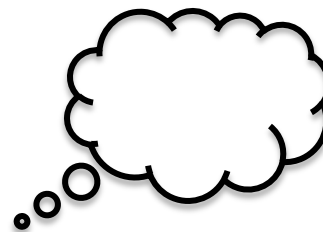
How many fingers do we have?

You can draw a picture or share 10 items with the question “How many items are there?”

Junior/Intermediate Example: An expression involving the variable t has the value 10 when $t=4$. What could the expression be?

Student responses may include: $t + 6$, $2t + 2$, $14 - t$, $10t/4$

Fermi questions ensure that almost all students will have an entry point, as well as promote discussions between partners on the various strategies that are likely to arise.



The Scholastic Book Fair is coming to our school September 29th – October 3rd



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 vital literary event is a key part in 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. Before the fair you will receive a Book Fair flyer that provides a preview of only a FEW of the many books available to purchase at our Fair. Scan the QR code on the front of the flyer with QR reader on your device to get more detailed information about these books.

The flyer also contains a special Family Event Draw ballot that parents can deposit during our Family Event. You could win \$50 in books - \$25 for your family PLUS \$25 for your child's classroom!

Don't forget to mark the **Book Fair dates (September 29th – October 3rd)** on your calendar! We look forward to seeing you during our Scholastic Book Fair and thank you, in advance, for supporting this great literary event. Thank you for believing in books and the impact of reading on your child's future.



ELL INFO

For students who are new to Canada and are learning English, it is important to continue to read in their native language. Families can help their children or friends with their reading by using dual language books. Mount Joy has over a hundred dual language books in our library in eleven different languages. If anyone would like information about learning English, please feel free to contact Mr. McWilliams and Mrs. Horsley.

Cross Country

On September 30th, our Mount Joy runners from Grade 4-8 will be competing in the annual Cross Country race at Milliken Park. Our runners have been practicing hard and have been working on building their endurance. Our coaches, Mr. McWilliams, Mrs. Woods and Mr. Nobes are so proud of our students for taking a risk and joining our running team. Keep challenging yourselves and keep running!



Spot Light on Student Voice


Risk Taking

By: Mohamed Aly, Grade 8

Life is full of risks. If you don't take them then 'would be' opportunities pass. Trying out for the volleyball team was a risk too, because you try out for yourself but you play for your school. Taking risks may not always be easy or comfortable because you may not be successful. I feel proud to represent Mount Joy and hope to achieve the best I can for my school. I took a risk and tried out and that risk put me in the position that I am in now; as a member of the Intermediate Boys Volleyball team, which is how life works. Always remember, "A ship is always safe at shore but that is not what it is built for." (Albert Einstein) So go out there and show the world what you're capable of. You might surprise yourself!



October 2014

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
		1 <i>Pizza Day</i>	2 <i>Curriculum Night</i> 6:30 – 7:30	3
6 School Photos	7 <i>Sub Day</i> <i>School Council Meeting</i> 6:30 pm	8 <i>Pizza Day</i> 	9	10
13 <i>Thanksgiving Day</i> (No School)	14 <i>Sub Day</i>	15 <i>Pizza Day</i>	16	17
20	21 <i>Sub Day</i>	22 <i>Pizza Day</i>	23	24
27 PA DAY	28 <i>Sub Day</i>	29 <i>Pizza Day</i>	30	31 Halloween Dance-A-Thon

Looking ahead to November

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
3	4 <i>Sub Day</i> <i>School Council Meeting</i> 6:30 pm	5 <i>Pizza Day</i>	6	7
10	11 <i>Sub Day</i>	12 <i>Pizza Day</i>	13 Picture Retakes <i>Student Led Conferences</i> <i>in the evening</i>	14 PA DAY <i>Student Led Conferences</i> 8:15 - 11:15 am



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