

The Mount Joy Messenger May 2019



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From the Principal's Desk

It's hard to believe that spring is here and hopefully warmer weather is just around the corner! Along with spring comes rain and unfortunately this creates many "pavement only" recesses while we allow the grass and field areas 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 our Just Spring It Arts Night, our Book Fair is running this week until May 3, the Jump Rope for Heart campaign is the week of May 6 -10, and welcoming our new Junior Kindergarten students to Mount Joy at Welcome to Kindergarten Night. It is certainly proving to be a very busy and exciting month ahead!

Happy Spring!

Leeanne Hughes-Fernandes & Lily Leung

May at a Glance

May 1 - Grade 7's (Hep B, HPV & Menactra Vaccinations - Boys & Girls)

May 2 - Just Spring It Concert Gr. 5-8 (Music, Drama, Dance, Visual Arts) 6:30-7:30pm

May 8 — Firefighters Visit - Grade 4s

May 14 — SODA Track & Field Meet (Rain Date May 15th); Welcome to Kindergarten (Parents Only Session) 6:30 - 7:15pm

May 20 — Victoria Day - No Classes

May 22-24 — Grade 6 EQAO

May 23 — Welcome to Kindergarten (Families Session) 6:15pm -7:15pm

May 27-29 — Grade 3 EQAO

May 28 — Intermediate Band at Wonderland

May 31 — Spirit Assembly 10:30 am

Kindergarten Registration Continues at Mount Joy

Kindergarten registration commenced 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.

Welcome to Kindergarten Spring Sessions at Mount Joy Public School

We will be hosting **two** WTK information sessions this year.

Session 1 will take place on **Tuesday May 14, 2019 from 6:30pm – 7:15pm** in our school Library. ***This session is for Parents and Guardians ONLY*** and will be full of information about the Kindergarten Program. There will be no tours on this evening.

Session 2 will take place on **Thursday May 23, 2019 from 6:15 – 7:15pm**. ***This session is for Parents/Guardians and the JK/new SK child***. Families will have a chance to visit the Kindergarten classrooms and speak with our teachers and DECEs. School staff and community partners will share fun activities that you can do at home with your child. You will receive a Welcome to Kindergarten bag when you come to our WTK Family Night.



Education Quality and Accountability Office



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 22—May 24th**, and our **grade 3s** will be completing the test from **May 27th—May 29th**.

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.



The York Region District School Board's **Summer Institute** offers academic, recreational and athletic programs and activities with intentional links to the Ontario Curriculum for children and youth entering Senior Kindergarten to Grade 8.

Weekly Sessions

July 2, 2019 to August 9 2019

Week A - July 2 to July 5 (4-day week)

Week B - July 8 to 12

Week C - July 15 to 19

Week D - July 22 to 26

Week E - July 29 to August 2

Week F - August 6 to 9 (4-day week)

Weekly Fees

York Region District School Board fees \$110 (4-day week), \$125 (5-day week)

Non-York Region District School Board fees \$135 (4-day week), \$160 (5-day week)

Before and after care is offered by the YMCA for an additional cost.

Cancellation Policy

Before June 1, 2019 will be fully refunded less a \$25.00 per week, per child, administration surcharge. After June 1, 2019, the full registration fee is non-refundable.

For more information on dates, programs and locations, please visit the Summer Institute page on www.yrdsb.ca.

Families can now register online, as well as in person or by mail.

KIDS KITCHEN

May is around the corner and with that another month of new specials!

May Specials

- **BBQ Chicken with corn niblets**
- **Turkey veggie cheese wrap**
- **Grilled veggie, black bean cheese wrap**

We appreciate your assistance in helping us reach your school community with our updates.

Please help us spread the word & stay GREEN!

We kindly request you to send out the February Update attachment via email to your parent community.

Staff can order too!

Remember that our meals are available for the school staff too! Please also share our updates with your staff. Have a hot, healthy lunch delivered to you on the days we service your school!

For everyday inquiries about the Kid's Kitchen program at your school, please feel free to contact our Customer Service Team at: 905-944-0210 or information@kidskitchen.ca .

We're here to help!

Sincerely,

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