



The Mount Joy Messenger

December 2017

Principal—Leeanne Hughes-Fernandes

Vice Principal—Lily Leung

Superintendent—Dan Wu

Trustee—Allan Tam



December at a glance

1— Spirit Assembly

4—Grade 6 VIP

5—School Council at 6:30pm

11—Grade 6 VIP

14—Grade 3 Heritage School House Trip (Newman/Baker)

18—Grade 6 VIP

19—Grade 3 Heritage School House Trip (Tsang/Baker)

22 - Last day of school before Winter Break

Dec 25, 2017 —Jan 5, 2018— Winter Break

Jan 8, 2018—Back to school!

From the Principal's Desk

In a few weeks we will be off on our Winter Break! Teachers 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!

Finally, as 2017 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 2018!

Leeanne Hughes-Fernandes & Lily Leung



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. If you would like a list of nut free snack and lunch ideas please visit:



<http://snacksafely.com/>



REMEMBRANCE DAY AT MOUNT JOY

On November 10, our school community remembered our soldiers and peace keepers who have sacrificed their lives and families to serve our country and countries all over the world. Donations of were made to the Canadian Legion. Lest we forget.



MOUNT JOY GOES GREEN

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

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

Our website aims to be more environmentally friendly by reducing the amount of communication sent home on paper.



Kindergarten Registration to Commence January 19, 2018

Kindergarten registration will commence on January 19, 2018 for the 2018-19 school year. Registration forms are available on YRDSB's website: www.yrdsb.ca. Children who turn four or five years old during 2018, 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 the school.

REMINDERS

Please label your child (ren)'s lunch container and any clothing they may take off during the course of the day. This way, you will be sure to get it back at the end of the day!



French Immersion Information Sessions and Registrations

Information sessions for the French Immersion (FI) program will take place at French Immersion schools on January 18, 2018 at 7 p.m. Please visit YRDSB's website in January 2018 (<http://www.yrdsb.ca/Programs/fi/Pages/Program-Locations.aspx>) to find the FI program location for your elementary school location. FI registration will begin January 19, 2018. Parents or guardians of Senior Kindergarten students entering Grade 1 in 2018, and wishing to enrol in the FI Program, can visit or call the school office and request an *Office Index Card - short version*. The 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 19 and February 9, 2018. This eliminates the need to provide duplicate enrollment information or to pre-register.

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 understanding.



On Monday November 27th, the Mount Joy Intermediate Girls Volleyball team headed to Cornell for the Area Tournament. After winning all three games in the Round Robin portion and finishing in 1st place in their pool, they had a bye to Semi-Finals. There, they took on a Reesor Park team and won both sets 25-10 and 25-15 to make it to the finals. Awaiting them in the finals was a tough E.T. Crowle team. Led by amazing energy and enthusiasm the Mustang Girls won the first set 25-8 and the second set 25-9 meaning that Mount Joy was the East CHAMPIONS. Congratulations to Lucy, Charlene, Dillani, Jasmine, Anna, Prethika, Gabby, Aparnaa, Thejesvy, Coey, Tobi and Arianna on becoming the FIRST Intermediate Girls Volleyball Area Champions. The Mustang Girls now head to Armadale on Thursday to compete at Regionals. Mr. Berger and Mrs. Perruccio couldn't be more proud of these amazing young ladies.



Handwashing

Children share many items throughout the school day and at home including books, puzzles, computers, water bottles and sports equipment. Sharing can spread germs that can cause sickness, especially during cold and flu season. Correct hand-



washing is the best way to prevent the spread of infection.

To help keep the people in your home healthy, follow these simple steps:

- Encourage children to sneeze into the bend of their arm rather than into their hands.
- Make time for handwashing, especially before eating, after using the bathroom, blowing your nose, sneezing, handling garbage, touching animals, playing outdoors or visiting someone who is sick
- Wash your hands whenever they look or feel dirty

**TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE
THE HEALTHY CHOICE THE
EASY ONE!**

For more information about preventing infections and proper handwashing, visit york.ca/preventinginfections

This material is provided by York Region Public Health.

Message From Our Trustee

In November, about 1,000 students, staff members and community partners came together from across the Board to form a [Ring of Peace](#) and stand together against hate, discrimination and intolerance. The student speakers at the event shared meaningful messages about the importance of feeling welcome, valued and respected.

At York Region District School Board, we are committed to listening to the voices of our students and communities. We will continue working with our school communities to ensure our schools provide safe, welcoming and inclusive environments for everyone.

Last month, our annual [Quest conference](#) brought together educators from across Ontario, Canada and around the world to share, learn and discuss how to foster well-being in schools. Some of the themes covered included equity and inclusivity, and safe and caring environments.

It was a wonderful opportunity to learn more about some of the positive things happening in our own schools and other districts. In recent months, we have had several international visitors come to our system and schools to learn more about the work in our system to support student achievement and well-being, including Qatar, the Netherlands, Texas and the United Kingdom.

We are pleased to have these opportunities to continue highlighting and sharing the great things happening in our schools thanks to our outstanding students, staff members, families and community partners. Your engagement makes a difference in our schools and I encourage you to continue getting involved in the life of your child's school.

As we enter the holiday season, I am once again impressed by the generosity of our school communities and our students' commitment to helping others.

Best wishes to everyone for a safe and happy holiday season and a wonderful start to 2018. ~ Allen Tam

华人家长互助及交流小组(PEN)

讲座将由约克区教育局老师主讲(语言:普通话及广东话)。

请选择以下组别其中一个:

小学 - 「如何通过了解您孩子的成绩单来支持您孩子的学习」(请带同孩子最新的学校成绩单出席)

中学 - 「如何帮助您的孩子计划毕业后的出路和申请大学或大专」(请带同孩子的学分计算单出席)

特殊教育小班课程(小学及中学) - 「如何通过了解您孩子的个人教育计划(IEP)来支持您孩子的学习」(请带同孩子的 IEP 出席)

日期及时间: 12月7日(星期四)晚上6时半至8时半

地点: Unionville 中学 (201 Town Centre Blvd)

由于名额有限,有意参加者请尽早报名: [网上报名](#)

电话报名(请指明您参加的组别):王姑娘(安居辅导员)416-662-5416

电邮报名(请指明您参加的组别):吴老师 cathy.ng@yrdsb.ca or 邓老师 joanne.tang@yrdsb.ca

Parent Engagement and Network (PEN) for Chinese Families

The workshops will be presented by educators from the York Region District School Board (Language: Mandarin and Cantonese).

Please choose one of the following sessions:

Elementary: How To Use Your Child's Most Recent Report Card to Support Learning (Please bring your child's latest Report Card)

Secondary: How To Support Your Child's Post-Secondary Planning and Application Process (Please bring your child's Credit Counselling Summary)

Community Classes (Elementary and Secondary): How To Use Your Child's IEP to Reinforce Learning at Home (Please bring your child's latest IEP)

Date & Time: Thursday December 7th, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Location: Unionville High School (201 Town Centre Blvd., Markham)

Space is limited. Please RSVP: [Online Registration](#)

Phone registration (please indicate the session you are attending): Jean Wang 416-662-5416

Email registration: Cathy Ng cathy.ng@yrdsb.ca or Joanne Tang joanne.tang@yrdsb.ca



December 2017

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1 (Day 5) Spirit Assembly—Block 3	2
3	4 (Day 1)	5 (Day 2) Sushi lunch School Council Mtg 6:30pm	6 (Day 3) Pizza lunch	7 (Day 4) Subway lunch	8 (Day 5)	9
10	11 (Day 1)	12 (Day 2) Sushi lunch	13 (Day 3) Pizza lunch	14 (Day 4) Subway lunch Gr 3 Newman/ Baker Heritage School House trip	15 (Day 5)	16
17	18 (Day 1)	19 (Day 2) Sushi lunch Gr 3 Tsang/ Baker Heritage School House trip	20 (Day 3) Pizza lunch	21 (Day 4) Subway lunch Spirit Assembly	22 (Day 5)	23
24	25 Winter Holidays	26 Winter Holidays	27 Winter Holidays	28 Winter Holidays	29 Winter Holidays	30 

THE 2017 WINTER HOLIDAY SPECIAL

Celebrate the season with our annual festive holiday lunch!

**Roasted Chicken Leg, Steamed Veggies,
Mashed potatoes with Gravy &
a mini Chocolate Peppermint Cupcake**

Gluten-friendly option is available online.

Available on the days we service your school for the month of December.



DECEMBER SPECIALS

For the month of December your child can enjoy:

1. Beef soft taco

Ground beef, taco seasoning, salsa, lettuce & cheese wrapped in a tender whole wheat tortilla.

2. Bean soft taco

Black beans, taco seasoning, salsa, lettuce & cheese wrapped in a tender whole wheat tortilla.



These items are available as a combo or entrée only. Visit us on-line to see our full menu.

These specials are available only **until December 22nd**. Place your orders today!

Ordering is easy!

Login to place your orders at www.kidskitchen.ca

Orders are accepted until 10am the previous business day (on Friday for Monday orders). A valid credit card is required.

We're here to help!

Live customer service: 8am – 3pm Monday to Friday.

Holiday hours:

Please note that the office will be closed for the Winter Break December 23, 2017 - January 7, 2018 inclusive. We will re-open on Monday, January 8th.

Spend more quality time with your kids. Leave the lunches to us!

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