



Drayton Heights Public School

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Principal's Message

May is bringing us some wonderful warm weather, with an optimistic view on spring and summer events to come. It is great to see our youngsters out on their bicycles again, noting that this will be a good time to review routines for safe cycling, and ensuring that students wear a helmet when riding. I would also ask that they be sure to follow all safe riding routines, and to lock their bicycles in the racks provided at school.

*Many thanks to all who have helped to reduce the flow of pedestrian traffic through our parking lot at the start and end of each day. **Our safety goal is to have zero pedestrian traffic in our parking lot. This is a critical routine, to ensure the safety of everyone at our school.***

Contained within this newsletter are many community notices that may be of interest to you in the coming weeks and months. Please take the time to go through these so that you don't miss out on some local opportunities.

*Jeff Crawford,
Principal*

Important Dates:

May 5-6	Grade 5 Environmental Field Trip
May 10	Green Legacy Trip (grade 7)
May 10	Guest Speaker Chris D'Souza to Drayton Heights PS (afternoon)
May 12	Gr 6-8 to Norwell DSS, for Theatre Performance of "The Hills are Alive"
May 13	Western/Farmer Theme Day
May 18	Special Olympics
May 18	Mapleton SafeKids Day (Gr 1 & 4)
May 19	School Council Fundraiser Pick up (afternoon in school gym)
May 19-25	Bags-2-School Donation Drop-Off
May 20	Jump Rope for Heart
May 23	Victoria Day / School Holiday
May 24-25	JUMP Field Trip (Gr 6)
May 26	DHPS Track and Field (27 th Rain Date)
May 26	School Council Meeting (7pm)
May 30	New JK Visit/Orientation (11:15-1:00)
May 25-June 8	EQAO Assessment Window
June 3	PA Day / No School
June 8	Green Legacy Trip (gr 3&4)
June 9	Green Legacy Trip (gr 5&6) Intermediate Track and Field
June 10	Grade 7 Trip to Niagara Falls Hat & Gum Theme Day
June 9,16,23	Swim to Survive (Gr 3)
June 13, 14	Grade 8 Toronto Trip
June 21	Junior Track and Field
June 28	Grade 8 Graduation
June 28	Report Cards Home
June 29	Last Day of School / Awards Assembly (9:30am)

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Safe Arrival Routines

Each school day, one of the first priorities of our Office is to ensure the safe arrival of our children. If you know that your child is going to be late or absent, please call the office (extension 100) and leave a phone message so that we know that your child is safe.

If there is to be a change to your child's schedule through the day (eg. Early pickup, change to lunch routine, etc.), please send a signed note with your child to be forwarded to the office. Whenever possible, we ask that these arrangements be made before school so that calls are not being made to the office throughout the day to change these plans. We wish to reserve mid-day calls for urgent matters, rather than for arranging student social events.

The start and end of each school day are very busy times for everyone, and the school yard at these times is full of activity. **To ensure the safety of your children, I ask that parents and students NOT use the parking lot to access the back of the school yard.** There are times when it is very difficult for drivers to see pedestrians, and particularly small children, passing through our parking lot. Though less convenient, it is much safer for students and parents to use the walkway in front of the school, adjacent to our bus lanes, to access the school tarmac near the climbers.

Feedback Welcome On Draft Policies

The Upper Grand District School Board is welcoming public input on draft policies. Currently open for consultation are draft policies and procedures for school accommodation and boundaries, community partnerships, smoke-free environment and asthma friendly schools, with input due by May 11, 2016. There is also a new draft policy and procedures for the handling of public concerns, with an input deadline of May 30, 2016. Please review the draft documents and submit online feedback at www.ugdsb.on.ca/policy.

Looking Ahead to 2016-2017

Because the staffing process for 2016-2017 has not yet been completed, teacher assignments are not available at this time. However, as part of our regular planning process, we will begin to create tentative classes in June. All teachers are involved in helping to determine the best learning environment for each child. **Should you have any ideas, considerations or requests for your child's Learning Placement in this regard, we ask that you please put these in writing and forward them to the attention of Mr. Crawford before June 1, 2016.**

School Council Corner

Our next School Council meeting will take place on Thursday May 26th, 7:00 to 8:30 pm in our school library. All parents are welcome.

Our Bags2School fundraiser is starting soon. Please start saving your old clothes (all sizes), soft toys, shoes, purses and belts! We will run a spring collection in May, with drop off from May 19-25 in the foyer beside the school office.

The Spring Fundraiser, which consisted of MacMillans, Elmira Poultry and Harriston Meats, is being delivered on Thursday May 19th. You must pick up your order(s) between 3:30PM – 6:00PM. It is of utmost importance that your order is picked up during these times, as the school does not have freezer space to store any orders.

Many thanks for your support this past year with our fundraising efforts, as we have been able to support many student events, activities, and resources (class trips, Scientists-in-the-Schools, portable classroom technology, Sledge-Hockey, home-reading books, EmpoWERment DAY).

Thank you.

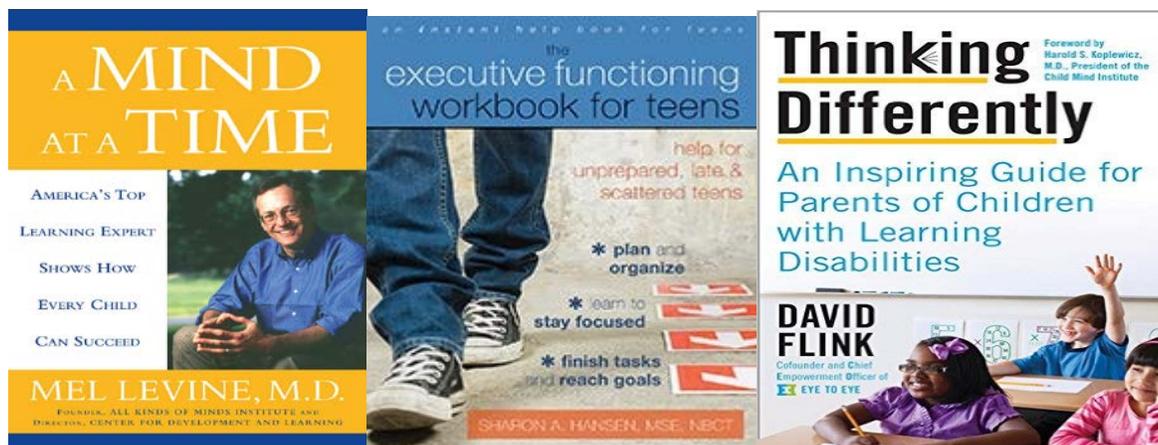




Climber Reminders

Our school climbers are officially opened for the summer and fall seasons. The climbers are not opened in the mornings at entry time before the school day, as they often have moisture on them at this time and are slippery. Primary and Junior students are supervised to play on these structures during our nutrition break recesses. After school dismissal, the climbers are not supervised by staff, so students who are to be going home (walkers and bus students) are not to be on the climbers at this time. Thank you for your understanding and support of these routines.

Does your child have an LD, ADD/ADHD or both? Here are some great resources to help you:



1. Work with your child to understand how they think and learn
2. Develop some strategies with your child to help them advocate for what they need to learn (technology, accommodations to the environment or learning tasks)

Other great online resources include:

1. The Learning Disabilities Association of Ontario, which has lots of good information on LD and ADD/ADHD issues, including topics about how to understand the IPRC and IEP, how to advocate for your child and topics related to specific LDs.
<http://www.ldao.ca/introduction-to-ldsadhd/what-are-lds/>
2. The Learning Disabilities Association of Wellington County connects to the Ontario chapter, but provides links and information about workshops and activities that are being held in Wellington.
<http://www.ldawc.ca/>
3. Our school board has also worked hard to address the needs of LD and ADD/ADHD students by providing SEA equipment, Google Read and Write training and targeted reading programs to help LD students access the curriculum and develop key academic skills.

Connect with your child's teacher to discuss all the supports that are available to your child!





Online Payments

Our school has gone to Online banking to pay for almost all items and events happening at Drayton Heights Public School. The information below is being provided to you so you may register to pay online, as this is now the preferred method of payment. Should you have any questions, please call the school office and speak to Mrs. Turton.

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Safe. Fast. Convenient.

Welcome to School Cash Online

What is School Cash Online?

School Cash Online is an online parent portal that offers a safe, fast and convenient way to pay for school activity fees. The portal is customized to meet your school's needs and allows parents to add students, make payments, check current balance/account history and print or view receipts.



Is it safe to use?

Our top priority is to keep your personal information safe. School Cash Online is PCI compliant, CSAE 3416 certified, HTTP Secure and adheres to the highest industry standards of security.

School Cash Online does not share your personal information with any third party. School Cash Online will never contact you to divulge confidential information via phone, email or mail.

What Payment Methods are Available?



Credit Card

Visa and Mastercard from all major Canadian financial institutions are accepted.



eCheque

Anyone with a chequing or savings account can pay by eCheque. To transfer funds with an eCheque, simply enter your account number on the payment screen and click submit.



myWallet

Load your myWallet similar to an online gift card up to a maximum of \$500. The balance can then be drawn on for future purchases.

How to load myWallet?

- 1 – When signed into School Cash Online, click on the myWallet tab at the top right corner of the screen
- 2 – Click Add Funds to myWallet
- 3 – Enter the amount you would like to load onto your myWallet account and press continue
- 4 – Enter your payment information and click continue

Once your myWallet account has been loaded you can begin making payments by selecting myWallet as your method of payment during the checkout process.



For more information contact Parent Helpdesk at
parenthelpdesk@schoolcashonline.com or 1.866.961.1803





For safety and efficiency reasons, the Upper Grand District School Board would like to reduce the amount of Cash and Cheques coming into our school. We can now join the thousands of parents who have already registered and are enjoying the convenience of paying ONLINE! It takes less than 5 minutes to register. Please follow these step-by-step instructions, so you will begin to receive email notifications regarding upcoming events involving your child(ren).

Step 1: Register

- To register, please go to the School Cash Online home page ugdsb.schoolcashonline.com and select **"Get Started Today"**.
- Complete each of the three Registration Steps
*For Security Reasons, your password requires **8 characters**, **one uppercase** letter, **one lowercase** letter and a **number**.



Step 2: Confirmation Email

A registration confirmation email will be forwarded to you. Click on the link provided inside the email to confirm your email and School Cash Online account. The confirmation link will open the School Cash Online site prompting you to sign into your account. Use your email address and password just created.

Step 3: Find Student

Note: "Student Number" is not the student's OEN. Users should leave this field blank unless instructed otherwise.

This step will connect your children to your account.

- Enter the School Board Name
- Enter the School Name
- Enter Your Child's Name & Birth Date
- Select **Continue**
- On the next page confirm that you are related to the child, check in the Agree box and select **Continue**
- Your child has been added to your account

Find Student

School Information

School Board Name: School Board 1575
Looking for a student in a different school board?

School Name: Eagle High School

Student Information

Do you have the student number? **This is not OEN# Leave it blank!**

Student Number:

First Name:

Last Name:

Birth Date:
Date format: mm/dd/yyyy

Continue

(No students? [Click here](#))

Step 4: View Items or Add Another Student

If you have more children, select **"Add Another Student"** and repeat the steps above. 5 children can be added to one parent account.

If you do not wish to add additional children, select **"View Items For Students"**. A listing of available items for purchase will be displayed.

NOTE: If you require assistance, click the **SUPPORT** link in the top right hand corner of the screen.





**MAPLETON PRESCHOOL INFORMATION & REGISTRATION
NIGHT for 2016/2017 SCHOOL YEAR**



**TUES. MAY 24TH &
WED. MAY 25TH 2016
7:00-8:30 PM**



**Community Christian School
35 High St. Drayton, ON
For more information contact:
Betty Douglas @ 519-638-3299**

Moorefield Registration

for Palmerston Pool Programs

**SIGN UP FOR FREE TRANSPORTATION TO AND FROM
SWIMMING LESSONS FROM JULY 18-22 AT THE PALMERSTON POOL!**

**Wednesday June 1, 2016
Moorefield Optimist Hall
6:30pm - 7:30pm**

The Moorefield Optimist Club is sponsoring free transportation for swim lessons at the Palmerston Pool. The bus will pick up participants in and around Moorefield.

JULY 18-22 - PALMERSTON POOL

10:00am to 11:00am
\$65 per person

For More Info:

matt@town.minto.on.ca 519-338-2511 ext. 240

