



# J.D. Hogarth Public School

## Newsletter - October 2016



### Principal's Message:

The first month has already passed and we are now in full swing at JD Hogarth. The students are working hard and it certainly is a nice feeling as we travel through the classrooms to observe the students engaged in their learning activities. The staff have been extremely committed to their work, planning and preparing collaboratively to provide your children with the best possible experiences at school.

The JD Hogarth staff would like to extend a thank you to all our families who attended our "Meet the JD Staff" night on September 29<sup>th</sup>. A special thank you goes out to our school council members for the delicious treats and welcoming display. As well, our school council organized the Food Trucks to allow families time to eat and interact with other JD families and the staff. Clear, ongoing parent communication continues to be a school goal for our staff. Please communicate regularly with your child's teacher regarding your child's progress. We would like all of our students to benefit from this form of consistent communication.

Our first assembly of the year was held on the first day of school. Although time was spent reviewing our school rules and routines, the staff participated in a math activity to determine each class' colour and character trait for this school year. This year's class colours/character education traits are as follows:

Character Trait	Blue	Green
Respect	Gutzman, Zarrabi Yan, Hoad-Reddick	Thompson, Detta
Responsibility	Matheson, Smylie, Coburn,	Anderson, Taylor
Compassion	Pagnan/Abra, Marson	Lindsay, Zamora, Cerson/ Dunville
Fairness	Crawford, Witzke/Emmons	Derma, Mason/Leach, Newton
Honesty	Munro, Walker/Dunk	Winch, Ladner, Gordon

Mrs. Preston has led many of us through our first character education activity. The results of this activity are displayed on the bulletin board in the front entrance. When you visit the school take a look at the front bulletin board as well as our TV monitor which displays current information about Hogarth Happenings. Keep up the great work Hawks!

*We would like to wish all our families a fun-filled Thanksgiving!*

Ms. Barrow and Ms. Garrett



### P.D. Day:

Friday, October 28<sup>th</sup> is a P.D. Day for staff. There is no school for students!

### Playground Safety:

Playgrounds are a fun place. Daily physical activity is important for all our students. Although our playgrounds are supervised, accidents can happen. We want to minimize risk of injury by requesting that you take some time to discuss, with your child, the need to play safe. We have areas where students can climb and swing.

#### Playground safety:

- zip up your jacket when playing on equipment
- remove drawstrings on jackets and hoods
- avoid pushing, hitting or rough play
- leave the stones on the ground
- take turns
- respect others
- dress appropriately for the weather
- share the equipment
- include others



### Reminder:

In the morning before school our play structures are closed to students. Supervision begins at 8:40 a.m. To assist with student safety, we ask that students time their arrival to school for between 8:40 - 8:50 a.m. Thank you for helping to keep everyone safe.

### School Security:

We would like to remind all parents to enter the building using the front door and to always check in at the office. Children entering and leaving the school during the school day must do so at the office. We thank you for your cooperation as we are continuing to work towards keeping all children safe at JD Hogarth.



### Picture Day:

Student photos will be taken on Thursday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>. Watch for more information to come home closer to this date.

### Emergency Evacuation Procedures:

It is important for staff and students to practice emergency procedures, so that everyone is able to respond appropriately during a real event if it were to occur. During the year, all schools participate in 6 Fire Drills, 2 Lock Down Drills, and 1 Severe Weather Drill.

Our emergency evacuation location is the Centre Wellington Community Sportsplex.



## **B.Y.O.D - Bring Your Own Device:**

The Upper Grand DSB welcomes and supports the responsible use of personal technology in classrooms. We recognize the increasingly important role technology plays in the daily lives of our staff and students. By providing access to reliable Wifi in classrooms, we support teachers and students to realize the potential of digital devices to transform instructional practice and engage in learning. **The use of technology in classrooms is always at the discretion of the teacher and administration.**



## **Library To Learning Commons Tools for Success:**

Last year the Library began its transformation into a Library Learning Commons; a dynamic and fluid space that provides a multitude of opportunities for all learners. While the Learning Commons (LC) continues to maintain a current print collection with the latest and greatest reads, it is quickly on its way to providing a more comfortable and inviting space that includes a wider range of tools for the 21st century learner. When visiting the LC students are invited to relax with a good book in our new comfortable seating, connect to the web for some inquiry-based learning or hop on a Chromebook or Ipad for some numeracy and literacy skill development using a variety of web-based programs such as UGCloud, UG2GO, Reading A-Z, TumbleBooks or DreamBox. As learning evolves, so too does our space and we are very excited about the changes taking place! Mrs. Preston.



## **First Nation, Métis, Inuit Self-identification:**

If your child is a member of a First Nation, the Métis or the Inuit, then please consider having him or her self-identify.

Self-identification helps in several ways:

1. Students will have access to more culturally relevant programming and opportunities for unique cultural and academic experiences.
2. The school system will have an opportunity to focus efforts and resources, as well as an increased awareness of the diverse needs of indigenous families.
3. The school community will have an opportunity for building relationships to increase student success and well being.

Share your pride in your heritage!

Please come to the office (or have your child do so) to get a card that can be filled in and submitted if you wish to self-identify.

*Data will be protected and governed by the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.*

### **Asthma Friendly Schools Policy:**

Asthma is a very common chronic lung disease that can make it hard to breathe. The Upper Grand District School Board adopted a new policy in June 2016 to provide support for students with Asthma.



If your child has asthma, the policy requires an Asthma Management Plan (AMP) to be completed by parents, a child's doctor and the principal of the school. A copy of this plan is available on the Board's website under Policy 516. Parents are requested to complete the AMP and return it to the school as soon as possible at the beginning of the school year. Authorization for the collection of this information is in the Education Act. The purpose is to collect and share medical information and to administer proper medical care in the event of an emergency or life-threatening

situation. Users of this information may be principals, teachers, support staff, volunteers, bus operators and drivers. This form will be kept for a minimum period of one calendar year. Contact person concerning this collection is the school principal.

### **Smoke-Free Environment:**

The Upper Grand DSB provides a smoke-free environment for its students, staff and others while on school Board property, in accordance with the Smoke-Free Ontario Act. This policy refers to all forms of tobacco, and any processed form of tobacco that may be smoked, inhaled or chewed, including e-cigarettes.

Smudging is the tradition of using sacred smoke from sacred medicines (e.g., tobacco and sage) that forms part of the indigenous culture and spirituality. Smudging is allowed in schools under the Smoke-Free Ontario Act. Parents will be informed using the school's usual forms of communication when smudging is going to occur in our school. Participation by staff and students is optional in a smudging ceremony.



### **Life-Threatening Allergies:**

We have children in our school with potential life-threatening allergies to various foods and other materials called anaphylaxis. This is a medical condition that causes a severe reaction to food or other materials, and can cause death within minutes. In recent years, anaphylaxis has increased dramatically among students.

Although this may not affect your child's class directly, we are letting you know so that you may refrain from sending foods to the school that contain peanuts and nuts. We aim to create an allergy safe environment at our school.

If your child is in a classroom with an anaphylactic child, or your child has anaphylaxis, you will be contacted by the classroom teacher.

Our school has procedures in place to help manage anaphylactic reactions. If your child has health concerns of any kind, please tell your child's teacher or the office and we will take the necessary health protection steps.

Thank you for your understanding in ensuring an allergy-safe environment for all of our students.

# **FOOD ALLERGIES**



## School Council Corner

On behalf of your School Council, we would like to welcome you to the 2016/17 school year and invite you to join us! School Council believes that a strong school spirit, a sense of community and getting parents out to the school goes a long way in supporting our kids and creating a positive attitude towards learning. Meetings are also a great place to keep in touch with what is going on at the school from our principal, Ms. Barrow, make decisions about how to allocate funds (it's always fun to spend money on our kids!), and bring forth new ideas to improve the school. We have started this year out with the installation of a buddy bench and have plans for Math curriculum supports, as well as continuing to support projects and plans around the school.

We hope that you had a chance to attend the Fall Meet the Teacher Night, and maybe even had a chance to stop by the School Council Table for a chat. If you are interested in attending a meeting, to find out what we are all about, we would be more than happy to see you there. Everyone is welcome to attend, whether to listen, provide feedback or participate. Our next School Council Meeting will be on October 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm in the school library.

Fresh From the Farm is a fundraiser that was implemented last fall, and it has been a great success for the school. Information was sent home in September...but if it is anything like my house it may not have arrived or has been put away ... somewhere. This fundraiser raises money for the school through the purchase of fresh local produce, supporting both the schools and the farms in our community.

The fundraiser runs until Thursday, October 13 with delivery taking place in November (Date TBD). Payment can be made through school cash online which is found at : <https://ugdsb.schoolcashonline.com>

We are offering 2 produce bundles;

'A' sells for \$12.00 and contains of 5 lbs potatoes, 3 lbs of carrots, 3lbs sweet potatoes

'B' sells for \$15 and contains 8 lbs box of 20-25 fancy gala apples (depending on the growing season, usually, Empire variety)

Keeping in touch via Social Media - You can also keep in touch with what is going on around the school by keeping in touch with School Council through our Facebook Group JD Hogarth Community or via this Direct link <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1810548639172149/> and through our Twitter account @JDHogarthSC .

Ongoing fundraisers - Parent Council is running two on-going paperless fundraisers for the school, both of which require you to spend no additional money! First is FundScrip, which is a gift card purchase program that provides a percentage of the face value of every gift card you purchase back to the school. THERE IS NO COST to you the purchaser, nor to the recipient of the Gift Card. You can use this program to fund regular monthly purchases and provide support to your child's school at the same time. There are cards for most National companies, including those you might already be using for groceries, gas and household items. Please visit: [www.fundscrip.com](http://www.fundscrip.com) to get more information about this wonderful fundraising program. When you sign up please use our school code EDM6P2.

If you are frustrated by missing lunch containers, clothing, and school supplies, name labels might just be the solution you are looking for. Elora Label offers a percentage of the purchase price that you pay back to the school, when you designate JD Hogarth as your fundraising choice. Visit <http://www.eloralabel.com/> to pick your package, and don't forget to designate JD Hogarth PS as your fundraiser, that way 20% of each sale will come right back to the school!