



JD Hogarth P.S. December 2016 Newsletter



Principal's Message:

As the winter break approaches, I want to thank our parents for the support that you offer your child(ren) and their teachers each and every day. Our teachers have been communicating to you about what is happening in your child's classroom and what learning expectations are addressed on a monthly basis. I hope that you find each class newsletter/blog informative, a basis for home-school curricular discussion, and a guide for you to support your child's learning process. More recent communication between parents and teachers occurred following the distribution of Progress Reports. I hope you found these scheduled interviews valuable time to celebrate your child's areas of strengths and discuss strategies for how your child can improve. We all know how important it is that we continue to work together as a team to support your child in achieving many successes throughout his/her elementary school experience. The time that you and your child spend discussing and identifying goals for the rest of term one is time well invested in helping them to plan for improvement and success in term one.

We have been experiencing some unpredictable weather and playground conditions; therefore, we ask that parents please make sure that your child(ren) is dressed for outside play. At times, our play space can be muddy and wet; as a result, we encourage students to wear boots and splash pants or snowpants depending on the temperature in order for us to maximize the use of our playground space as our play structures are now closed for the winter months. At JD, we anxiously await the snow. Our students are already planning various types of activities such as building a snowman, a snow sculpture, a fort or throwing snowballs at our targets. Thank you to all parents in advance for helping to ensure that our students have appropriate clothing for the fluctuating temperatures.

Happy Holidays!

Ms. Barrow
Principal

Staff Changes:

We would like to welcome Mr. Coleman back and send a special thank you to Ms. Legault for filling in during his absence.

Mrs. Pagnan will be absent from Dec. 1 to Dec. 23 and Ms. Hartung will be filling in during her absence.

Ms. Garrett is off work for a period of time and Mrs. Preston has been assisting in the office. With this change, Ms. Williams has been in the Library filling in for Mrs. Preston.

Remembrance Day at JD Hogarth PS:

Our primary students along with their teachers organized an amazing, heartfelt Remembrance Day Ceremony on the morning of November 11th. Many students were involved in performing and the performances moved smoothly from presentation to presentation. We are very proud of our talented students and the audience for their respect and thoughtful manner during this ceremony. As well, thank you to Mrs. Dandy for her video participation in this year's ceremony. In addition, thank you to our junior and intermediate students and teachers for their participation at the community service. Our students are commended for their respectful involvement at the Cenotaph.



Random Acts of Kindness:

On November 4th, staff & students kicked off a 'Kindness Campaign' by celebrating Random Acts of Kindness Day. Everyone was encouraged to perform a kind act, no matter how big or small, with the purpose of brightening someone else's day. In addition, our Kindergarten to Grade 6 students had their day brightened when they were treated to a Mad Science presentation, compliments of the Fergus Meridian Credit Union. Way to go staff & students for all of your kind acts and a big thank you to Meridian for choosing JD Hogarth as the recipient of your random act of kindness. It was very much appreciated!

Our focus on kindness continued throughout the month of November with 'Caught in the Act of Kindness Hearts' being awarded to staff & students who showed kindness on a daily basis and an 'Appreciation Station' where students were invited to appreciate those in our school community that help make Hogarth a better place. It was great to see our Kindness Tree and our Appreciation Display grow each and every day with the number of kind acts that were, and continue to be, performed on an ongoing basis. Well done Hawks!



January & February Lunch Orders:

****New** We are now offering cheese pizza, as well as pepperoni!**

January and February milk, sub and pizza orders are available for purchase online until December 15, 2016.

If you do not already have an account set up for online payment, please visit our website, www.ugdsb.on.ca/jdh and click on the "School Cash Online" link.



Scholastic Book Fair:

Ahoy Mateys! Arrrrr You going to the Book Fair? Once again the Scholastic Book Fair is coming to JD Hogarth! A boat-load of books will wash ashore the week of December 5th and everyone is invited to join our crew. At the beginning of the week, students will visit the fair to compile their 'wish lists' and on Wednesday, Dec. 7th and Thursday, Dec. 8th everyone is invited to make purchases from 9 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. So follow your maps to the library to find the best treasure of all - **BOOKS** - and get hooked on reading at the Scholastic Book Fair! Don't forget - 100 % of our proceeds go directly back into the library to purchase new books for your child's reading enjoyment. Can't wait to see you there!

Mrs. Preston



Junior Kindergarten Registration:

2017-2018 Kindergarten registration will take place from January 9-26, 2017.

Eligible students for the Junior Kindergarten program must be four years of age on or before December 31, 2017 and students must be five years of age on or before December 31, 2017 to register for Senior Kindergarten.

PLEASE NOTE: If your child already attends junior kindergarten at JD Hogarth, you do not need to register him/her for senior kindergarten.

Please bring the following items when registering:

- Proof of birth date (birth certificate, passport, permanent resident card)
- Proof of address (driver's license, purchase/rental agreement, utility bill)
- Immunization record (yellow card)
- Custody Order documentation, if applicable
- Proof of date of entry to Canada, if born outside of Canada

Junior Kindergarten French Immersion Registration:

The Junior Kindergarten registration process for the upcoming 2017-18 school year has changed, including changes to how students register and are selected for the UGDSB French Immersion program.

Every UGDSB school that offers FI at the JK level will have a cap on the number of students who can enroll in FI, starting Sept. 2017. JK is the only access point to FI as of Sept. 2017. Parents and guardians must register their children in FI between Jan. 9 and Jan. 26, 2016 for their application to be considered 'on-time'. Please note that registration will take place in person, and that registration is NOT prioritized on a first-come, first-serve basis.

For more information on JK registration and the FI registration and selection process, please visit www.ugdsb.on.ca/jkfi.



Vehicles and Student Safety:

With the colder weather and snow on its way, vehicle traffic can increase at JD Hogarth. As a result, student and staff safety is our number one concern, it is important to remind everyone of drop off and pick up procedures at JD Hogarth P.S. The bus loading area is located directly in front of the school and must remain open for buses. All other vehicles are not permitted to park or block the bus lane. There is very limited parking at JD Hogarth; therefore we encourage walking to and from school. If you must drive on occasion, please park in any empty space or wait in the back parking lot. In addition, we ask parents to please be respectful of our neighbours at the church, and keep their fire exit clear at all times. Thank you to all parents in advance for making arrangements for safe transportation practices.



Bullying Awareness Week:



During the week of November 21st, staff and students recognized Bullying Awareness Week. Our Red Cross trained 'Beyond the Hurt Student Team' were out in full force with daily announcements, classroom visits, picture book readings and anti-bullying activities, in an effort to bring about bullying awareness and prevention practices. As well, in conjunction with pink shirt day, our students participated in a school wide anti-bullying activity in which they created paper t-shirts that raise bullying awareness through positive anti-bullying messages. Drop by and check out our display in the front foyer!

Holiday Assemblies at JD Hogarth:

Happy Holidays! This year JD Hogarth will be hosting two Christmas assemblies on Thursday, December 22nd. There will be a variety of great performances celebrating the wonderful holiday cheer that we all love so much! The first assembly will be attended by the Green Colour House and will begin at approximately 9:15 am. The second assembly will be attended by the Blue Colour House and will begin at 11:15 am. All are welcome to attend!

	BLUE	GREEN
	Gutzman, Zarrabi-Yan, Hoad-Reddick, Hoegy	Thompson, Detta, Leitch, Legault, Ray
	Matheson, Smylie, Coburn, Yundt, Preston	Anderson, Taylor, DeBock, Hogg
	Pagnan/Abra, Marson, Perrault, Murray	Lindsay, Zamora, Cerson, Dunville
	Crawford, Witzke, Tawes, Emmons, Seip	Derma, Mason/Leach, Newton, Ghent
	Munro, Walker, Dunk, Rupnow	Winch, Ladner, Gordon, Bilton

Christmas Holidays:

Christmas holidays are from December 26th until January 6th.
School resumes on Monday, January 9th, 2016. Merry Christmas!

JD Hogarth Holiday Food Drive:

December 5th to December 16th Our Me To We group will be collecting food drive items. These items will be donated to the Centre Wellington Food Bank.

Most needed Items:

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| -Mittens | -Hats |
| -Toothpaste | -Soap |
| -Shampoo | -Conditioner |
| -Juice/Boxes | -Rice/Pasta |
| -Canned Meat | -Side dishes |
| -Crackers | -Cereal |
| -Fruit/Pudding cups | -Canned Fruit |
| -Granola Bars | |



Thank you in advance for helping those in need in our community!

Sincerely,

JD Hogarth's Me To We group

Grade 8 Parent Information Nights:

Centre Wellington DHS:

Grade 7 and 8 students and their parents/guardians are invited to join us at Centre Wellington District High School on Wednesday December 14th, 2016 to learn more about the great opportunities we have to offer - from academics and trades to sports, music and art. Learn about programs, pathways, course selection, and the registration process.

The night will begin at 6pm and end at 8:30pm. We look forward to meeting future CW students and their parents and guardians. Visit our website at <http://www.ugdsb.on.ca/centre-wellington/> for up-to-date information.

CWDHS New Student Registration:

New student Registration will be on January 10th, 2017 from 4:00-6:00 pm and January 12th, 2017 from 4:00-5:15 and 5:45-7:00pm.



College Heights SS:

Open house night will be on Wednesday, January 18, 2017 from 6:30 - 8:00 pm.



Inclement Weather:

During inclement weather, please note the following:

Your child rides a "Centre Wellington and the Town of Erin" school bus. Our area is also referred to as "Division II" or the "Blue Card".

When you hear the radio announcement reference any of the above, your child's transportation has been cancelled for the day.

Parents can check www.stwdsts.ca for bus cancellations.

Information will be posted daily on the website by 6:30 a.m.

STUDENTS WHO ARE "WALKERS" TO OUR SCHOOL ARE EXPECTED TO ATTEND SCHOOL EVEN WHEN BUSES ARE CANCELLED! IF YOU CHOOSE TO KEEP YOUR CHILD AT HOME ON THESE DAYS, PLEASE CALL IN TO THE SCHOOL TO REPORT THEIR ABSENCE AND INDICATE IT IS DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER!

School Council Corner - December

December is here, arguably the busiest month of the year for most of us. There are many events happening in classrooms, the school at large, and in our community this month. We hope that you will find some moments of quiet and calm within the rush. There will be no School Council meeting held in December, but we look forward to meeting again in January.

Our Community Movie night, held on November 18th, was successful in its goal to involve students and their families in events at our school. Movie watched - check; popcorn eaten - check; early bedtimes ignored - check. From all reports, the night was well received and we would like to thank all of the volunteers who helped make it happen. We are busy planning more events for you to come in the New Year, including the possibilities of something Wintery, a board games night and another movie night :)

To add to the list of resources that we included for parents in our newsletter section last month, we would like to highlight the availability of FREE, online, 1-on-1 Math Tutoring (Sun-Thurs 5:30 to 9:30 pm). These tutoring services along with videos, lessons and tutorials are offered by certified Ontario math teachers, for students in grades 7-10. The tutoring is offered via a website hosted by the Ministry of Education and TVO. <https://homeworkhelp.ilc.org/>

Follow School Council on Social Media

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1810548639172149/>

Twitter: @JDHogarthSC

If you are considering making any charitable donations as part of a Holiday giving tradition, or looking to make some tax-deductible donations prior to the end of the year, may we suggest donating to the Upper Grand Learning Foundation. You can earmark any donated funds towards J.D. Hogarth Public School, or the School Council, and your donation will go towards enriching our school environment. The form to donate and further information can be found here: <http://www.uppergrandlearningfoundation.com>

Our ongoing fundraiser FundScrip 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. Please visit: www.fundscrip.com to get more information about this wonderful fundraising program. When you sign up please use our school code EDM6PZ.

Our next School Council Meeting is Thursday, January 12, 2017, at 6:30 pm in the school library.

We hope you can come out and join us!