

Le Nid d'Aigle The Eagle's Nest



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Principal's Message

As you can tell below, April is shaping up to be a super busy month. Please be sure to visit our website (<http://www.ugdsb.ca/johnson/>) as the calendar is constantly being updated.

Please remember that our parking lot is not accessible between 8:30 and 8:45 as students arrive at school. This is a safety concern and your help is much appreciated. Also, with the warmer weather on the way, parents are reminded to wait outside of the school at dismissal times. Our halls are very narrow and difficult to navigate at the best of times. Your assistance with this is greatly appreciated. Remember we are trying to build student independence.

Important Dates:

- **Tuesday, April 4** (morning) IPRC Annual Reviews
- **Thursday, April 6**, River Run Grades 1 and 2 (1:15 pm start)
- **Friday, April 7**, Skills Competition (members of the Skills Club)
- **Friday, April 7**, Jump Rope For Heart Kick-Off
- **Monday, April 10**, School Council Meeting at 6:30
- **Wednesday, April 12**, Spring and Siblings Photo
- **Friday, April 14 to Monday, April 17** (no school)
- **Tuesday, April 18**, Roland Bibeau Concert (1:45 pm French Cultural Funding)
- **Tuesday, April 18**, Camp Info Night for Grade 6's from 6:00 to 7:00
- **Wed., April 19 -20**, Katie Spears Presentation for Junior Grades
- **Friday, April 21**, Earth Day Assembly in gym at 2:00 p.m.
- **Thursday, April 27**, Crazy Hat Day!

Moving? If so, please inform the office of the details. Also, if you know of someone moving into our area, we would appreciate this information so that class organizations for next year can be made accurately.

Tornado Season

The period between April and June is considered to be tornado season. The Board requires each school to develop a tornado emergency procedure. Edward Johnson's tornado procedures include the following:

- ✓ clearing of students from the gym, front foyer, end doorways and classrooms of students
 - ✓ moving students into hallways and taking cover according to our school safety plan.
- In addition to fire drills, we also practise these procedures throughout the year. If you don't have a tornado plan for your home, you should consider creating one at this time of year.



Visiting Edward Johnson?

A reminder that it is very important that visitors (including parents) always sign in at the office when coming to our school. If you will be walking through the halls or going out onto the playground, you will be asked to wear a school badge identifying that you have checked in at the office. This is a simple procedure that goes a long way in ensuring that your children are safe here at school. Thank you to all parents who already do this routinely.

Bicycle Helmets

For the past several years, information has been shared with you related to the importance of children wearing helmets for cycling, in-line skating and skateboarding. You should also be aware of the potential hazard that exists when children wearing bicycle helmets are playing on playground equipment. Helmets can become wedged in small openings and straps entangled in the equipment which may result in strangulation. With warmer weather approaching, we would ask that you join us in reminding your children that they need to wear helmets when riding or skating, but also of the dangers of wearing their helmet while on playground equipment.

**MONTHLY ENVIRONMENTAL ACTIVITIES TO HELP CELEBRATE OUR
PLANET**

March 25th is Earth Hour!

It is vital to teach our children to respect and take care of the environment.

Join the global Movement! Celebrate Earth Hour on March 25th at 8:30pm.

Earth Hour's mission is uniting people to protect the planet by raising awareness of about climate change and encouraging positive action.

"Earth Hour was famously started as a lights-off event in Sydney, Australia in 2007. Since then it has grown to engage more than 172 countries and territories worldwide."

Earth Hour is more than an event. It is a movement that has achieved massive environmental impact, including legislation changes by harnessing the power of the crowd."

**Click [here](#) to see a short video clip of Earth Hour's story around the world
and click [here](#) for highlights of 2015**

Ideas for your family to do for Earth Hour!

Earth Hour belongs to you. Celebrate your commitment to the planet with your friends, family, community or at work - in your own way.

A simple event can be just turning off all non-essential lights on March 25th from 8:30-9:30 pm. For one hour, focus on your commitment to our planet. To celebrate, you can:

- *prepare a candle lit dinner,*
- *talk to your neighbours, or invite people over*
- *stargaze, or go camping in your backyard*
- *play board games, or charades*
- *host a concert, or a sing-a-long*
- *create or join your own community event*
- *have an Earth Hour every month*

The possibilities are endless!

Quotes and information taken from: <https://www.earthhour.org/>



Your Child's Hearing is Important!

Seventy-five percent of a child's day is spent listening; listening to complex language, directions and instructions which need to be comprehended. Being able to hear peers is important for developing social skills and friendships. That is why it is important that any hearing difficulty be discovered as soon as possible because even mild hearing loss can put a child at risk for academic and communication difficulties. **Audiologists** are experts who assess hearing sensitivity and functioning that provides a window into the language/listening parts of the brain. Since listening is a critical learning skill, test results can be helpful in planning a program of intervention. Students who wear hearing aids, cochlear implants, or use personal FM systems should routinely visit an Audiologist to have their equipment checked. If you suspect your child has difficulty with hearing or attention it is recommended that you have your child tested by an **Audiologist**. To find an Audiologist in your community, visit the website of the College of Audiologists and Speech Language Pathologists of Ontario (www.CASLPO.com) and click on "Find an Audiologist" and search for Private Practice. At UGDSB you can call 519-941-6191 ext. 231 for information.

Vision Health

If you suspect that your child is struggling with vision issues, there are several things that you can do. First, book an eye exam with an optometrist. Basic OHIP coverage for eye exams, is available free of charge, for children from birth to age 19. Speak with your child's teacher regarding your concerns and encourage your child to clearly express to the teacher the difficulties they are having (Are they having trouble seeing things on the board? Are they having trouble copying information? Are they having trouble seeing the information in novels/textbooks/notebooks etc.?) There are a number of accommodations that can be made to quickly address potential problems, including seating closer to the board or larger print on computers or photocopies. You can also discuss with the

classroom teacher or SERT the possibility of making a referral to one of the Vision Itinerant Teachers who provide support to your school.