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PUBLIC SCHOOL

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From the desk of Dianne Fitzgerald

Principal's Message

It finally looks like spring has sprung after the nasty weather during the last part of April. The students are outdoors and enjoying the warmer weather.

Unfortunately, Mr. McNamara's second knee surgery did not go as planned and due to complications he will be off for an extended period of time. At this point in time his return date is unknown. Mr. Ron Hodgins will take over from me on May 7th. It has been a privilege to work here at Drayton Heights Public School.

In addition to Mr. McNamara been off, our Office Coordinator Laurie Carrow is also presently off on a medical leave and will not be returning until near the end of May. In her place at the office we welcome Breanne Williamson to Drayton Heights.

We also have so many special events this month which you can see in the Important Dates below.

Our Grade 3 and Grade 6 students will be writing EQAO later this month with Grade 3's writing on May 22, 23, 24, 25, 28 and 29. Grade 6's will be writing EQAO on May 25, 28, 29, 30, 31 and June 1. If your child is writing EQAO this year we ask that you avoid making any appointments or excursions during these dates. We always want our students to reach their potential during this assessment. We will strive to provide a quiet and supportive environment. We also want students to avoid anxiety and stress over the assessment; just try to do their best.

Again, in early June we will be building classes for the next year. If you have a special request please send it in writing into the school by May 31st.

Important Dates:

Tuesday, May 1 Toonie Tuesday – bring a toonie for Equity funding :- "Free to Achieve" - Green Legacy Gr. 5/6 Mrs. Ohm & Gr. 6 Mrs. McCracken

Thursday, May 3 Empowerment Day at the Sleeman Centre in Guelph -Meat Order pick up 12:00 until 5:30pm in the gym

Friday, May 4 Star Wars Day – come dress in your favourite Star Wars character

Monday, May 7 Provincial Skills Canada Competition

Wednesday, May 9	Footloose Grade 5/6 to 8A	- Support Staff Appreciation day	- Safe Schools Day for Grade 1 & Grade 4 students
Friday, May 11	Mother's Day Carnations delivered to those who ordered flowers		
Monday, May 14/15	Earthkeepers – Grade 5 students		
Wednesday, May 16	Junior Track & Field	- Special Olympic Board Wide Day	
Thursday, May 17	raindate for Junior Track & Field - raindate for Special Olympic Day		
Friday, May 18	Jump Rope for Heart		
Monday, May 21	Victoria Day (no school)		
Tuesday, May 22	Grade 3 EQAO	- Gr. 6 trip "JUMP" University of Waterloo (overnight)	
Wednesday, May 23	Grade 3 EQAO	- continue Gr. 6 "JUMP" University of Waterloo	
Thursday, May 24	Grade 3 EQAO -	-Twin Day, two students dress the same - Grade 4	
Trip to Scenic Caves			
Friday, May 25	Grade 3 EQAO –	-Grade 6 EQAO	-Grade 1 and 2 students trip to Waterloo/Wellington Children's Ground Water Festival
Monday, May 28	Grade 3 EQAO -	-Grade 6 EQAO	- Intermediate Track & Field
Tuesday, May 29	Grade 3 EQAO -	-Grade 6 EQAO	-raindate for Intermediate Track & Field
Wednesday, May 30	Grade 6 EQAO	-Grade 7 Scientist in the school	
Thursday, May 31	Grade 6 EQAO	-Intermediate Tree Planting	- Swim to Survive Gr.3
School Council Meeting 7:00 pm			
Friday, June 1	Grade 6 EQAO	- Primary Math Mission Activities	
Friday, June 4	Intermediate Area Track & Field (Victoria Cross PS, Mt. Forest – raindate June 5)		
Wednesday, June 6	Junior Area Track & Field (Victoria Cross PS, Mt. Forest- raindate June 7)		
Thursday, June 7	Swim to Survive Gr. 3	- Chef –a-l'ecole Grade 7 &8	
Friday, June 8	P.A. Day (no school for students)		

Visitors to the School

To ensure the safety of our students, we ask that all visitors to our school to please sign in at the office in our binder designated for visitors. Throughout the school day, all doors to the school, with the exception of the front doors, will be locked in order to best control access. Should you wish to meet with your child's teacher, we ask that you please arrange a mutually convenient time to do so.

Arrival and Departure Routines

If there is going to be a change to your child's arrival and/or departure or lunchtime routines, we ask that you **please have a note sent to the office indicating this change at the start of the day.**

Without a note from a parent/guardian, we will insist that a student adhere to their regular routines at these times, so that we can ensure the safety and well-being of the student.

School Routine Reminders

- Please ensure that students are NOT coming into the front entrance to the school unless they need to pick up a late slip, but are entering through their regular class doorway.
- Our bus lane is for school buses only; please do not drive or park vehicles in this lane during the school day.
- Please do not walk through the school parking lot to gain access to the rear of the school. Use the walkway and sidewalk that pass in front of the school.
- At the start and end of the school day, we ask that parents/guardians please wait for their child(ren) outside of their entry/exit doors. Please to not enter the school at this time.
- We ask that all visitors coming into the school to please sign in at the office, no matter how short your time in the school will be.

Medications

There are certain procedures that need to be followed for the office to give medication to a student during the school day. Please call the office to find out what the procedure is prior to sending in any medication.

Book Fair

A big thank you to everyone who supported our March Book Fair this year. It was once again a big success! Over \$1600 worth of product was purchased... this means that many new books were enjoyed over March Break by our students. By having such a profitable Fair, we were able to keep \$905 worth of books directly from the Book Fair. Thanks again for supporting literacy at our school. I am already looking forward to the next Scholastic Book Fair in the fall!

Mother's Day

Mother's Day is coming up! Students will have the opportunity to purchase a single wrapped carnation flower and give it to their mother, a grandparent, a family member or a friend. All Proceeds go to our Me to We pillar in rural China. Order forms will be sent home to pre-order flowers. The cost of a single flower is \$2.00. Flowers will be delivered to classrooms on Friday, May 11th ...just in time for Mother's Day.

Jump Rope For Heart

We need your help to reach our Jump Rope for Heart school fundraising goal of \$4,500. Please help support your child's fundraising efforts by registering him/her online at JumpRopeForHeart.ca and send out donation requests emails to friends, family and colleagues. Online fundraising is the quickest and easiest way to reach all of your contacts, and online donors receive an automatic tax receipt. Plus, when students receive their first online donation (of any amount), they will receive a free skipping rope from the Heart and Stroke which will be delivered after our Jump event on Friday, May 18th.

Thanks for your support!

Long Term Accommodation Plan Final Report (Draft) - Public Meetings

The Long Term Accommodation Plan (LTAP) Final Report (Draft) is going to be presented at 5 regional public meetings throughout the month of May.

The draft report includes a list of proposed short (1-5 yrs.) and long (6-10 yrs.) accommodation priorities. The report does not include any recommended changes to school programs or boundaries.



We invite you to attend any of the following meetings:

- Wednesday, May 2, 2018, 7-9 pm – Erin PS, gymnasium
- Thursday, May 3, 2018, 7-9 pm – Centennial CVI, cafeteria
- Thursday, May 10, 2018, 7-9 pm – Orangeville DSS, cafetorium
- Wednesday, May 16, 2018, 7-9 pm – Centre Wellington DHS, cafetorium
- Thursday, May 17, 2018, 7-9 pm – Norwell DSS, double gymnasium



Feedback collected in this second phase of engagement will inform staff's work to finalize the LTAP.

Please visit www.ugdsb.ca/ltap for more information and to provide feedback. The LTAP webpage includes all documents including the LTAP Final Report (Draft), an online comment form and an opportunity to sign up to receive updates.

Information from Public Health

Free dental care for children age 17 and under

If you can't afford dental care, Public Health has free services for your children. At our dental clinics, we help children prevent cavities and disease. We also make sure that children with cavities and other urgent problems get the treatment they need.

For more information about our dental services, call our Dental Line at 1-800-265-7293 ext. 2661 or visit www.wdgpulichealth.ca



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Please join us in celebrating

UGDSB EDUCATION WEEK 2018

AT PAISLEY ROAD PUBLIC SCHOOL

OFFICIAL OPENING

MONDAY, MAY 7
AT PAISLEY ROAD PUBLIC SCHOOL

406 PAISLEY ROAD
GUELPH, ON

6:00 PM

Presentation and meet-and-greet of the
First Nation, Métis, Inuit Advisory Committee

7:00 PM

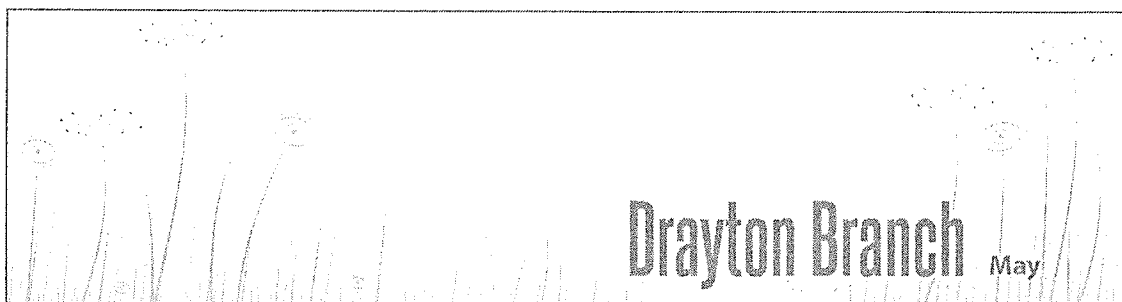
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Story Time (3 - 5 years)

Our Story Times are created to help your child get ready for reading. Share stories, songs, rhymes and activities aimed at developing your child's early literacy skills. Parents and caregivers are encouraged to participate. Please register.

Tuesdays, May 1 - May 29, 10:15 - 11:00 am or
Fridays, May 3- June 1, 10:15 - 11 am

Booktastic (Grades 4 – 6)

Join us for fun times after school. A snack will be provided. Please register.

Tuesdays, May 1-15, 3:45 - 4:45 pm

After-School Adventures (Grades JK-2)

Join us for a surprise theme each week!
Children under 5 must be accompanied by an adult. A snack will be provided. Please register.
Wednesdays, May 2-16, 4:00 - 5:00 pm

Baby Time (0 - 12 months)

Introduce your baby to the library and a love of books through finger plays, songs, rhymes and stories. Please register.

Mondays, May 7-14, 11:30 - 12:00 pm

Toddler Time (1 - 3 years)

Come explore the alphabet with us! Songs, stories, rhymes and finger plays are aimed at developing early literacy skills. Parents and caregivers are encouraged to participate. Please register.

Mondays, May 7 - 14, 10:00 - 10:30 am or
10:45 - 11:15 am

Cricut Creations: Mother's Day (Adults)

Learn to use a Cricut electronic cutting machine to create and embellish maker projects. Machines are also available for in-branch use. Please register.

Wednesday, May 9, 6:30 - 7:30 pm

Mother's Day Make-and-Take (Grades JK – 6)

Surprise your mom, grandma or other special person with your own unique creation to brighten her day. Drop in.

Saturday, May 12, 10:00 - 4:30 pm

Carnegie Café: Breakout Box (Adults)

Break out of boredom at the library. Work together to solve the puzzles and unlock the Breakout Box. Can you do it before time runs out? Please register.

Monday, May 14, 2:00 - 3:00 pm

Tween Scene: Upcycling (Preteens)

Get creative with something "old". Please register.

Friday, May 18, 3:45 - 4:45 pm

Drayton Book Club (Adults)

Join us as we discuss "Major Pettigrew's Last Stand" by Helen Stinson. Please register.

Wednesday, May 23, 6:45 - 8:00 pm

All branches closed Monday, May 21.

Wellington County Library

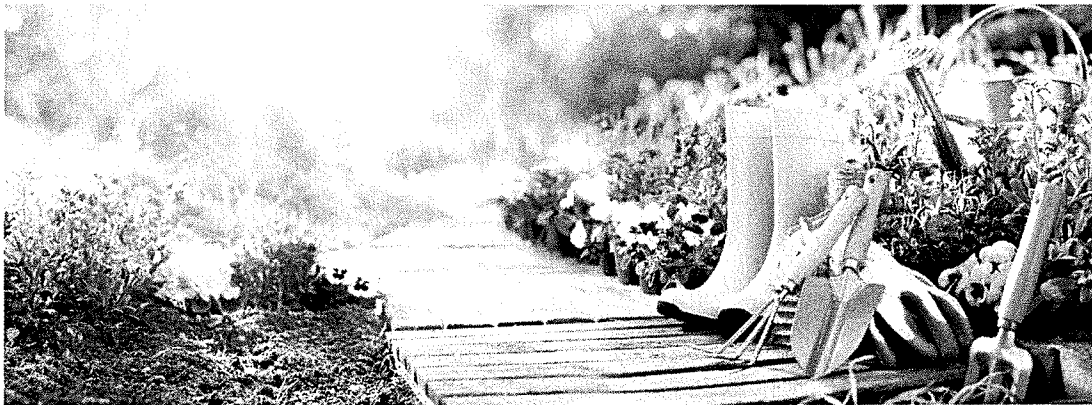
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Build It! LEGO Challenge (Grades JK – 6)
Join us for a "secret" LEGO challenge! You bring your creativity and we will provide the building blocks. Please register.
Friday, May 25, 3:45 - 4:45 pm

Carnegie Café: Watercolour Painting (Adults)
Join artist Donna Hirtle as she guides us in the creation of our own watercolour masterpiece. Materials will be provided. Please register.
Monday, May 28, 2:00 - 3:30 pm



With the warmer weather upon us, it's finally time to trade those winter mitts for a pair of gardening gloves. If you're looking for ways to update your yard, check out the latest in gardening books and magazines.

Extraordinary ornamental edibles: 100 perennials, trees, shrubs and vines for Canadian gardens

By Mike Lascelle

Floret Farm's cut flower garden: grow, harvest and arrange stunning seasonal blooms

By Erin Benzakein

The food lover's garden: growing, cooking, and eating well

By Jenni Blackmore

The less is more garden: big ideas for designing your small yard

By Susan Morrison

Martha's flowers: a practical guide to growing, gathering, and enjoying

By Martha Stewart

Niki Jabbour's veggie garden remix: 224 new plants to shake up your garden and add variety, flavor, and fun

By Niki Jabbour

Better homes & gardens magazine

Birds & blooms magazine

Country gardens magazine

Ontario gardener magazine



ALTERNATE FORMATS AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST

Communications Newsletter

Our UGDSB

UGDSB Everyday Hero Awards will be presented May 29. This year 44 nominations were submitted. For more information about the EHAs visit the [board website](#).

Good News Highlights

GCVI student 1 of 30 worldwide selected to attend physics camp in Geneva

A student from GCVI has been granted the opportunity to study physics overseas at the worlds biggest physics experimental research institute. Congratulations, Aiden!



Grade 6 students at Alma PS put sewing skills to the test for chairity blankets

Students in grade 6 at Alma PS collected t-shirts and are transforming them into blankets. The blankets will be delivered to Wyndham house when they are completed.



Don't forget to submit good news stories to Heather Loney and Megan Sicoli using the [Good News Story Submission form](#).

Resources

Media Releases

Don't miss out on the latest UGDSB media releases, visit [https://www.ugdsb.ca/blog/-category/ media-releases/](https://www.ugdsb.ca/blog/-category/media-releases/) for the media release archive.

Policy Updates

- 111 – Use of Corporate Resources for Elections
- 210 – Environmental Education and Management
- 315 – Privacy Protection and Information Access
- P.08 – Privacy Protocol for Child Youth Workers, Social Workers, Psychologists, Psychological Associates and Speech Language Pathologists

Feedback Opportunities

- 214 – Accessibility Standards
- 518 – Students with Life-Threatening Medical Conditions

www.ugdsb.ca/policy

Creating unique hashtags for events:

- Try creating a unique hashtag to promote your event/initiative school and board-wide, e.g. #MHUG, #UGlearnngreen
- All the work to create and promote the hashtag can be done prior to the event
- Accepting student suggestions for the hashtag is a fun way to ensure student involvement
- After the event, share your social media story on your school website.

Don't forget to follow us on social media



CELEBRATE DIVERSITY

We'd love to celebrate customs and traditions from all around the world!

If you have a suggestion or idea, please contact your child's teacher, Mr. Hussain or Mrs. Morris.
If you are willing to come in and share ideas with us, we would love to hear from you.

Days of Significance May 2018

May 1	Beltane	Wicca/Pagan
May 1	Nisfu Shaban	Islam
May 2	Twelfth Day of Ridvan	Baha'i
May 3	Vaisakhi Puja (Buddha's Birthday)	Buddhism
May 10	Ascension Day	Christianity Eastern Orthodox and Western
May 15	International Day of Families	United Nations
May 16- June 14	Ramadan	Islam
May 17	International Day Against Homophobia and Transphobia	Grassroots LGBTQ
May 20	Pentecost	Christianity
May 20	Shavuot	Judaism
May 21	Queen Victoria Day	Public Holiday
May 24	Declaration of the Ba'b	Baha'i
May 25	African Liberation Day	Rastafarian
May 27	Pentecost (J)	Christianity
May 29	The Ascension of Baha'u'llah	Baha'i
May 29	Tibetan Buddha's Enlightenment (Saga Dawa)	Buddhism
May 29	Wesak or Vesak (Buddha's Birthday)	Buddhism/Tibetan
May 31	World No Tobacco Day	World Health Organization