

EPS Newsletter November 2017

Toonie Tuesday

Tuesday Nov. 7th is a Board-wide “Free to Achieve Toonie Tuesday” event. Please consider bringing in a toonie to give a helping hand to students and families in our school system and our very own school. A toonie is about the price of a cup of coffee, yet, if we band together, the price of a cup of coffee can help a family buy glasses for their child or clothing, or food and give our children the opportunity to be “Free to Achieve” anything! We thank you in advance for your gracious generosity.



Fresh From The Farm

Fresh From the Farm produce orders will be available for Pick up on the same day as the QSP order pick-up: Friday, December 1st. Hopefully, if you have ordered both, it will save you an extra trip. We raised \$600 in profits, to go towards purchasing new Chromebooks. A tremendous Thank You to all those who supported this fundraiser and a big Thank You to Ms. Lebon, who organized it on behalf of the school.

Windows

As you may have noticed, the last of the summer renovations are now complete and we have beautiful, gleaming, brand-new windows!

Student Council

We are in the process of establishing a Students Council to include Student Voice in some of the decision-making processes. Each classroom is to elect two class spokespersons who will represent the class at Student Council meetings and will be responsible for helping to plan events, such as Spirit Days, Eco-Club, School ambassadors, Assemblies and so forth. Please encourage your child to get involved!

Halloween Dance

We had a school-wide Halloween Dance on Oct. 31, a first in some 4-5 years! It was a fun-filled event that permeated good vibes throughout the school, students and staff alike! Thank you to the staff who helped organize this event! We plan on having more events of this nature, to build school community and have some good old-fashioned fun! Everyone did a great job in dressing up in costumes and showing great school spirit. Awesome!

Thank you for the donations of food

Our school-wide Food Drive was a roaring success! With your generous help, we sent close to 20 boxes of non-perishable food items to the Food Bank. A huge thank you goes to Ms. Hansen's and Mrs. Normore's classes for organizing this very successful event. These classes, along with Mr. Quick's class, will be recognized for their efforts with a Pizza Party. Way to go!

Parent Teacher Interviews online booking

Parent/Teacher Interviews will take place on Nov. 23rd and 24th. Interviews can be booked online by visiting the website: <https://webapps.ugdsb.on.ca/InterviewSchedule/Account/Login>

The website will be open from 8 am on Friday, Nov. 3rd until 3 pm on November 22nd. In order to log on to the website, you will need your child(ren)'s OEN, a 6-digit number (e.g. XXX-XXX-XXX), which can be found on any past report card.

John Howard Society Visits

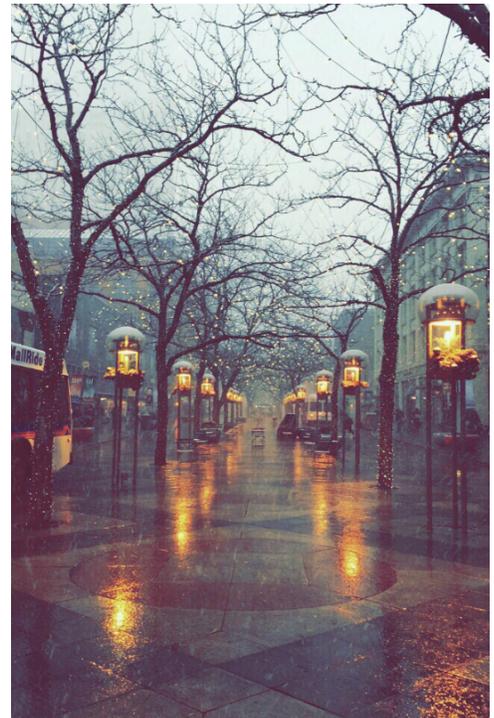
We have arranged for the John Howard Society to deliver Bullying Prevention Workshops in our school. Each of the multi-session bullying prevention / social competency and skill development programs are completed within school classrooms throughout the scheduled school day.

- **One By One: We Get Along (JK – grade 3)**

The primary program fosters development in social competency such as self-monitoring, appropriate problem solving, knowing when to seek help and recognizing passive, aggressive and assertive choices.

- **The Power Within (grade 4-8)**

The junior level program takes a more in-depth look at a bullying situation and the players involved (the person who chooses to bully, the person who was targeted and the bystanders). During the program, students discuss the decision that each individual could make and the ramifications of those choices. Social competencies are explored as they apply specifically to a bullying situation (ie. students are taught to be assertive through the use of a strategy specifically designed to combat bullying). The final session also introduces concepts of cyber safety/responsibility and cyberbullying.



Great Pride In Our School

We are very proud of all of the activities that we have running at the school. Our staff work tirelessly to provide many opportunities for our students to succeed in a huge variety of events, which help to foster a sense of community, belonging, and an opportunity to develop character, a sense of social justice and life skills. One of the most important ways for students to have a successful tenure at school is to get involved, push a little bit out of

the comfort zone and then.... Watch them soar! Thank you, teachers and staff, for your dedication! Below is a list of things running currently, and planned for later in the year:

Art Club	Food Drive
Cheerleading Club	Singing with the Storm
Cooking Club	Grade 7-8 band
Cross-Country Jr. and Int.	Teaching Gardens
Recess Intramurals	Reading Buddies
Breakfast Club	Recycling
Soccer-Jr. and Int	Take Me Outside Day
Ropes climbing program	Student Council/Eco Club
Fearlessly Girl workshop	Halloween Dance
Hockey	Aladdin rehearsals
Terry Fox Run	Ronnie Bachmann Assembly
Walk to/at School Day	Remembrance Day Assembly
John Howard Society visits	Tools For Life
Volleyball Int.	Prime Math
Number Talks	Cash Online
Messenger App	Instagram
3-D and VR	Grade 8 Island Lake Trip
River Run Trip 5-6s	Book Fair
Open House	

Coming up later in the year:

Empowerment Day	Time2Read
Math4Life	Math4Fun
More River Run	More Island Lake for grade 5s
Scientists in the school	Reading Tutor
CPS	More Sports events
Fur Trade, Island Lake for 5-6s	Peer Mediation
Book Club	Skills Canada
Cardboard Boat Racing	Composting Program

Credit Valley Conservation Area trips	French Carnaval
Winter Concert	Musical
Book Fairs	Indigenous education events
Indigenous artist in the school	Yearbook Club
Focus on Nature	Forest of Reading
Chess Club	Play Day
Track and Field-Jr. and Int	Grade 8 trip
Mansfield trip	Year-end Awards Assembly
Grade 8 Grad	

Information from Public Health

Think about the last movie your kids watched... You likely checked the rating to make sure it was age-appropriate. Movie ratings consider violence, coarse language, and sexual and disturbing content, but they leave out something that is very important to kids' health – **smoking**.

Research has shown that the more kids see smoking in movies, the more likely they are to start smoking. Smoking in films give children and youth the impression that smoking is okay and that they should do it too.

What can parents do?

- Talk to your kids about the realities of smoking.
- Talk to other parents about the issue of smoking in movies.
- Check www.smokefreemovies.ca/now-playing/ or <https://tutd.ucsf.edu/>. These websites review movies to tell you which ones have smoking in them.
- Sign the e-petition to support an 18A rating for all movies with smoking in them: www.smokefreemovies.ca/petition/

