



James McQueen PS

Together, Making A Difference...One Student At A Time

February Newsletter

From The Principal's Desk

Teachers have been working hard to assess students and write the Term1 report cards. A great deal of time and effort goes into this process to ensure that you have a clear picture of how your child is progressing. At any point during your child's educational journey, but particularly around report card time, please contact your child's teacher if you have any questions. We invite and welcome your questions and input, as you are valuable partners in this education process. Our door is open, please feel free to contact us

In other school news, our dance-A-thon was a wonderful event. All food donations have gone to the local food bank. It is a valuable experience for our students, not only with the extra exercise, but with the opportunity to contribute to our community. Your support with this is very much appreciated. A big thank you to Mme Arnott for organizing this event and Mark Haynes for volunteering his time to DJ the dance

Shortly, our intramural floor hockey will be up and running. Our grade 1-3 students will play for the month of February. Our Eco club has looked at different ways to recycle in our school and are working on ways to reduce food waste. Our waste audit was conducted on January 31st. We also have a School Council Valentines dance coming up on February 7th from 6:30-8:00. We had an awesome event last year and hope you will be able to join us this year!

I would like to wish everyone a happy February...let's just hope the ground hogs see their shadows!

Sincerely, Mr. Creighton

Pizza Orders



Pizza orders for March will be due to your child's teacher by **Monday, February 25th**. Please remember that we cannot accept late orders. You may pay by cash, cheque or online but you **MUST SEND AN ORDER FORM WITH YOUR CHILD** no matter how you pay! If you wish to pay by cheque, please make payable to: James McQueen PS. You may also include more than one child on your cheque but you **MUST** send an order form for each child **TO THEIR TEACHER!!**

Milk Orders Online!

Milk will now be available to order online on a monthly basis. You will have the option of white or chocolate on a daily basis for the entire month. March milk sales open on Feb 11 and close on Feb 24, 2019. Milk tickets will still be available to purchase at the office.

Lost and Found

We have a lost and found box that can be found outside the office. Please feel free to drop by to check it out if your child is missing something. We have already accumulated many items if you care to have a look!

Please Keep Checking!

Please remember that it is very important to check your child regularly for head lice and report it to the school office if found.



Inclement Weather Reminder

Just a reminder, as winter approaches, so does the possibility of bus cancellations and school closures. Please



check the [Student Transportation Website](#) (STWDSTS) for updates or listen to the local radio stations. Remember, we are the BLUE division (Centre Wellington).

Please Note-If your child is a bus student, you do not need to contact the office if they will be absent on a “No Bus” day. However, if your child is a not a bus student, please ensure you contact the office to report their absence if they will be absent on a “No Bus” day.

Marker Recycling

Bring your dead / used markers to school and we will recycle them for you through the Crayola ColorCycle program! Non-Crayola brands, highlighters and dry-erase markers are also accepted.

A drop-off box is located in the front foyer for you, or your child to deposit the markers. With the help of parents like you across the country, the Crayola ColorCycle program can keep tons of plastic out of landfills each year. Remember, don't throw out that used marker—ColorCycle it!

Battery Recycling Program

At James McQueen we try our best to be eco conscious. Our little ones have a long life to live on this planet, and one way we can keep our environment clean is by recycling our batteries. As part of our battery recycling program (open to all members of our community), James McQueen will recycle your dead batteries. All you have to do is send them to school!

Acceptable batteries

-single use (non- rechargeable) batteries (AAA, AA, 9 volt, C and D

-lithium batteries (please place in bag or tape both terminal ends before placing into container to prevent short-circuiting)

-button cell batteries (tape both sides before placing in container)

-corroded or leaking batteries (please place in plastic bag before placing in container

*A bin is available for battery drop-off in the front foyer of the school. Thank you for caring!

WINTER WALK TO SCHOOL DAY and NATIONAL SWEATER DAY

Thursday February 7th, 2019 !

Join the fun and have your child WEAR A SWEATER and WALK TO SCHOOL (if they are safely able to do so). As a majority of our students are bussed, all students will have the opportunity to celebrate “Winter Walk to School Day” by joining our school wide WINTER FASHION FRENZY outside at recess - first break! Our school buildings will be a little chillier on February 7, so we are asking that all students wear or bring a sweater to school. - To learn more about National Sweater Day, please visit

http://www.wwf.ca/events/sweater_day/

Sincerely,

The James McGreen ECO Team!

MS Read-A-Thon



We have officially begun!

James McQueen held our kick-off assembly for the MS (Multiple Sclerosis) *Read-A-Thon* on Thursday, January 31st. Each student is being asked to read and raise money in support of those who have been affected by MS. All proceeds go to the MS Society of Canada. Parents and Guardians, did you know that James McQueen has been supporting this worthwhile cause for over 20 years!

Every day, three Canadians are diagnosed with this disease. But we can help! We are encouraging students to read in support of those who are affected by Multiple Sclerosis over a 2-week period from February 4th - 15th. Reading may take place as a class activity and at home over this period. Students are asked to collect donations from family and friends and we emphasize that there should be NO door-to-door solicitation for this activity.

The paperwork sent home will explain how things work and we ask that students register online and have people donate through the MS Read-A-Thon Website (MS Read-A-Thon).

Happy reading!

Sincerely,
Mr. Ogilvie

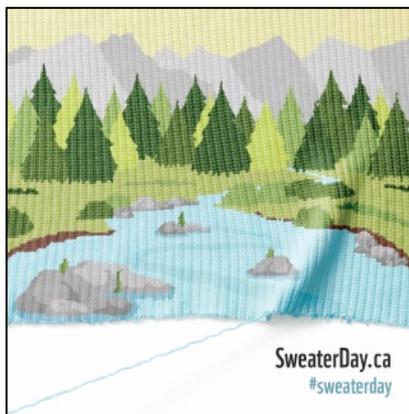
Monthly environmental activities to help celebrate our planet

February 7th is National Sweater Day!

Make the Earth better by wearing a sweater

Celebrate National Sweater Day on February 7th!

National Sweater Day is a way to learn about the importance of saving energy and to ins



pire you to use less energy all winter. Heating accounts for 80% of residential energy use in Canada. If all Canadians lowered their thermostats by just 2 degrees Celsius this winter, it would reduce greenhouse gas emissions by about 4 megatons – that's equivalent to taking nearly 700,000 cars off the road!

http://www.wwf.ca/events/sweater_day/

National Sweater Day is about thinking differently about how we use energy, where our energy comes from and how we can play an important role in fighting climate change by using energy wisely. It is designed to

Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Public Health February 2018 – Elementary Schools

WDG Public Health is pleased to provide elementary schools with up-to-date information on health topics for their monthly newsletters and announcements to parents. Please find below an insert you can include in your school newsletter and/or announcements if you wish. If you have any questions please contact us at 1-800-265-7293 ext. 4111 or email schoolhealth@wdgpublichealth.ca

Information from Public Health

In Ontario, the *Immunization of School Pupils Act* requires that all students attending school be fully immunized or have a valid exemption on file. Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Public Health (WDGPH) has recently mailed immunization notices to elementary students with incomplete vaccine records. To avoid suspension, please update your child's immunization record by **March 15, 2019**.

If the student has already received the immunization(s), report them using one of these methods:

- Online: View and report immunizations at www.immunizewdg.ca. Sign-in using your Ontario Health Card Number or the Ontario

Immunization ID (provided on your Immunization Notice if received by mail from WDGPH).

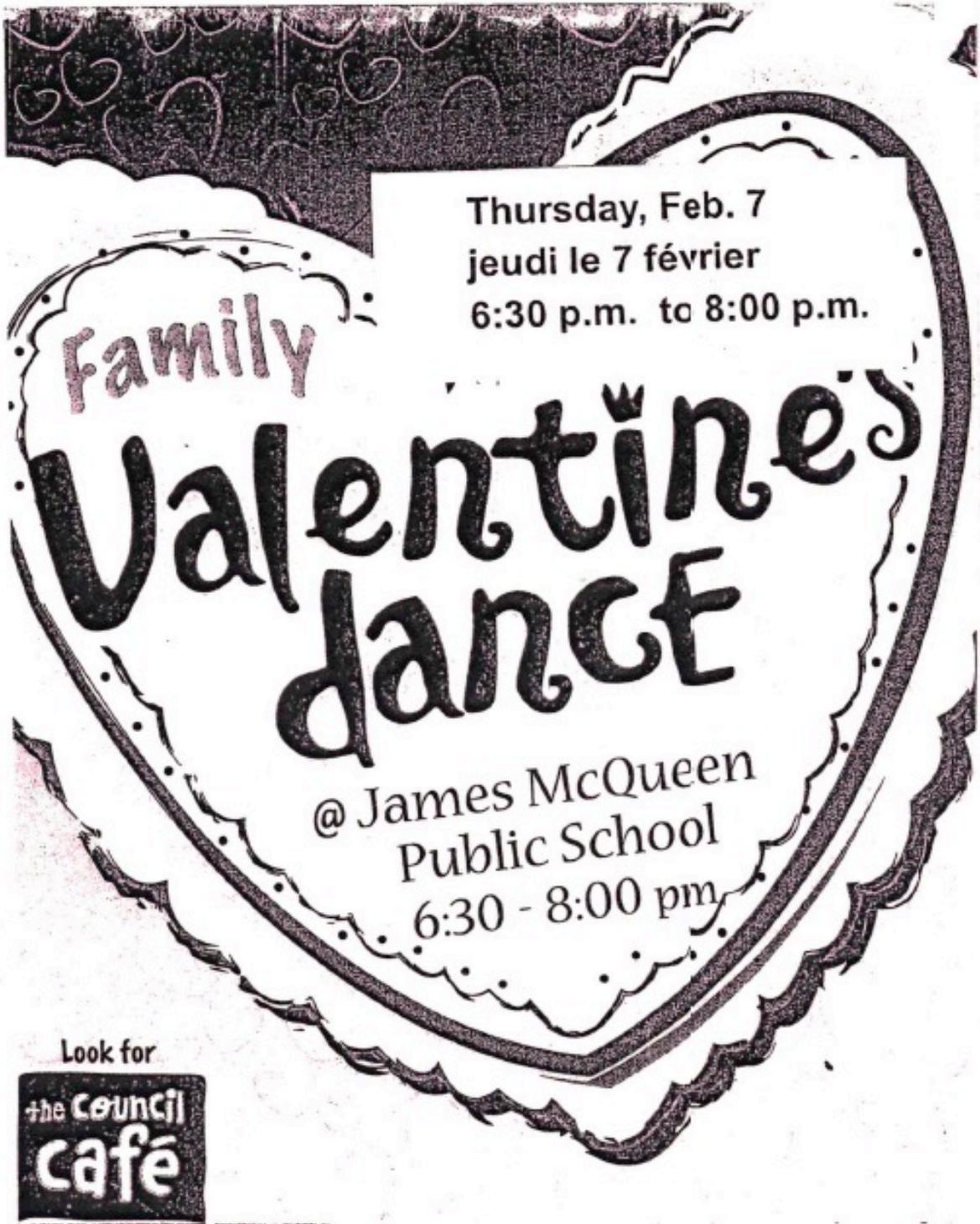
- Email: Send a copy of the record to vaccine.records@wdgpublichealth.ca
- Call: 1-800-265-7293 ext. 4396

If the student needs the immunization(s) do one of the following:

- Make an appointment with student's health care provider, bring the notice from WDGPH with you, and follow up by reporting the immunization(s) to WDGPH.
- Call 1-800-265-7293 ext. 4134 to make an immunization appointment at WDGPH.

If the student is not being immunized for medical or conscience/religious reasons:

- Access the appropriate exemption form at www.wdgpublichealth.ca/your-kids/vaccination
- For the Statement of Conscience or Religious Belief Exemptions a parent/guardian must also complete an immunization education session at WDGPH. For an appointment call 1-800-265-7293 ext. 4134.



Thursday, Feb. 7
jeudi le 7 février
6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Family

Valentine's dance

@ James McQueen
Public School
6:30 - 8:00 pm

Look for



ADMISSION BY DONATION

-Don't forget your water bottles and indoor shoes.

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