



# James McQueen PS

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

## May Newsletter

### From The Principal's Desk

Dear Parents/Guardians,

I would love to start this newsletter by welcoming Spring to our area, however, Spring seems to be taking its time! We have had several classes brave the weather on field trips and outdoor education lessons. At least we will be able to hold our No Snow Day school council dance!

Please take a moment to check the Eco button on our school website to see all of the environmental initiatives we have going at our school. Our students have learned a great deal about our natural environment and how to help it stay clean and healthy.

We have many events happening in May including Jump Rope for Heart, Special Olympics, Scientists in the School, Mad Science, Eco club and several school trips. Please keep your eye on agendas or communication bags for opportunities to volunteer with these events.

Enjoy the Spring weather, once it arrives!

Sincerely, Mr. Creighton

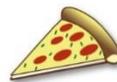
### Please Keep Checking!

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



### 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. June milk sales open on **May 13th** and close on **May 27th, 2019**. Milk tickets will still be available to purchase at the office.



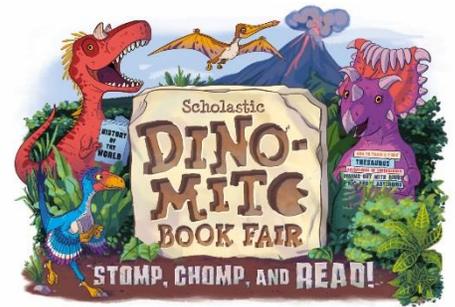
### Pizza Orders

Pizza orders for June will be due to your child's teacher by **Monday, May 27th**. Please remember that we cannot accept late orders. You may pay by cash, cheque or online. 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**.

Any profits from pizza days go towards supporting the current students in our school. Some examples of this include the purchase of iPads for every classroom, the building of the second sand pit in the school yard, reducing bus costs for class trips, supporting school council in the cost for scientists in the school, the purchase of equipment for the yard, supporting school council in greening and playground projects such as creating the storefronts, the planting of trees, and the longer term project of maintaining and enhancing our green space.

Dear Parents and Families:

Reading for pleasure unlocks the power of information and imagination and helps children discover who they are. Our Scholastic Book Fair is a reading event that brings the books kids want to read right into our school. It's a wonderful selection of engaging and affordable books for every reading level. Please make plans to visit our Book Fair and help shape your child's reading habits.

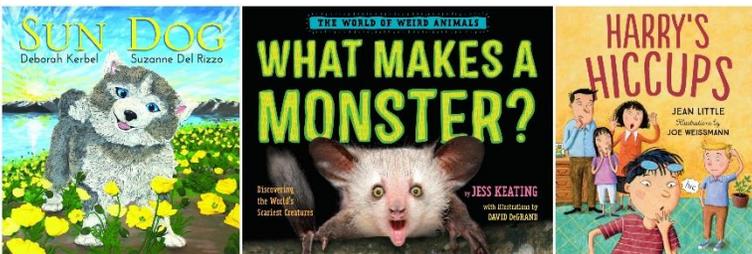


Our James McQueen Spring Book Fair will run from **Wednesday, May 15<sup>th</sup> through until Wednesday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>** with a Family Night happening on Thursday, May 16<sup>th</sup> where the Book Fair will be open until 7pm.

We look forward to seeing you and your family at our Book Fair. Remember, all purchases benefit our school.

### Forest of Reading News

Students at James McQueen have been reading various books from the Ontario Library Association's Forest of Reading program in the past few months.



Now the Forest of Reading is coming to Guelph!

An event for young readers featuring Forest of Reading award-nominated presenters: **Jean Little, Jess Keating, Deborah Kerbel and Joe Weissmann**

Readings, demonstrations and interactive fun!

On **Saturday May 11, 2019, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m** at the [Guelph Public Library - Main Branch](#), located at 100 Norfolk Street, Guelph

Author signings and book sales to follow, courtesy of The Bookshelf. This is an affiliate event with [Forest of Reading](#), with support from [The Guelph Public Library](#).



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## Curriculum

This school year, the Ministry of Education has requested that the Human Development and Sexual Health expectations from the 2010 Physical Education curriculum be taught to students. This education starts with children learning about themselves, their feelings, their bodies and about showing respect for themselves and others in a reliable and accurate way. This learning is most effective when parents and schools work together. Parents help their children form values about relationships and their behaviours. To support these discussions, we are letting parents know that this unit will be covered in the (first two weeks of May/or insert other timeline) by (insert divisions/classes). There are plenty of resources available for parents to support the learning of the curriculum on the Ministry of Education website: <http://edu.gov.on.ca/eng/curriculum/elementary/health.html>.

### *Dates To Remember...*

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| Wednesday, May 1  | Gr 1 trip to the Wellington County Museum<br>AM-Dean & Bennett<br>PM-Schieck, Pearson & Zamora |
| Thursday, May 2   | Class photos<br>"No Snow" Day dance  |
| Tuesday, May 7    | We Day   |
| Monday, April 13  | Special Olympics (Raindate-May 15 <sup>th</sup> )  |
| Thursday, May 16  | Jump Rope for Heart (Raindate May 17 <sup>th</sup> )   |
| Monday, May 20    | Holiday  |
| Wednesday, May 22 | School Council Meeting<br>6:30-8:00PM  |
| Friday, May 24    | Backwards Day  |
| Monday, May 27    | June Pizza Orders Due<br>June Milk Orders Due  |
| Friday, May 31    | Comfy Cozy Day   |

## Monthly Environmental Activities to help celebrate our planet



**May 22<sup>nd</sup> is International Biodiversity Day!**

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

### **Celebrate Biological Diversity Day on May 22nd!**

The United Nations has proclaimed May 22 The International Day for Biological Diversity to increase understanding and awareness of biodiversity issues. <https://www.un.org/en/events/biodiversityday/>



International Day for  
Biological Diversity

*Biodiversity simply means: ‘A wide range of life’” Some of the things we do are harmful, so we need to learn more about how to protect all the different types of life on our planet.*

<https://www.cbd.int/>

### **Ideas for your family to celebrate Biodiversity Day!**

- *Visit farmers markets in your local area to try new types of produce. Whether you incorporate heirloom tomatoes into your cooking, or try one of the rainbow of colors of carrots, biodiversity can bring a great new experience to your table.*
- *View photos of endangered species on the Internet with your child and discuss the reasons why these animals are threatened and why they should be protected.*
- *Join a community group and help to remove invasive plants from your local environment.*
- *Get out into the world and enjoy all the different types of life your local area offers. Even your street or a local park can have an amazing variety of life you’ve never noticed, from insects, birds, chipmunks, to trees and flowers.*
- *Consider planting a pollinator garden in your yard (or in a flowerpot) to help save the bees and butterflies from declining.*

For more ideas on how to increase the biodiversity of your own backyard, go to:

<https://biodivcanada.chm-cbd.net/biodiversity-your-backyard>

***Celebrate the diversity of our natural world every day!***