



# James McQueen PS

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

## **Final June 2019 Newsletter**

### **From The Principal's Desk**

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We want to wish all of our families that are moving on to new schools the very best in the future; we will miss you!

There will be a couple of staff changes at James McQueen next year. Mme. D'Eliza's grade 1 placement and Ms. Pezzano's EA position will both end at the end of this school year. We will miss these wonderful educators but wish them well.

Wishing everyone a very safe and happy summer! See you in September!!

Sincerely,

Mr. Creighton, Principal

### **First Day of School**

We look forward to welcoming everyone back to school on Tuesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019. Please meet on the school yard at 8:45 AM where teachers will organize students with grade signs and class lists. There will be no lists posted and we will not be relaying classroom assignments prior to the first day of school either by telephone or in person. The school will be closed from Monday, July 1<sup>st</sup> until Friday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2019.

Thank you and have a wonderful summer!!

### **School Cash Online**

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

As of September 2019, we will be moving toward a cashless system for payments for items and events like pizza, milk, class trips, yearbooks etc. This system saves parents the time it takes to find/get money and avoids any loss of money that can occur between home and school.

Attached in this newsletter you will find information on School Cash On-line, to help you understand how this system works. More information will be sent home, in September, to further explain timelines and how to use the system.

### **Dates To Remember...**

**Tuesday, September 3-WELCOME BACK!!**

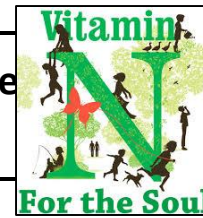
-First day of school-meet your teachers on the school yard

**Friday, September 20** -Comfy Cozy Day

**Friday, September 27** -P.A. Day



## 12 Ways to Make Sure Your Family (and You) Get your Dose of VITAMIN 'N' this Summer!



The benefits are clear. Now, more than ever, we can feel good about getting our family and ourselves outdoors and into Nature. It reduces stress levels, improves mood, boosts our immune system and helps us to increase our physical activity!

1. **Put nature on the calendar.** If you plan the family's sports commitments and vacations in advance, do the same for time spent in nature.
2. **Don't tear down the tree, build up the kid.** International play expert Joe Frost says the number one reason kids get hurt climbing trees is because they don't have the upper body strength to hold onto the branch. Think of manageable risk as an opportunity to build strength and resilience in your kids.
3. **Take a city hike.** In urban neighbourhoods, take your day packs, water and digital cameras and go look for nature.
4. **Moon walk.** Walk by balmy summer moons with katydids singing and lightning bugs flashing - there is much magic in the natural world and most of it is free!
5. **Go backyard camping.** Buy the kids a tent or help them make a canvas tepee, and leave it up all summer.
6. **Plant a backyard, community or high-rise vegetable garden.** If your children are little, choose seeds large enough for them to handle that mature quickly, including vegetables.
7. **Go Native.** Replace part of your lawn with native plants. Create a backyard butterfly pollinator garden.
8. **Go Wildsnapping.** Nature photography is a great way to experience the great outdoors.
9. **Enroll in a nature camp or other outdoor-based organization.**
10. **Start or join a family nature club.**
11. **Visit a park.** [Parks Canada](#) now offers free admission to youth under 17 years. [Ontario Parks](#) has over 330 parks and each hosts many different activities. Check out their websites and be sure to visit a park this summer!
12. **Be mindful and create balance.** For every dollar invested in the virtual, put at least another dollar in the natural. Limit access to texting, computers, and TV part of the day or week. Schedule Saturday as a "Smartphone and iPad-Free Outdoor Play Day" for kids and parents.

*Adapted from: <http://www.childrenandnature.org/>*

Also, check out the

### Children's Outdoor Charter:

[www.childrensoutdoorcharter.ca/](http://www.childrensoutdoorcharter.ca/)

In Ontario, every child should have the opportunity to:

- Follow a trail
- Explore a park
- Harvest something to eat
- Swim in a lake
- Paddle a canoe
- Play in the snow
- Build an outdoor fort
- Visit a farm
- Camp under the stars
- Go fishing
- Observe plants
- ...Or create



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# Welcome to School Cash Online

## What is School Cash Online?

School Cash Online is an online parent portal that offers a safe, fast and convenient way to pay for school activity fees. The portal is customized to meet your school's needs and allows parents to add students, make payments, check current balance/account history and print or view receipts.



## Is it safe to use?

Our top priority is to keep your personal information safe. School Cash Online is PCI compliant, CSAE 3416 certified, HTTP Secure and adheres to the highest industry standards of security.

School Cash Online does not share your personal information with any third party. School Cash Online will never contact you to divulge confidential information via phone, email or mail.



## What Payment Methods are Available?



### Credit Card

Visa and Mastercard from all major Canadian financial institutions are accepted.



### eCheque

Anyone with a chequing or savings account can pay by eCheque. To transfer funds with an eCheque, simply enter your account number on the payment screen and click submit.



### myWallet

Load your myWallet similar to an online gift card up to a maximum of \$500. The balance can then be drawn on for future purchases.

#### How to load myWallet?

- 1 – When signed into School Cash Online, click on the myWallet tab at the top right corner of the screen
- 2 – Click Add Funds to myWallet
- 3 – Enter the amount you would like to load onto your myWallet account and press continue
- 4 – Enter your payment information and click continue

Once your myWallet account has been loaded you can begin making payments by selecting myWallet as your method of payment during the checkout process.



For safety and efficiency reasons, the Upper Grand District School Board would like to reduce the amount of Cash and Cheques coming into our school. We can now join the thousands of parents who have already registered and are enjoying the convenience of paying ONLINE! It takes less than 5 minutes to register. Please follow these step-by-step instructions, so you will begin to receive email notifications regarding upcoming events involving your child(ren).

### Step 1: Register

- To register, please go to the School Cash Online home page [ugdsb.schoolcashonline.com](http://ugdsb.schoolcashonline.com) and select **"Get Started Today"**.
- Complete each of the three Registration Steps  
*\*For Security Reasons, your password requires **8 characters**, **one uppercase** letter, **one lowercase** letter and a **number**.*

School Cash Online

Paying school items just got easier!  
Sign up to get started today.



### Step 2: Confirmation Email

A registration confirmation email will be forwarded to you. Click on the link provided inside the email to confirm your email and School Cash Online account. The confirmation link will open the School Cash Online site prompting you to sign into your account. Use your email address and password just created.

### Step 3: Find Student

Note: "Student Number" is not the student's OEN. Users should leave this field blank unless instructed otherwise.

This step will connect your children to your account.

- Enter the School Board Name
- Enter the School Name
- Enter Your Child's Name & Birth Date
- Select **Continue**
- On the next page confirm that you are related to the child, check in the Agree box and select **Continue**
- Your child has been added to your account

#### Find Student

##### School Information

School Board Name: School Board 1575  
Looking for a student in a different school board?

School Name: Eagle High School

##### Student Information

Do you have the student number?  **This is not OEN#  
Leave it blank!**

Student Number:

First Name:

Last Name:

Birth Date:    
Date format: mm/dd/yyyy

**Continue**

(No students? [Click here](#))

### Step 4: View Items or Add Another Student

If you have more children, select **"Add Another Student"** and repeat the steps above. 5 children can be added to one parent account.

If you do not wish to add additional children, select **"View Items For Students"**. A listing of available items for purchase will be displayed.

NOTE: If you require assistance, click the **SUPPORT** link in the top right hand corner of the screen.