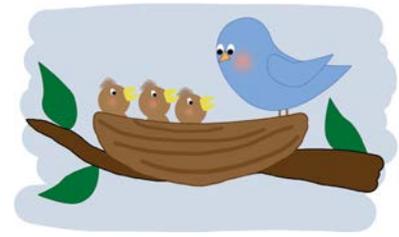


JD Hogarth P.S.

May 2017 Newsletter



Principal's Message:

May 1-5 is Education Week and this year's theme is; "Open Doors to Learning/Ouvrons les portes à l'apprentissage." This is a time to celebrate our achievements and reflect on the learning and growing that happens at JD Hogarth Public School. We all recognize that it takes the support of many stakeholders to raise successful citizens, so thank you to all the JD staff, the parents and community members for the continued support to educate and foster all aspects of a child's healthy development. As a staff, we depend on family support and involvement to assist in student success at school. We do hope that you will join us at this year's Spring Open House on May 4th from 5:00 to 7:00 pm. This night will include a display of student work, games to play, prizes to win, STEM challenges, and much more. Our school council has made available the opportunity for families to pre-order pizza. Snacks and drinks will be available for purchase. Please remember that parking at JD Hogarth is limited; therefore we encourage families where possible to walk to the school to enjoy the evening and to engage in some fun-filled activities.

We are well on our journey toward the completion of the 2016-2017 school year. Although the weather continues to be inconsistent, we have already had a few nice days. With the nicer days we have observed the energy levels of our students rise, as they are running around and playing cooperatively together. Despite our muddy, wet field, most students wear splash pants and rubber boots to take advantage of our playground to engage in a variety of activities. Our play structures will open this month. Our K-6 students are anxiously awaiting to run and play out on a dry field and to begin to use the play structures. With this in mind, it is a good time to remind everyone of the rules that help make these structures and our playground safe and fun places to play.

- no food or drinks on the yard
- play safe, fair and appropriately
- use appropriate language
- avoid any physical contact games or activities
- share playground equipment
- return the recess equipment to the bins
- leave the stone/rocks on the ground
- line up quickly when the bell rings
- respect the environment

At JD Hogarth, we continue to encourage, teach and support our students with active and inclusive play.

Ms. Barrow
Principal

Staff Changes: Our Vice-Principal Sarah Garrett is on leave from work. As a result, Mrs. Preston will be helping in the office and Mr. Brubacher has been hired to teach Mrs. Preston's classes. Welcome Mr. Brubacher!

Spring Open House:

Please join us for our annual Spring Open House on Thursday, May 4th between 5 - 7 pm. The student's art work will be on display. There will also be games, math/STEM activities and class basket raffles. We are looking forward to seeing you there!

EQAO ASSESSMENTS:

This May and June, Grade 3 and 6 students across Ontario will be assessed by the "Education Quality and Accountability Office" in reading, writing, and mathematics. This year, our grade 3 and 6 students will complete the assessment on May 24th, 25th, 26th, 30th, 31st and June 1st. Our Grade 3 students will write in the first block, and our Grade 6 students will write in the middle block of the day. Our teachers and students are working hard to prepare for these assessments, and we sincerely appreciate your support in limiting student absences, and lates during these times.

School and provincial results of this assessment will be made public in the fall. Individual student results are also released to parents at that time. The data from these assessments is one source of information to assist schools in the evaluation of their School Improvement Plan.



Help Your Child Do Well on Tests:

1. Make sure your child gets a good night's sleep before every test.
2. Provide a light, healthy breakfast on test day.
3. Have your child dress comfortably and arrive at school on time.
4. Send your child off to school with confidence-building words of praise.
5. Remind your child to carefully read directions.
6. Tell your child to check his or her work before turning in the test.

Arts Day:

On April 21st, we held our Annual Arts Day. What a fantastic day! There was a buzz in the air all day long. Students had the opportunity to show off their artistic side through courses like cooking, chainmail making, dream catchers, and so many more. A special thank you goes to all the teachers for their hard work in preparing for this amazing day. Another big thank you goes to Parent Council who fund this event for your children. When we all work together we achieve amazing things!



Volunteer Appreciation:

All our volunteers are invited to join us on May 12th from 9:45 to 10:45 am in the Library. The staff and students at JD Hogarth would like to show our thanks to all our volunteers.

Kindergarten Information Night:

On Thursday, May 25th, from 5:30 - 6:30 pm, parents of new students who will be attending Junior or Senior Kindergarten in September of 2017 are invited to an "Information Night" to learn about the Kindergarten Program here at JD Hogarth PS.

Vaccinations:

On May 18th, the Grade 7 students will have their Hep B & HPV vaccinations, and the Grade 8 students will have their HPV vaccination at the school.



End Dates for Milk, Subs & Pizza:

Please note that the last day for subs will be Monday, June 12th; last day for pizza will be Thursday, June 15th and the last day for milk will be Friday, June 16th.

Chess Club:

This year, the chess club ran from late October until May. It was well attended by junior and intermediate students. A big thank you to the 12 Chess Team participants who represented JD Hogarth with sportsmanship and enthusiasm at the annual UGDSB Tournament in Aberfoyle on April 6th.

Congratulations to the students who won 3 out of 5 rounds- JJ M., Keegan M., and Bryce G. We were appreciative of our parent volunteer drivers and Mrs. Bilton who also accompanied us!

Keep playing and we'll see you back next year!

Mrs. Leitch

Grade 8 Graduation:

Please keep June 28th at 6:30 pm open, as this is the evening for our Grade 8 graduation ceremony and dance!



Live Free Update:

Congratulations in winning a Spirit Award for most creative effort for your Live Free Day Fundraising.

Please note **changes** to the Lunch program as well. For the month of **May until June 16th**, **only salad will be offered**. Thank you for supporting Food and Friends to keep these programs running.

Child Abuse Prevention Policy and Program:

The Upper Grand District School Board places a high priority on the safety of our students. The child Abuse Prevention Policy is evidence of our commitment to this priority. The following is a quote from this policy:

"Every citizen in the community shares a responsibility for our children. School officials and teachers share this collective community responsibility for creating safe and nurturing environments for children. Under the Child and Family Services Act, this responsibility includes the legal requirement to report to the local Children's Aid Society any suspected child abuse or other situations where a child may be in need of protection. Teachers and other Board employees have a special opportunity to know and understand children during their most influential years of development. They are in a unique position to be able to see early signs of maltreatment, and to know or hear about the abuse and neglect that is often suffered by children."

As required in the Policy, we will be teaching age-appropriate lessons to help our students identify abuse and protect themselves from abusive situations. The goal is to provide children with the tools they need

to keep themselves safe. The lessons cover a broad range of safety issues including bullying, stranger danger and abuse by a known and trusted adult.

During the month of May students in grades one and three participate in lessons from the Red Cross Be Safe kit and grade five students will be taught the new *Kids in the Know* Child Abuse Prevention program by their classroom teachers with the support of the Child and Youth Counsellor. There is no formal program in grades two, four and six, although the safety concepts are reviewed by classroom teachers informally. Students in grade 7 will participate in a more age appropriate Red Cross program presented by the Child and Youth Counsellor entitled "It's Not Your Fault."

We encourage you to discuss with your child at home, the concepts taught in the Child Abuse Prevention Curriculum.

For more information regarding the Child Abuse Prevention Policy and/or Programs please contact Rhonda Spindley, Child and Youth Counsellor.



Bicycles at School:

Students are reminded to ensure that their bicycles have received a proper tune-up before using them. Also, please take the time to review all safety rules and rules of the road with your children. All students are encouraged to lock their bike in the bike rack. When students ride their bike to school they are required to walk their bike on school property.

Vehicles and Student Safety:

As student and staff safety is our number one concern, it is important to remind everyone of drop off and pick up procedures at JD Hogarth PS. The bus loading area is located directly in front of the school and must be open for buses. All other vehicles are not permitted to park or block the bus lane. There is limited parking at JD; therefore we are encouraging parents to make arrangements to drop off or pick up at the school's back gate which is located on Scott Street, or on Argyll Street where students can cross over at the pedestrian crossing on Belsyde Ave, or use Cherry Hill Place where there is a pathway to the school. These are all options that will help maintain safe transportation practices at JD Hogarth PS. Thank you in advance for making arrangements for safe transportation practices!



Moving?

Just a reminder that if you know you are moving over the summer, please call the office and let us know. Any changes to your child's information can be updated quickly by speaking with our Office Coordinator Mrs. Oliver.

Hats and Sunscreen:

We are expecting warmer weather! We remind parents that students are outdoors for recess and on occasion for DPA and physical education. We strongly recommend that parents take appropriate precautions to protect their child(ren) from the harmful rays of the sun. Students are encouraged to wear hats, sunscreen and sunglasses when on the playground.



Electronic Devices at School:

Students are asked not to bring electronic toys or devices to school for personal use. Any technology that is used at school should be for instructional purposes only and supervised by a teacher. Technology that is brought to school is not permitted in the halls, lunchrooms or on the playground and the school cannot be held responsible should these items be lost, damaged or stolen. Thank you for your cooperation.

Talking about Mental Health - May 1-5 is Child and Youth Mental Health and Well-being Week!

Child and Youth Mental Health and Well-being Week is in the first week of May. It is about promoting mental wellness, increasing awareness of child and youth mental health, decreasing stigma and understanding that support is available. Let's improve everyone's mental health and well-being!

The theme for Child and Youth Mental Health and Well-being at UGDSB is: Have a **SUPER** Week!

Social Connections

Understanding Emotions

Personal Health

Empowerment

Resilience



Each day of the week will focus on a different aspect of Mental Health and Well Being. The schools will be provided with resources and activities related to each day's theme.

As a parent, you can increase the Mental Health and Well-being of your children, youth and family too! Here are some suggestions:

Monday May 1 - Social Connection - "Be the Reason Someone Smiles Today".
Say Hi to 3 people that you do not know. Perform a random act of kindness.

Tuesday May 2 - Understanding Emotions - "Understanding Emotions Creates Positive Actions"
Right now, stop and reflect on how you are feeling. Take a couple of moments as a family to do some deep breathing. <http://youth.anxietybc.com/how-do-it> Now, how are you feeling?

On Wednesday, wear GREEN to support Mental Health Awareness.

Wednesday May 3 - Personal Health - "Move, Sleep, Eat, Repeat. Keep yourself healthy every day". Did you know that how our bodies feel affects how good we are feeling? Three of the best things you can do to improve your mood is to exercise, sleep well and eat well. Go for a walk or play a game, get outside, turn off the devices an hour before bed and eat fresh food! The more you do to help your body feel good, the better you will feel!

Thursday May 4 - Empowerment - "Change Your Thoughts, Change Your World". You are encouraged to look for ways to make a difference in your school and community. Start small, you never know where it will lead too.

Friday May 5 - Resilience - "Every Challenge is a Learning Experience". Mental Health and Well-being means coping with the ups and downs of day to day life. Building more resilient thoughts and skills can really help. Children and youth can also find support by seeking help from caring adults. Take time now to talk with child or youth about who those caring adults are in their lives.

For more information about Mental Health and Well-being and interactive activities with your children and youth:

Mind your Mind (online) www.mindyourmind.ca/Interactives

Fun, interactive options for de-stressing for youth.

Smiling Mind (Free App) smilingmind.com.au/

An app that guides you through simple, calming meditations.

GoNoodle (Free App) <https://www.gonoodle.com/>

Fun interactive body and mind breaks for kids.

At the end of the week, talk with your child/youth about the things that made them feel more connected, emotionally aware, healthy, empowered and resilient and continue to do those things every day!

Most of all... have a SUPER week!

Dr. Lynn Woodford is the Mental Health and Addiction Lead for Upper Grand District School Board

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Dates to Remember:

May 3 'Wear Green' to support mental health awareness

May 4 Spring Open House

May 12 Volunteer Appreciation

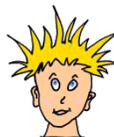
May 17 Wacky Hair Day

May 18 School Council Meeting

May 19 Jump Rope for Heart

May 22 Victoria Day - Holiday

May 25 Kindergarten Orientation Night



School Council Corner - May

JD Hogarth will be having an Open House on Thursday May 4th, from 5-7 pm. You will have an opportunity to tour the school with your child, to visit their classrooms and to see what they have been working on. The students pushed their creativity on Arts Day, held in April and they will be using this opportunity to display some of their masterpieces. In addition to the Art displays, there will be games in the gymnasium, with small participation prizes to be won. Thank you to the teachers and staff for putting so much work into making both the Arts Day and the Open House a success!

School Council is offering pizzas for pick up at the school that evening. Pizzas were available for pre-order and will be available for pick-up according to the time selected on your order form. We hope that providing this opportunity will allow many of you to combine some of your busy evening activities together to free some time to attend the Open House. Come and get your dinner at the school! Need a drink? You can bring your own water bottle to fill, or pop and juice boxes will also be for sale on site. We will also have a snack table available if you are just looking for a snack or dessert.

There will also be a Silent Auction at the Open House. As may have been communicated to you by your child's teacher, each classroom is contributing to a themed basket, that will be up for bidding at the Auction. This is in addition to other items, donated by businesses and individuals in the surrounding community

School Council needs volunteers for the spring open house; can you help us by volunteering for a half hour at one of our stations?

Contact Us:

For updates on school-council related information and other school-wide calendar items

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1810548639172149/>

Twitter: [@JDHogarthSC](https://twitter.com/JDHogarthSC)

Email: sc.jdhogarth@ugdsb.on.ca

Ongoing fundraisers FundScrip is a gift card purchase program that provides a percentage of the face value of every gift card you purchase back to the school.

THERE IS NO COST to you the purchaser, nor to the recipient of the Gift Card. Please visit:

www.fundscrip.com to get more information about this wonderful fundraising program. When you sign up please use our school code EDM6PZ. So far this school year your purchases through this program have helped our school raise over \$1300! THANK YOU!

Meetings: The next UGDSB Parent Involvement Committee meeting will be held Monday, May 29, 2017 (Grant Evans Education Centre, 40 Amelia Street, Orangeville)

Next School Council Meeting is Thursday, May 18, 2017, at 6:30 pm in the school library.
We hope you can come out and join us!