



JEAN LITTLE PUBLIC SCHOOL

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December 2020 Jean Little Newsletter

Principal and Vice Principal's Message

What a wonderful fall we have enjoyed here at Jean Little Public School. It is hard to believe that the holidays are right around the corner. During the past month, we had students attend our very first virtual Remembrance Day Assembly which included photos of their decorated classroom doors commemorating the day, a moment of silence and students sharing the poem In Flander's Fields. This was the first of our Jean Little virtual assemblies. We have since had another virtual assembly sharing highlights and memories from the first day of school ending in a challenge to draw the Jean Little Dragon! We will continue to have virtual assemblies to celebrate and connect our school community throughout the year. We also wrapped up Bullying Awareness week building student awareness of strategies and the focus on being an upstander and an ally. Currently around our school students see photos of their teachers who have shared messages of what it means to be an ally.

November also brought with it a second class reorganization. With this, we wish Ms. Lampkin and Ms. Kelly an exciting new journey as they shift to teaching remotely. Thank you to our teachers who have supported a smooth transition for those students who moved classes, and we thank you, our families, for your patience and flexibility throughout these transitions. Everyone is all settled in now! With December ahead, our school will once again be launching the Drive for Dignity, we will be focused on spreading kindness and recognizing celebrations and traditions that take place in our world and community. Read on to find more details about December at Jean Little!

We wish all of our families a season that brings happiness, good health and cheer. Stay warm and we will see you in 2021!

Sincerely,

Chris Popofski
Principal

Sarah Schoettler
Vice Principal

Bus Cancellations due to Weather Conditions:



What happens when my child's bus is cancelled? Elementary schools in Division 1 (Yellow - South Wellington/Guelph/Puslinch) and Division 2 (Blue - Centre Wellington/Erin/Rockwood) **will remain open to both staff and students on bus cancellation days**. If parents are not able to drive their child to school, they can access their child's Google Classroom for tasks posted by the classroom teacher.

School Closures:

On the rare occasions when schools and board sites are closed to staff and students (power outages, weather closures etc.), students and teachers will pivot to remote learning. This means that students will participate in Google Classrooms (asynchronous) or engaging in some synchronous learning activities with their classroom teacher.

School Council Message:

For the time being, the School Council will continue to meet virtually. Our next meeting will be **Monday Dec 7th at 6:15pm**. If you would like to receive a link to attend the meeting please email:

JLPSparentcouncil@gmail.com

Drop off and Pick up at School:

The Kiss 'n Ride located at the front of the school at the boulevard is our designated drop off and pick up zone. There are no parking zones along the street and parents are asked to adhere to signs as cars may be ticketed. We also ask that cars are not parked or waiting in front of neighbourhood driveways as it poses a safety concern for our Jean Little students.

Drive for Dignity



Jean Little is teaming up with Hope House to participate in The Drive for Dignity and Warming Tree. These campaigns help to support members in our community 'look and feel their best' this holiday season. We are asking that you send in a personal care item as a donation. We are asking that donation items be brought into your child(ren)'s class between **December 7th and December 11th.**

You can bring in items like:



- deodorant
- shampoo
- conditioner
- toothpaste
- toothbrushes
- hand lotion
- body wash
- soap
- chapstick
- mittens / scarves / toques
- socks
- baby formula
- diapers

Kindness Tree

This year, we are not able to place Drive for Dignity under the Warning Tree in the front entrance. Items will be collected in classrooms and then brought to a central location for storage until they can be delivered to the Hope House. We are going to use the Warming Tree as our Kindness Tree this holiday season. Students will have the opportunity to recognize kindness in our community by creating paper lightbulb ornaments that celebrate acts of kindness. Teachers will place these ornaments on the Kindness Tree to highlight all the ways we are lighting up our community with kindness.



To honour the various celebrations that take place around the world and in our community, students will hear about them through our daily announcements, school displays and will have the opportunity to share their own experiences in the classroom.

Festive Spirit Days December 14th-18th

Monday- Festive hats/headbands (teachers will give students the opportunity to make one at school if they prefer)

Tuesday - Festive sweater/shirt (teachers will provide students with a template to design and wear at school if they prefer)

Wednesday– Festive/seasonal socks

Thursday – Festive/seasonal colours

Hanukkah-(blue, white and silver)

Kwanzaa-(red, black and green)

Christmas-(red and green)

Friday - Comfort Day (pyjamas, sweats, cozy sweaters, blankets, slippers)

J.L. Spreads Holiday Kindness

Traditionally Jean Little participates in a school Holiday Post office, however, with COVID restrictions we will be unable to continue this year. In true Jean Little fashion we have found a way to continue with the holiday cheer.

This year, to foster feelings of empathy and gratitude we are participating in the 'Holiday Cheer Cards for Veterans' initiative.

The Covid-19 pandemic has made this a very difficult time for Canadians living in long-term care facilities, including many older Veterans. Visits have often been restricted in the effort to keep residents safe, but a sense of isolation can take a steep toll. One way we can try to brighten the days of these real-life heroes is to have students send them handmade cards offering their best wishes for the holidays and personal thanks for all that Veterans have done for our country.

Teachers will direct this activity and our cards will be mailed to veterans around Ontario. We are very grateful for those who have helped make Canada safe.

School Photo Day! We are very excited to share that we will be moving ahead with school photos in the new year aligned with COVID guidelines. The photo company has outlined extensive safety protocols which have been vetted and meet board requirements. Stay tuned for more information!



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