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May 2021 Jean Little Newsletter Principal and Vice Principal's Message

Dear Jean Little Families,

It's May and we are back into the groove with remote teaching and learning. Each morning at 9 a.m. Mrs. Schoettler and I visit our online classrooms to say hello, share announcements and stay connected with our students and staff. As we delve back into online teaching, it is our hope that students will continue to build upon the concepts they were learning in class. Our teachers are teaching synchronously throughout the day, working hard to maintain the learning that was taking place at school. If students are not attending, your child's teacher and the office will follow up to ensure that your child's classes are not being missed. Please continue to support your child's learning by ensuring their regular attendance, as it is our on-going goal to set them up for learning success for the upcoming school year.

This week is Education and Mental Health week where we are ***Celebrating Learning, Wellness and Community***. Our students will be taking part in lessons that focus on mental health and wellness and Mr. Aiken and Mrs. Carvalho have created a Virtual Assembly that celebrates our students and their learning that took place between Jan and March this year. There is even an Earth day poster competition that students can take part in with prizes to be won!



Thank you to all of our parents and guardians for your on-going support, we know how hard this situation is for our students and our staff. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Sincerely,

Chris Popofski
Principal

Sarah Schoettler
Vice Principal

Support for COVID Vaccine Registration:

Please use Google translate:

https://www.google.com/search?q=google+translate&rlz=1C1GCEA_enCA947CA947&oq=google+translate&aqs=chrome.69i59j0l3j0i433j0l2j69i65.2855j0j7&sourceid=chrome&ie=UTF-8

Immigration Services is now offering information sessions in many languages for Vaccine support. Please use the link below to find more information:

<https://www.is-gw.ca/language-specific-information-sessions-about-guelph%E2%80%99s-vaccination-plan-isgw>

If you are pregnant, you may contact your healthcare provider directly and receive the vaccine without pre-registering.

If you are an essential worker (some examples are factory workers, food/agricultural manufacturing, and grocery stores), and **HAVE NOT** pre-registered for the Covid vaccine, Lara Rahim-Lasko our ESL Resource teacher is very happy to help you.

Here is the link: <https://register.wdgpublichealth.ca/>

To Contact Lara for assistance, please use the contact information below:

Email address: lara.rahimlasko@ugdsb.on.ca

ESL in UGDSB Website

<https://sites.google.com/ugcloud.ca/esl>

ESL Newcomer Mindomo

<https://www.mindomo.com/mindmap/esl-newcomer-kit-2e51e60d6f4f42ce9a37bada7570b1df>

Grade 8 Grads - Save the Date!

On **Wednesday, June 23rd** we will be celebrating our Grade 8 Jean Little Graduates from 4:30-6:30. More information to come!



School Council Message

Jean Little school council welcomes all who are interested in being part of a group of parents/guardians who support the success of students at Jean Little. If you would like to learn more about how you can join our team please email:

JLPSParentCouncil@gmail.com

Umbrella Theme: Let's talk about AUTONOMY



Autonomy, our theme for May, is our ability to make decisions and have a say in the direction of our lives. Autonomy helps with the development of independence and trust and is an important part of our individual growth and development. As a parent nurturing autonomy, we aim to create a cooperative bond between ourselves and our children while also paying attention to secure and reasonable boundaries and expectations. Autonomy goes beyond teaching independence and is about supporting our children in a way that allows them a sense of comfort in themselves.

Why is autonomy important?

- Helps to create a sense of mastery – over body, mind and environment
- Supports independent and critical thinking
- Encourages intrinsic motivations
- Inspires confidence
- Allows for individuality and uniqueness to emerge

So what can you do? (adapted from Dr. Shenfield, What is Autonomy Supportive Parenting and How to Practice It, 2019, article)

- Involve your child/ren in household decision making – age appropriately of course!
- Give your child the opportunity to have input in their daily routine when possible
- Help your child to express their own emotions and opinions within safe boundaries
- Keep loving them! Let them know through your actions and words that you love them.
- Respect their preferences and choices when possible. And when they can't be met you can still acknowledge that you heard their preference/choice.
- Really listen to your child and help them label and express their feelings.

Social Justice

You can use this month's focus to look at what your child/family are interested in in terms of the broader community. What is important to each of you? Where do they see that they could make a difference? Be creative and have fun while making a difference.

I think there's great potential for autonomy, but we have to remember that we live in a world where people may have free will but have not invented their circumstances.

Thomas Frank

Jenny Marino

Mental Health Lead for Upper Grand District School Board

If you are in crisis and live in Wellington you can call Here247 at 1-844-437-3247 (HERE247)

If you are in Dufferin and are in crisis you can call Dufferin Child & Family Services at 519-941-1530

Kids Help Phone 1-800-668-6868 or text CONNECT to 686868

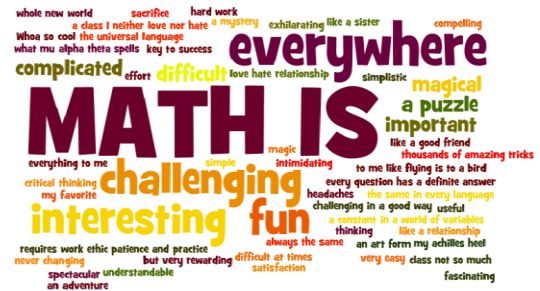
Thanks to Edge Mutual for sponsoring the Umbrella Project at UGDSB!



Math Website for Families

The elementary curriculum department invites families to come and explore a new math website for Parents and Guardians called, [Games and Activities that Support Mathematical Thinking at Home](#). The site is full of parent/guardian resources and activities you may use at home to strengthen foundational numeracy skills with your children.

The purpose of this site is to share hands on and interactive math games you can play in a home setting while also exploring how we can nurture a love of mathematics with our children. The site includes low prep activities meaning games require little to no materials and are suitable for children grades K-8. The games highlighted here are hands on and not digital. As technology continues to develop and provide wonderful learning opportunities, these games allow for a break from the screen and promote face to face interaction. There is also a form linked to the site inviting families to share their own math games as well. We hope this site is helpful to families looking to explore math together.



Monthly Environmental Activities to help celebrate our planet



May 22nd 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/>

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.



International Day for
Biological Diversity

<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!

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) **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.

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.

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