



JEAN LITTLE PUBLIC SCHOOL

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

End of June 2021

Dear Jean Little Families,

This is an end of the school year that will likely never be forgotten. We would like to begin this final school year newsletter by saying a sincere thank you to our staff, students, parents and guardians for your patience and positivity as we worked through the shifts and changes this pandemic year brought upon us. Amidst the challenges, we continued to focus on providing your children with the best possible learning experiences at school and through on-line learning, and the safety and well-being of our students continued to always remain our first priority. It is hard to believe that we are at the end of June already and with this we have endings and new beginnings. It is a time where we typically gather in the gymnasium to celebrate the accomplishments and achievements of the current year and to say good-bye in person to our departing staff. Mr. Aiken, Ms. Ayotte, Ms. C. Carvalho, Ms. Freer, Ms. Nelson, Ms. Pilbeam, Ms. Prigione, Ms. Morioka, Ms. Stacey, Mr. Tucker will be moving on to other opportunities. Thank you for your dedication, hard work and professionalism here at Jean Little. You will be greatly missed!

We would also like to wish Mrs. Schoettler farewell as she embarks on her new assignment -Principal at John Black Public School. Mrs. Schoettler, we will miss you and will be remembered fondly. We welcome Ms. Apgar who will be the new Vice Principal at Jean Little next year!

Due to the school closure, we had our virtual Grade 8 Graduation ceremony on Wednesday, June 23rd. Following the ceremony students had the opportunity to connect with each other and their teachers to relive some highlights from this year. On behalf of all of our Jean Little staff, we would like to wish our grade 8 graduating class all the best as they and enter the world of secondary school education. To all of our returning students, we'll see you in September!

Sincerely,

Chris Popofski
Principal

Sarah Schoettler
Vice Principal

Online Report Cards: Starting on June 14, UGDSB parents/guardians can create their new account on the Parent Portal, which will enable them to access their child's report card online later this spring.

Instructions for setting up an account:

1. Visit this page on the board website and choose your child's school from the list: <https://www.ugdsb.ca/parents/connected/>
 - a. This information is also posted on all school websites in the section titled "Report Card and ConnectED for Parents"
2. Once on the Parent Portal, click 'Create Account.'
3. Enter your name, the email address that the UGDSB has on file for you (reminder: these were emailed to every student on June 9), and create a password. Then click 'Create Account' again.
4. A confirmation email will be automatically sent to your parent email address.
5. Open the confirmation email and click on the link provided to activate your account.
6. Once activated, you will be able to sign into the Parent Portal by entering your email address and password.

*To watch a video explaining how to set up your account and use the Parent Portal, visit https://youtu.be/BX3Zk7_1vIk. This video can also be found on our [Parent Tech Support website](#).

Parents/guardians will be able to access their account as soon as they have activated it. Please note that report cards will not be available for download yet.

Elementary report cards will be available for download between June 23 and July 5
Secondary report cards will be available for download between July 5 and 16

The process of setting up an account will only need to be completed once. Families with more than one child in the UGDSB will only need to complete this process once. Parents/guardians will have access to information for each child using the same account.

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>

School Council Message

Thank you to everyone for all of your support during what has been a truly challenging year. A special thanks goes to the teachers and staff at Jean Little Public School who have helped our students navigate what has been a truly exceptional time of learning. We look forward to the new and exciting possibilities the fall will bring and are hopeful for a return to in-person learning. Please continue to check the school website for information on how to become involved with Parent Council next year -- we are always looking for new and fresh ideas and perspectives! Best wishes for a safe, restful, and re-energizing summer! If you would like to learn more about how you can join our team please email: JLPSParentCouncil@gmail.com



To Our Jean Little PS Grade 8 Graduates and Families

This has certainly been an end to your time at Jean Little Public School that none of us could have ever anticipated. As we know the typical Grade 8 Graduation Ceremony will look different on Wednesday June 23rd.



Grad Video Celebration - Posted to all Google classrooms Tuesday June 22nd at 4:00pm

- Intermediate staff, in collaboration with students, will showcase a digital celebration of our Grade 8 graduating class and announce award winners.

Grad Night Wednesday June 23rd - 4:30pm to - 6:30pm - Pick Up - Outside Front of School

- Diplomas and awards, as well as a graduation gift, will be distributed to graduates and award winners on this night.
- Photo opportunities

Public Health Reminders For The Night:

- Please complete the screening before arriving at the school
<https://covid-19.ontario.ca/school-screening/>
- Minimize the amount of family coming to pick up (Parents/Guardians)
- Wear a mask
- Maintain social distancing when possible

If you have any questions or concerns, please call or email the school.

Sincerely,
Mr. Popofski and Mrs. Schoettle

Student Belongings Pick-Up/Chromebook Drop-off:

On the day designated by the school for pick-up/drop-off, real time (synchronous) teacher-led learning may not occur, as staff will be facilitating the drop off and pick up of items.

When: Teachers will communicate their specific pick-up schedule with their students/families.

Location: Enter through front door of school (Kindergarten parents pick-up at the Kindergarten Enclosure located at the side of the school)

Who: Parent/guardian/student is to enter the school to collect items

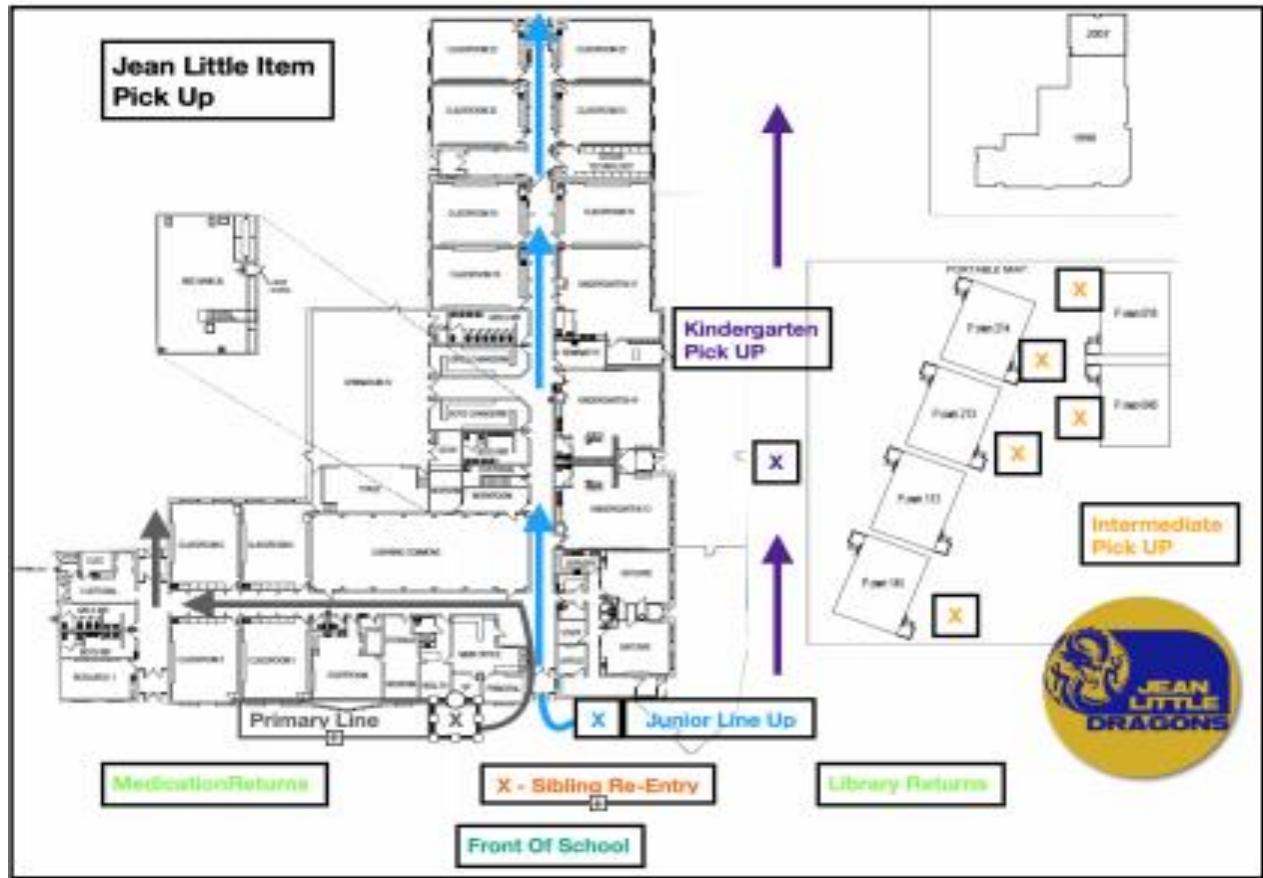
- Line up will start on the left side of the school front doors - See Map
- School administration will let you know when to enter. Enter school and go to the grade/division hallway of your child's class
- Students bagged items will be located in alphabetical order outside of your child's classroom
- Please take a quick look at the racks for shoes as they will not have been placed into the bags
- Exit out the side back tarmac doors
- We ask that foot traffic all goes in one direction - Please refer to the map
- The front of the school, where buses park, is out of bounds for parking. Please use the school parking lot or the surrounding streets that permit parking.
- If your child has **library books** at home, you may bring them and drop them off at the table at the front entrance.
- Student **Medication/EpiPens** will also be available for pick up at the front of the school

***Sibling Re-Entry Line** - This line is to be used for Parents that have already been in the building and need to access another hall for their other child's belongings

Please complete the following self-assessment tool prior to arrival:

[https:// covid-19.ontario.ca/self-assessment/](https://covid-19.ontario.ca/self-assessment/)

SEE MAP BELOW FOR ENTRY AND EXIT OF THE SCHOOL



Umbrella Theme: Reflecting on the Year



What a year it has been. We have all collectively had to manage an ever-changing landscape. Pressures on families, children and youth have been significant as we work our way through this global pandemic. We have, together, focused ourselves on wellness skills throughout the year. It seems appropriate that our last month together our Umbrella theme is mastery. Mastery refers to the desire to become competent at a skill. In many ways we have all been working at this skill as we try and find ways to manage during this pandemic.

This month, I invite you to look back at the skills we collectively worked on this year: empathy, mindfulness, gratitude, self-compassion, healthy lifestyle, autonomy and intrinsic motivation. Have you had the opportunity to explore any of these skills? What, if anything, have you been able to add into your routine? If nothing, that is okay. Just the act of learning about new skills is the beginning of building.

How can you support your child with this? Explore the past themes together. Try and encourage your child to persevere when they are frustrated. Helping our children to desire

to become competent at a task is what we naturally do much of the time. Consider helping your child learn to ride a bike. There may be falls. There may be scrapes and frustration. But there will also be that celebration when they first pedal away, wobbly at best, but independently. This is one example. There are many. It is important to remember that success is unique to each person's abilities.

Throughout the year, with the Umbrella Project, we were hoping to bring some connectedness, some shared experience, to an otherwise disconnected time. In whichever way you participated, thank you for joining the UGDSB staff and students on this wellness journey. We look forward to re-connecting and continuing this work together next year.

Jenny Marino
Mental Health Lead, UGDSB



The Umbrella Project at UGDSB is made possible through a donation from Edge Mutual.

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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

Summer Mental Health Support Line

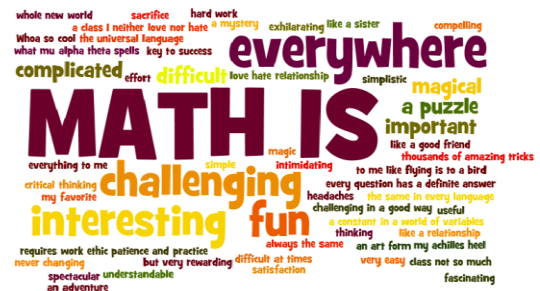
If your child or youth needs mental health support over the summer, you or your youth can call and leave a voice mail at 519-822-4420 ext 588. We have Mental Health Clinicians available and voice mails will be checked regularly from July 2 to August 30. Please note that this is not a crisis line.

If your matter is time sensitive and you need support right away, please call (CMHA) Here 24/7 at 1-844-437-3247 (Guelph/Wellington) or DCAFS 519-941-1530 (Dufferin). Children and youth can also contact kidshelpphone.ca, 1-800-668-6868, Text message: 686868.

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.



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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Back to school means labelling...everything! Support Jean Little Public School when you purchase labels through Mabel's Labels! <https://mabelslabels.com/support-a-fundraiser/>

Jean Little On-line Calendar Please visit the Jean Little online calendar for upcoming events and important dates. Visit: <https://www.ugdsb.ca/JeanLittle/>



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