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Principal's Message

It looks like the warm weather enjoyed by us all this fall is quickly coming to a close. Please remember that students need to have appropriate clothing for the cooler weather that we have been experiencing. Layers always work well in this kind of weather. Thinking about clothing, please take the time to check-out the Lost and Found Box. We have a multitude of clothing.

November is a great month for reflection and I hope as you look over your child's progress report, you take the time to reflect on his/her learning style and learning needs. This report is not an evaluation of your child's achievement. Rather, the purpose is to give students and parents early and specific feedback regarding general progress during the first two months of the school year. The Progress Report will tell you how well your child is developing in their learning skills and work habits, as well as how they are progressing in the different subject areas. Instead of assigning a grade at this time, teachers will indicate how well your child is progressing: "very well", "well", or "with difficulty." The Progress Report also highlights areas of strengths and areas that need to be improved. Evaluation or marks are included on the Term 1 and 2 reports in February and June.

I will outline some of the "bigger" activities taking place, but please be sure to check on the website as well.

Katherine Wainman

Important Dates

- November 2 (at 1:40pm) Respect Assembly (Owen and Webster's classes)
- November 6 (starting at 6:30pm) School Council Meeting in Library
- November 10- Remembrance Day Assembly (We will have a special guest who is a veteran attending.) See message below.
- November 14, Progress Reports go home with students

- November 15, Guelph Police visits
 - Kindergarten Presentation
 - Grade 5 Bullying Presentation
 - Safety Patrollers Pizza Lunch at 1:10pm
- November 16, V.I.P. Program for Grade 6 students
- November 16, Lion's Vision Screening (JK/SK's only)
- November 20 - 23 Bully Prevention Week
 - November 20 at 9:15 **One Movement Dance** presentation to debut Bully Prevention Week
- November 22 (Anti-Bullying and Perseverance Assembly) at 9:00 - 10:00. Special Guest and former alumni, Cam Guthrie speaking.
- November 22, Grades 4, 5 and 6 to Galaxy Cinema to see Wonder (11:45am to 2:45pm)
- November 23 Spirit Day - Favourite Sport or Activity
- November 23 Interview Evening from 3:15pm - 7:45pm
- November 24, Interview Day (PA Day)
- November 28, River Run Centre Grade 2's afternoon
- November 30, Pottery to Go (Grades 1 to 3)
- November 30, Spaghetti Supper School Fundraiser 5:00 first sitting, 6:00 second sitting



Remembrance Day

Since November 11 falls on a Saturday this year, we will be marking Remembrance Day a little differently this year. We are lucky and thankful to have John Ewasick, a veteran whose visit is organized through the Memory Project

(<http://www.thememoryproject.com/>), who will be sharing his experiences with the students. This will be a very meaningful experience for our students.

The day will be organized as follows:

- 8:45 Announcements (Students will read In Flanders Fields and we will have our moment of silence.)
- 9:30 - 10:30 Assembly for Kindergarten to Grade 3 Students (Mme Roberts' class helping out)
- 11:15 - 12:15 Assembly for Grades 4 to 6 (Mme Roberts' class helping out)



November 30th Spaghetti Supper!!

Welcome to EJPS' first Spaghetti Supper supplied by East Side Marios! This is a school sponsored fundraiser and community event all at the same time. There will be more information to come very, very shortly, but be sure to mark your calendars. There will be two seatings, 5:00 pm and 6:00 pm. We are going to be environmentally friendly and will let you know what to bring to help us with this! Be sure to come out for this great event. Funds raised will be used to help support school trips, speakers, and special classroom projects.

Parent/Teacher Interviews

Your child(ren)'s progress report will go home on Tuesday, November 14th, and in most cases, interviews with teachers will be on Thursday, November 23rd from 3:15 p.m. – 7:45 p.m. and on Friday, November 24th between 8:30 a.m. – 3:15 p.m.

We are utilizing the on-line Upper Grand Interview Booking System, in an effort to help you more easily coordinate times for the various teachers with whom you want to meet. **This booking system will open on at 7:00 a.m. on Wednesday, November 15 and will close on Wednesday, November 22nd at 3:00 p.m.** The following is the URL to access the website:

The only information you will require to log into the system is your child(ren)'s **9-digit OEN number (located on the top of the first page of the progress report) and his/her birthdate.**

Once you have entered the booking site, you simply check off the teachers you would like to meet, as well as a time slot. That time slot then becomes unavailable to anyone else. Once you have finished booking your interviews, it is also possible to print out your schedule, complete with teacher names, time and location.

If you are unable to meet the teacher on the provided dates, please contact the teacher directly to arrange a mutually agreed upon time (519-763-7374).

If you have any questions or concerns about using this booking system, please do not hesitate to ask for assistance.

Monthly environmental activities to help celebrate our planet

November 24th is BUY NOTHING Day!

Don't buy, give. "No one has ever become poor by giving", Anne Frank

Celebrate Buy Nothing Day on November 24th!

Buy Nothing Day is an awareness day highlighting society's habit of buying too many things. It is a day for society to examine the issue of over-consumption and is held on 'Black Friday', which is one of the busiest shopping days in the United States. <https://en.wikipedia.org>

"We are also consuming and trashing clothing at a far higher rate than our planet can handle.

Today's trends are tomorrow's trash. The only solution is to reduce our levels of consumption." *Dr Kirsten Brodde of Greenpeace Germany-* <https://www.telegraph.co.uk>

Repair, reduce, re-use, recycle – 4 R's are best!

It's time for a new kind of materialism, based on an economy of better, not more... that makes things which last and can be repaired many times before being recycled, from furniture to tools, cars, fridges, clothes and food. 'Repair, reduce, re-use, recycle' could be the new model. <https://www.theguardian.com>

Some great ideas for your family on Buy Nothing Day!

- Instead of shopping, enjoy a day in the great outdoors by walking trails or going to the park.
- Recycle school supplies such as binders, workbooks, pens and pencils instead of buying new.
- Donate clothes, books, toys and games your family does not need any more.
- Think of things you can make or do for people as gifts without spending any money.

Either way, there's no doubt that going without buying anything for an entire day is quite a challenge in the modern world, and will serve to make you think about what your life is really about! <https://www.daysoftheyear.com/days/buy-nothing-day>

Talking About Mental Health November 2017 – Talking to Your Child/Youth about Tragic Events

When a tragic event occurs, children and youth will hear about these events through media, peers or other sources. These are difficult topics to talk about and your response will shape your child/youth's core beliefs.

Tips for talking to children/youth about tragedies

You know your child/youth best, and you'll have a good idea of how much information your child/youth is ready to hear. Consider these tips as a guideline:

Don't allow young children to watch the news. Watching news footage can be very disturbing to young children so it's important to keep it off when they're around.

Keep your message simple. Say something like, "That person decided to hurt other people." For young children, this may be all the information they need. Older children are likely to ask more questions. Stick to the simple facts. It's OK to say you don't know all the answers.

Focus on the steps that are being taken to keep people safe. Talk about how police officers, government officials, and other first responders are helping. Spend more time talking about the good work people are doing, rather than the horrific event. This can help reduce your child/youth's anxiety about safety.

Empower your kids to become helpers. Discuss how they can take positive action in the wake of a tragic event. Volunteering in the community and donating allowance money can go a long way toward helping children/youth see that they can always take steps to make the world a little better. Children/youth who feel like they have a little bit of control are less likely to feel helpless in the wake of a tragic event.

Send a healthy message to your child

No matter how many conversations you hold or how much you decide to share, keep the message the same, bad things happen but there are good people out there helping and we're strong enough to get through it.



How to get your Child Cooperating without Yelling, Threats or Punishment

Tired of battling with your child? Wish you knew how to get your child cooperating without yelling and threats? Wondering how to help your child become more self-disciplined?

Dr. Laura Markham, founding editor of AhaParenting.com to the rescue, with practical everyday strategies to help you raise a self-disciplined child who WANTS to cooperate!



Dr. Laura says that earning her PhD in clinical psychology at Columbia University was just the beginning of her education as a psychologist. The mother of a teenager and a young adult, says it was becoming a mother that convinced her that parents need more support. Her aspiration is to change the world, one child at a time, by supporting parents.

She assists parents in transforming their relationships with their children. Dr. Markham includes a long question & answer session with every presentation, so her sessions are customized to fit each audience's unique needs. She guarantees that you'll leave energized and inspired, with a plan to create lasting change in your home.

JOIN US FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN:

- Your secret weapon to get your child cooperating.
- Why Yelling, Threats and Punishment actually create more misbehaviour.
- How children develop self-discipline.
- The most important parenting habit to create good behavior.
- Strategies to handle your own strong emotions so you can help your child.

LOCATION & EVENT DETAILS

Wednesday November 8, 2017
at Centennial Collegiate Vocational Institute
289 College Ave W, Guelph, ON N1G 1S9

Thursday November 9, 2017
at Westside Secondary school
300 Alder St, Orangeville, ON L9W 5A2

6:15pm: Information booths & light refreshments
6:45pm - 8:45pm: Presentation followed by an opportunity to ask Questions

This is a FREE Event -but registration is required.
Access your tickets by going to www.ugdsb.ca/pic/
or contact your UGDSB Principal.

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A word from the School Council

A big thank you from **Edward Johnson** and **Farm Fresh** to you! The school sold a total of 153 bundle A and 74 bundle B, raising a total of \$1300 for the school! Your fundraising dollars have gone towards new gym equipment, outdoor soccer nets, school fruit snack cupboard and outdoor toy bins for each class. The delivery date is to be announced in November.

Spirit Wear: School council has been working hard to revamp the school logo for our spirit wear and sport team uniforms. We are offering a free t shirt for each child in the school, order forms will be going home, please return by no later than **November 13, 2017.** There will be samples in the school if you or your children need to try an item on. Please email ejschoolcouncil@gmail.com and we can arrange a fitting.

Monthly School Council Meeting:

Monday,
November 6th
6:30-7:30 pm
Edward Johnson
library
All are welcome to
attend.

Join our school/
school council
facebook page,
[Edward Johnson
School Council.](#)

Keep up with
current school
information and
stay informed
with whats
happening in
the school.

November 23rd
is **Favourite
Sport and
Jersey day**

Wear your
favourite team
jersey/shirt. Or
your favourite
sport or league.

**WHAT TEAM OR
SPORT ARE YOU
CHEERING FOR?**

Feedback welcome on draft policies

The Upper Grand District School Board is welcoming public input on draft policies. Currently under review is **Policy 310 - Display of Flags**. You are invited to review the draft documents and submit online feedback at www.ugdsb.ca/board/policy. **The deadline for public input is November 30, 2017** at 4 p.m. EST. Persons without internet access may call 519-822-4420 (or toll-free 1-800-321-4025) ext. 723 to request a printed copy of the draft documents.

Yearbook for 2017-2018

Yes, we've heard your feedback! We are looking at making this year's yearbook better than ever. Mme Motto, junior students and some parent volunteers will be doing their best to make it a yearbook that everyone can enjoy for years to come.

Kill It With Kindness Bench (KIWK)

KIWK has had to push a few assemblies back as there has been a delay on production for the benches as they are waiting for more recycled plastic to be delivered. The Board of Directors has rescheduled assemblies for right after the Christmas break. Our school is at the top of the list for the new year. KIWK has apologized for any inconvenience that this may have caused; however, they look forward to celebrating a great assembly with our school in January 2018.