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March 2018

Lots of exciting activities happening here at Ecole Edward Johnson. Please be sure to check the calendar on the website for important updates:

Important Dates:

- Scientists in Schools and Food For Life Program in various classes throughout the month of March (please see calendar on website)
- March 5, School Council Meeting in Library (6:30 - 7:30 PM)
- March 7, Winter Olympics starting at 11:30am
- March 8, Junior Basketball Tournament (King George PS) Girls morning; Boys afternoon
- March 9, Little Change for Big Change Fundraiser (Big Brothers/Big Sisters) and Pajama Day
- March 12 - 16, March Break
- March 24, Earth Hour
- March 30, Good Friday - no school



Wishing for everyone an active, safe, and relaxing March Break! Spring is just around the corner.

Katherine Wainman

Environment News from our Edward Johnson Environmental Club

Litterless Lunch Thursdays!!

As a result of our waste audit, we noticed that kids are bringing too much litter in their lunches at school. So, we are starting our “Litterless Lunch Thursdays” program right after the March Break.

Please bring your lunch food items in reusable containers (not containers to be recycled i.e., individual applesauce containers, yogurt containers, etc.). Classes that are interested in participating will keep a tally for each litterless Thursday.



At the end of the campaign, we will give a grand prize of a pizza lunch for the class who got the most litterless lunches during the 9 weeks. But don't despair, we have a weekly trophy for each class that has over 75% of students participating.

Help the environment today by having litterless lunches today; especially, on Thursdays!!

From,
The Students in the Environment Club.

Grade 6 Food Drive (Mme Lachmansingh and Mme Caswell)

The two Grade 6 classes will be running a Food Drive from March 19th - April 6th. Please help us help others by sending in dried goods and cans for this worthwhile cause.



CASL-compliant Emails from School

Legislation has been passed that requires everyone who sends an email with commercial content to have express consent from the recipient to send that email. You may not think that schools send emails with commercial content, but we do. We remind you that pizza orders are due, ask for a donation to a charity, and so on. As a result, families who wish to receive emails from their child's school must [register here](#). You may unsubscribe at any time by scrolling to the bottom of the message.

A word from the School Council

Many Thanks to all donations for the Disco themed Dance a thon, we raised \$4700! Money raised is put towards class field trips and classroom enrichment.

Winners of the draw will be announced soon!

Coming soon....

Sports Night!

Friday, March 23rd 6-7 pm

It is a community event.

More detail to come!

Reminders:

**March Break;
March 12-16th**

The School Council
wishes everyone a
safe & relaxing break

**Holiday
Weekend:
March 30 -
April 2**

**ENJOY
ST. PATRICK'S
DAY**

Saturday, March 17

Monthly School Council Meeting:

Monday,
March 5th 6:30-7:30
pm

Edward Johnson
library

All are welcome to
attend. Refreshments
will be served!

Join our school/
school council
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School Council.](#)

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current school
information and
stay informed.

Ecole Edward Johnson



PLEASE COMPLETE THE UPPER GRAND DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD CLIMATE SURVEY FOR PARENTS

- This is an anonymous survey that is completed every two years
- Allows the School and Board the opportunity to assess the perceptions of safety from students, staff, and parents
- The data is then used to make informed planning decisions and to determine the effectiveness of programs
- The survey will take about 5 minutes to complete

Survey Closes

Survey link closes on March 9th

This Survey is available from our School Website:

Parent survey direct link: https://uoguelph.eu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_9NxSF6jZm5I11Hv

Your voice matters @UGDSB Gr 4 - 12 students, staff & parents please complete our 2018 School Climate Survey at: <http://bit.ly/UGclimatesurvey2018> Check out this video to understand why your answers are important <https://www.wevideo.com/view/1066200581> #equity #accessibility #safety #respect

Monthly environmental activities to help celebrate our planet

March 24th is Earth Hour!

This Earth Hour, help shine a light on climate change

Join the global Movement! Celebrate Earth Hour on March 24th at 8:30pm.

Earth Hour's mission is uniting people to protect the planet by raising awareness of about climate change and encouraging positive action.

Earth Hour is more than an event. It is a movement that has achieved massive environmental impact, including legislation changes by harnessing the power of the crowd.

Ideas for your family to do for Earth Hour!

A simple event can be just turning off all non-essential lights on March 24th from 8:30-9:30 pm. For one hour, focus on your commitment to our planet. To celebrate, you can:

- prepare a candle lit dinner
- talk to your neighbours, or invite people over
- stargaze, or go camping in your backyard
- play board games, or charades
- host a concert, or a sing-a-long
- create or join your own community event
- have an Earth Hour every month!

The possibilities are endless!

(Select information taken from: www.earthhour.org)

Feedback welcome on draft board policies

The Upper Grand District School Board is welcoming public input on draft policies. Currently under review is **Policy 517 – Service Dogs for Students**.

This policy is important to students, parents, staff, school councils, community partners and members of the local community because the use of a service dog by a student with a disability in the school requires the cooperation of the entire school community.

You are invited to review the draft documents and submit online feedback at www.ugdsb.ca/board/policy. **The deadline for public input is March 29, 2018 at 4 p.m.**

ext. 723 to request a printed copy of the draft documents.

Lost and Found

As is often the case by mid-winter, our school's Lost & Found Bin is overflowing with student clothing. As prior to the break, we will again display the items from the bin on tables and students will be encouraged to take a look and gather any clothing that belongs to them. Unfortunately, many clothing items remain unclaimed and we have no other choice than bagging and sending unclaimed clothing to a charitable organization. Please continue to encourage your children to visit the Lost and Found bin when clothing items are missing.

