



L' École Edward Johnson School
Learning for Life Apprendre pour la vie
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June 2018

Important Dates:

- Tues., June 5, Patrol Trip to Blue Mountain (2 patrollers from EJPS)
- Tues., June 5 - Thurs., May Grade 6 Camp Paradise
- Tues., June 5 Grade 1's go to RARE (Prilesnik, Stolfi, Forbes)
- Wed., June 6, Everdale Trip for MacDonald/Andrew
- Thurs., June 7th, Crazy Hair Day
- Thurs., June 7th, Everdale Trip for Rathbone and Finlay
- Thurs., June 7th, Family Fun Night 5:00 - 7:00 pm !!!!!
- Fri. June 8th, Professional Development Day -- No School
- Fri. June 8th Primary Choir sings at Multicultural Event (forms have gone home)
- Tues., June 12 Jump Rope Pie Assembly starting at 1:30 pm Mme Motto gets three pies in the face!!
- Tues., June 12th and Wed., June 13th JK Visits (9:45 - 10:30)
- Thurs., June 14th selected junior students go to the City Track and Field (full day)
- Friday, June 15th, Everdale Trip for Crawford/Szabo
- Mon., June 18 Yearbook Committee Work
- Tues., June 19 Caswell/Lachmansingh to Donkey Sanctuary
- Tues., June 19 Art Factory Exhibit
- Wed., June 20 Arboreteum Crawford and Rathbone Classes
- Thurs., June 21 Grade 4's go to Rockwood
- Fri., June 22 Grade 3's go to Rockwood
- Fri., June 22 Grade 2's to the Guelph Museum (Davis, White, Paxman)
- Tues., June 26 Grade 6 Graduation



Principal's Message:

Another year draws to a close and I find myself reflecting on the many positive experiences that we have all enjoyed together at Edward Johnson over the past ten months. We are so fortunate to have teachers, support staff and a plethora of volunteers who are willing to work together to make each day special for our students while learning in preparation for future challenges.

Our students and staff enjoyed another busy and productive month in May. There were many different special events and activities for our learners at Edward Johnson, many of which are reported on elsewhere in this newsletter. We enjoyed field trips to the Green Legacy, our Junior students ran Track & Field events, Grades 3 and 5 students were swimming with the Shark program and the list goes on... and we look forward to an awesome month of June!

The month of June has many special events plan so be sure to pay attention to the important dates.

Watch for the final edition of the newsletter to come home during the last week of school. There will be a number of information items pertaining to next year such as important dates and staff changes at Edward Johnson.

Sincerely,

Katherine Wainman

Please click on link below to access the school calendar which is updated on a regular basis.

[Ecole Edward Johnson Calendar](#)

A word from the School Council

Come out and join us at Edward Johnson's Family Fun Night this Thursday June 7th from 5-7pm. The event will be held Outside/Inside the School Rain or Shine. This year we will be featuring:

Cleo the Clown and her Painting Pals
Photo Booth to Go
Mega Cone Ice Cream Truck
Musical Petting Zoo with the Suzuki String School of Guelph
Family BBQ/Bake Sale/Silent Auction/Raffle Baskets
Games in the schoolyard!

Big thank you to all our EJ families for a great year at Edward Johnson, especially for all your support this year with school events and fundraising!

Reminders:

PD Day
Friday,
June 8th

Father's
Day
June 17th

Last Day of
school
Thursday,
June 28th

Join the School Council Facebook page to keep up with current information at [Edward Johnson School Council](#).

Email ejschoolcouncil@gmail.com with any questions or if you would like to volunteer and sign up for the School Council email mailing list.

Enjoy a safe and wonderful summer!

Talking About Mental Health June 2018– Successfully Shifting from School to Summer

The weather is getting warmer, days are getting longer and summer is just around the corner. It is an exciting time of the year but it can also be a struggle. There is often an increasing restlessness, distractability and anticipation as the end of the school year approaches. School is wrapping up and it is time to think about how to have a good transition from school routines to summer vacation.

The shift from school year to summer break is easy for some, but more challenging for others, particularly those children and youth who experience anxiety or have difficulty with transitions.

A good transition to summer is important and can lead to a more positive, fun summer experience.

Here are some practical tips to make a smooth transition from school to summer:

Post the summer schedule. Have your child or youth contribute to a family calendar. Be sure to note blocks of unscheduled time as well.

Make a list of places and people to visit when time permits and the mood strikes. Summer is a good time to stop by the library, bike trail, or concert-in-the-park that you can't seem to get to during the school year.

Prepare your child for their scheduled activities. If possible, visit the locations where they will be during day camp or day care in advance. Have your child talk to counselors, caregivers, as well as other kids who have enjoyed those same situations and settings.

Get outside and enjoy the summer. Try to limit the amount of time online, watching TV, or playing video games. Be active and get plenty of sleep and exercise. Being outside, such as going for a walk or playing in the park elevates our mood and makes us feel less anxious.

Looking for Activities To Do:

<http://www.orangeville.ca/parks-and-recreation>

<http://guelph.ca/living/recreation/recreation-programs/>

<https://www.centrewellington.ca/beactive/Pages/Recreation,%20Parks%20and%20Facilities/Community-Guide.aspx>

<http://wellington-north.com/government/departments/recreation>

Hope you have a wonderful, relaxing, fun summer. However, if you find mental health challenges to be increasing or causing more difficulties over the summer, seek out mental health or addiction supports for your child/youth, you and your family.

Summer resources for Mental Health and Addiction supports:

Your family physician and family health teams in Guelph, Wellington, and Dufferin are excellent resources.

Canadian Mental Health Association WWD (CMHAWWD):

Tuesday Walk In - 1:30-7:00, 485 Silvercreek Parkway, Guelph.

To access services for Children, Youth and Adults in Guelph/Wellington: : 1 844 HERE 247

(1 844 437 3247)

<http://here247.ca/>

Dufferin Child and Family Services (DCAFS):

Tuesday Talk In – 1:00-7:00 pm, 655 Riddell Road, Orangeville.

To access services for Children and Youth in Dufferin: 519 941 1530.

<http://dcafs.on.ca/>

Family Counselling and Support Services:

Walk-in, Wednesday, 1-7, sliding scale, based on ability to pay, but will not turn anyone away.

109 Surrey St E, 519 824-2431.

<http://familyserviceguelph.on.ca/>

KidsHelpPhone 1 800 668 6868. <http://www.kidshelpphone.ca/>

Jenny Marino is the Mental Health and Addiction Lead for Upper Grand District School Board

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Feedback welcome on draft board policies

The Upper Grand District School Board is welcoming public input on draft policies. Currently under review is:

Policy 104 – Access to School Premises

This policy is important to students, staff, school councils, parents and community members because everyone plays a role in maintaining a safe learning and working environment in and around our schools.

You are invited to review the draft documents and submit online feedback at www.ugdsb.ca/board/policy. The deadline for public input is June 21, 2018 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.



Monthly Environmental Activities to help celebrate our planet

June 5th is World Environment Day!

It is vital to teach our children to respect and take care of the environment.

Celebrate World Environment Day on June 5th

2018!



<http://worldenvironmentday.global/en>

A Platform for Action- *World Environment Day is the United Nations' most important day for encouraging worldwide awareness and action for the protection of our environment and is widely celebrated in over 100 countries.*

This year's theme - *Take action to #BeatPlasticPollution*

On 5 June, spread the message: "If you can't reuse it, refuse it!" Download the informative poster: ["9 Tips for Living with Less Plastic"](#) Make sure you are up-to-date

on what can be recycled your local community's blue bin. Better yet, don't use single-use plastics!

Ideas for your family to celebrate World Environment Day!

- *Create an event for family, friends and neighbours -There is no end of ideas that you could take forward for World Environment Day. Surprise yourself! Think about ideas that we can do to help the planet like fixing a problem in your community.*
- *Get out into nature - World Environment Day is all about appreciating the beautiful planet we inhabit. Why not spend a day in a park, hiking a trail or appreciating a forest on the weekend before World Environment Day.*
- *Inspire others – A great idea will naturally attract others who can take a small idea and make it extraordinary. So, with your powers of persuasion, bring on board the people you think can make your idea awesome. Or ask everyone to make their own personal pledge to change one wasteful or harmful habit for the better. Share what you're doing using the hashtag: #WorldEnvironmentDay*
- *Have fun: Make your event for World Environment Day fun, inspiring and interesting. For example, Google events happening locally that you can attend, or check out Pinterest for fun, recycled crafts ideas.*

<http://worldenvironmentday.global/en/toolkits#event-kits>

Math on the Go!

Card Games to Develop Math Skills For All Ages

Are you looking to help your child to develop his or her math skills at home in a meaningful and engaging way, while spending quality family time together? Why not try some card games! Playing a card game can take as little as 5-10 minutes. Next time you find yourself trying to entertain your child while waiting at the dentist office or at a sports practice, why not bring along a deck of cards and play a couple of card games with your child. This is a great way to connect socially with your child, while practicing math skills. As author Marilyn Burns says in her book, Win-Win Math

Games: "Games help to lift math off the textbook pages, and they support students' learning about numbers and operations."

(Retrieved on May 1, 2018 "Acing Math One Deck At A Time, The Positive Engagement Project"

http://www.pepnonprofit.org/uploads/2/7/7/2/2772238/acing_math.pdf)

Card Sort (Grades K - 3)

Players: Individual or groups of two

Materials: Deck of cards

Skill: Number recognition and group, sort, or categorize by attribute

How to Play: As a group, or individually, have students use the full deck of cards to sort and create groups by attribute. Some sorting possibilities are by color, suit, or number.



Students can sort by color.



Students can sort by suit.



Students can sort by number.

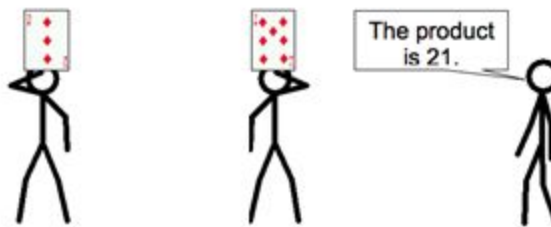
Reading Multiplication Minds (Grades 3 - 6)

Players: Groups of three (groups of four or five for more advanced)

Materials: Deck of cards

Skill: Multiplication, product

How to Play: In this game for three players, one student is the leader and the other two are the “mind readers”.



The two players each draw a card and, without looking at it, hold it up to their foreheads so that everyone else can see it, but themselves. The leader announces the products of the two cards. Each “mind reader” must figure out which card is on his or her own forehead and say it aloud. When both “mind readers” have figured out their cards, a new leader is chosen and the game continues. With Reading Multiplication Minds, all players get practice with products and factors in every round.

Integer Addition Number Battle (Grades 5 - 8)

Players: Groups of two

Materials: Deck of cards, Ace worth 11, Jack worth 12, Queen worth 13, King worth 14, scratch paper

Skill: Number recognition, positive integers, negative integers, and addition

How to Play: Black cards are positive numbers; red cards are negative numbers. Players split a deck of cards and simultaneously flip over their top two cards. Remember -2 is greater than -7.

If the cards sums have the same value, the cards are placed in a center pile. The next hand is played normally and the winner of the next addition number battle takes the center pile as well.

