



# JUNE JOTTINGS



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## MISSION STATEMENT

*Our mission at June Ave. P. S. is to teach skills that assist each child in his/her academic, social and emotional development. We do this by using all our available resources and expertise through team collaboration and planning. We do this so that all children can learn and achieve their potential.*

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NEWSLETTER NO. 7

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

How exciting to be heading into the March Break in just over one week's time. With the break comes Daylight Savings. This is an exciting time as we observe Daylight Savings and "spring" forward by putting our clocks *ahead* one hour. It may seem a bit early, but there's only 20 days until we "officially" welcome Spring. Whew! How time flies.

The wind blows in and the wind blows out.

The temperature goes up and the temperature goes down.

The snow falls and the rain drops.

Living in Canada you can never predict the weather so it is important to be prepared for a variety of precipitation, temperatures and conditions, and to dress appropriately, each day, for whatever comes our way.

With the changing of the season we have also had some changes in staff. Ms. Walters who worked day 4 in grade 3/ 4 covering Mrs. Jones' 0.2 leave was offered the opportunity to increase her time and has left to go to Westwood to teach kindergarten. We welcome Mrs. Anderson to June Ave and the grade 3/ 4 class. Mrs. M-C took ill and was absent for the first 2 weeks of February. We are happy to welcome Mrs. Kaur to our grade 4/ 5 class, part-time, to teach with Mrs. M-C as she continues her recovery and until such time as she is able to return full-time. Please help the staff and students of June Ave to welcome our new members.

Sincerely,

Christine Kay





Please **DO NOT** use June Ave parking lot for drop off and pick up between 8:30 - 9:00 & 3:10-3:40.

The intent of June Ave's school parking lot is to enable staff and Board personnel access to their workplace. Our Special Education busses also use this as a safe place to drop off and pick up students at times outside of the regular arrival and dismissal times. If you are dropping off or picking up students, please use the curbside along June Ave or, wait at the end of the catwalk on Nicklin Cres.

Your consideration for our school needs is appreciated.

### MARCH BREAK

March Break will be from March 12th to 16th. Classes will begin again on Monday, March 19th. We hope that everyone has a safe and relaxing break whether home or away.

### ARE BUSES CANCELLED? IS SCHOOL CLOSED?

Information about the status on busing and school closures is readily available, on a daily basis by visiting [www.ugdsb.on.ca](http://www.ugdsb.on.ca) Information is posted by 6:30 am. If unsure, please check out the website. Alternatively, this information is relayed over our local radio stations FM 106.1 and AM 570.



As the temperature changes throughout the day and the morning dress becomes too warm for kids, coats, sweaters, hats and mitts get taken off, thrown on the ground and left behind at the bell and as a result, our lost and found is growing.

Please encourage your child to stop and take a good look in the box and on the racks, in the front foyer, to claim any items that belong to them. It will get cold again and the coat thrown off last week, the sweater left at the outdoor classroom and the mittens and hats that have collected will be needed once again.

We will have the items available for claiming on Tuesday, March 6, the night of our Parent Council FREE Winter Carnival. Any items left in the lost and found after Thursday March 8<sup>th</sup>, will be bagged for our bag to school collection or donated to a family in need.



Once again, June Ave is participating in the Bag2School textile recycling program. It's FREE and easy way for everyone to participate in fundraising AND it helps to save our environment by keeping textiles OUT of the LANDFILL, gives to needy countries and helps to turn something old into something new.

As you are cleaning closets, redecorating, changing over wardrobes from winter to spring/summer and you come across clothing, drapes, bedding, shoes, purses, belts, carry bags and other textile type items that you can no longer use or need, consider bagging them and sending them to school.

The more we collect, the better our fundraiser. For every ton collected the school earns \$200.00 Watch for a bag coming home before March Break. Fill it and send /bring it to school. You can get a new bag anytime or just use an old plastic bag or garbage bag from home. As you tidy up, clean out, or purge, bring in your collection to be part of our collection. Every little bit helps.



## E. Q. A. O. COMING UP!

This year's Grade 3 and Grade 6 students will be writing the provincial assessment during the period of May 22nd through to June 4th.

Please do not schedule appointments or make plans to be away during this time if your child is involved in the testing.



## Playground

As we turn the calendar to March and we experience more moderate temperatures and sunny skies, we are anxious to get back to field sports and using the creative playground. Unfortunately, as per Policy 307 of the Upper Grand District School Board, creative playgrounds cannot be opened for use until April 1<sup>st</sup>. This means that we will not be open until after the Easter long weekend. Please help us to keep our students safe by adhering to this Policy before and after school, as well as on weekends. Weather permitting, we will use the end of March to get the pee gravel loosened and check the structures for safety; tight bolts, choke hazards etc. and be ready when we return to school following the Easter weekend.

## VISITORS TO OUR SCHOOL

Just a reminder, that anyone visiting our school **must** sign in at the office. Whether you are dropping off homework, lunches or other items it is important that we know who is in the building at all times in case of an emergency evacuation. For the safety of everyone please honour this request. Thank you for your co-operation and understanding.

## March 6<sup>th</sup> is Carnival Night at June Ave

Parent Council is sponsoring a community event of fun, treats and challenges and it's FREE!

Join us from 6:30-8:00 pm. Try out the free throw basketball challenge, the obstacle course and play twister. Eat some tasty cotton candy or popcorn, or suck on a snow cone.

Bring some extra cash and support Council's fundraising by testing your aim at the toonie toss in an attempt to win a great "family" gift basket or purchase a Rheo Thompson Chocolate.



## Looking for LEGO

Do you have **LEGO** sitting around home that isn't being used? Are your children disinterested in **LEGO** and so it sits taking up valuable storage space? Are you looking to pass it on to an appreciative recipient? Well, June Ave would gladly take it off your hands and put it to good use. Mrs. Anderson, Mrs. Jones' teaching partner in grade 3/ 4, is interested in starting a **LEGO** club and has a curriculum project where this material would be helpful, but there isn't enough to go around.

If you have **LEGO** you are willing to donate to a good cause, please consider the students at June Ave. A little or a lot, your contributions would be appreciated.



## Student Vacations During the School Year

Over the next few months there will be a variety of opportunities for working families to take off from their jobs and plan to run away from the busyness of life. With March Break fast on our heels and Easter creeping up behind, it is possible that some family's vacation time will require our children to be away from school for extended periods of instructional learning time. It is important the office and classroom teacher be informed. When a child is not in class it is impossible to duplicate the classroom learning experience and for them to complete associated work without them first receiving the instruction that teaches for learning.

We know that the experience of a vacation represents a different yet still important learning opportunity than what happens in the classroom. Therefore, teachers will not create specific packages of work to send along, however; you may wish for your child to:

\*Keep a journal/itinerary of the trip.

\*Collect menus, postcards, artifacts, or take pictures of the experience.

\*Reading: continue to log "at home" reading while travelling. If you are able to hookup to the Internet, consider logging into the UGDSB sites available to our students: UG2GO etc.

\*Take your child's UGtoGO password and access the learning activities behind the doors in this site.



Thank you to all the volunteers who have helped to make our Food & Friends student nutrition program such a success this school year. The donation of time that you have given and your ongoing support says so much about your capacity for compassion and generosity.

Thank you for **Bringing Healthy Food to Hungry Minds**

We continue to support our students at June Ave by providing healthy snack/lunch items on Monday to Thursday. With the help of University of Guelph Health Sciences Nutrition students are offerings are varied and tasty, and enjoyed by many.

Please consider making a donation to the Food & Friends Program and help continue providing access to healthy food choices for all.



**Join the Fun!**

Make a Pledge to do without something you have that others would enjoy, send in a toonie, get your name, picture and pledge on our school TV. Students can bring in their pledge cards and toonie between February 26th and March 2nd.

**MOVING / CHANGE OF CONTACT NUMBERS: LET US KNOW!**

If you are moving or planning a move, please let us know as soon as possible, as our student numbers affect our staffing allocation. If you know of a family who will be moving into our school area, please have them contact the school.

Also, please keep us informed of any change in contact numbers (i.e. work number, cell number, babysitter's number). We need to always be able to reach parents or guardians easily in case of emergency.

**HELP BE OUR EYES**

We need your help to ensure our playground is a safe play place for the children. We've had a few incidents of graffiti on our back walls.

We ask that you contact the Guelph Police Department (519-824-1212) if you notice people abusing or vandalizing the school property.

Thank you for your assistance.



**DRESSING FOR CANADIAN WEATHER AT RECESS**



It's been hard to keep up with "Mother Nature" this winter, with huge differences in temperature from day to day. Please encourage your child(ren) to dress for the appropriate weather so recess can be enjoyable.

**IMPORTANT: SAFE ARRIVAL**

Your child's safety is of utmost importance to us. Please remember to contact the school before 9:00 a.m. or after the Nutrition Breaks if your child is going to be late or absent. For your convenience we also have voice mail which allows you to contact the school at any time during the night, over the weekend and early in the morning. When you leave a message please be sure to note your child's full name, teacher and the reason for the absence.

If your child is absent and we have not heard from you, we will attempt to contact a parent/guardian to ensure that your child is 'safe'. It is important to let the school know if there is any change in your personal information (i.e. home/work phone number, emergency contact, etc.) so that in the event of an absence or emergency, we can contact you immediately.

Students arriving late are expected to check in at the office to obtain an admit slip.

As always, to ensure your child's safety, any parent/guardian picking up his/her child, must sign in at the office.



## Monthly environmental activities to help celebrate our planet



### MARCH 24th is EARTH HOUR!

*This Earth Hour, help shine a light on climate change  
Switch off your light and switch on your social power!*

### Join the global Movement! Celebrate Earth Hour on March 24<sup>th</sup> 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 24<sup>th</sup> 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!

### Lunch Hour Learning

We are fortunate this year to have both Art Shine and Little Jammers offering lunch hour learning for our students. We know that for some, money is tight so we want you to be able to plan for your child's participation in either or both programs.

Artshine will run Monday's at 2<sup>nd</sup> break beginning May 7<sup>th</sup> at a cost of \$84.00 +HST = \$96.60

Little Jammers (guitar/ ukulele) will run Wednesday's 2<sup>nd</sup> break beginning April 18<sup>th</sup> at a cost of \$90.00 including HST



### Looking for More JK & SK Students for September 2018

We are pleased to welcome new students to June Ave for September and . . .

#### It's Not Too Late!

If you are aware of any children who will be 4 years of age by December 31, 2018 (for Junior Kindergarten), or who will be 5 years of age by December 31, 2018 (for Senior Kindergarten) attending school for the first time, and have not yet registered for school, please encourage them to register on-line if they haven't already done so.



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
			February 28 <b>PINK SHIRT DAY</b>	1 Day 2	2 Day 3 Live Free Day ***** Pizza	3	
4	5 Day 4	6 Day 5 <b>WINTER CARNIVAL</b> 6:30—8 p.m.	7 Day 1	8 Day 2	9 Day 3 <b>Rocks &amp; Rings Curling</b> ***** <b>MacMillan Orders Due!</b> ***** Pizza	10	
11 Daylight Savings Time Begins (clocks ahead 1 hour)	12	13	14	15	16	17 	
			<b>M A R C H B R E A K</b>				
18	19 Day 4	20 Day 5 <i>Happy Spring!</i>	21 Day 1	22 Day 2	23 Day 3 <b>School Earth Hour</b> ***** Pizza	24	
25	26 Day 4	27 Day 5	28 Day 1 <b>MacMillan Order Pick-up</b> 2:30—5:30 p.m.	29 Day 3	30 Day 3 <b>Good Friday</b> (no school)	31	