



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.

April 2018

NEWSLETTER NO. 8

Principal's Message

The March winds have been blowing strong. Hopefully they have blown the cold and snow away. As we anxiously await the April showers that will bring May flowers, more temperate weather and sunshine, don't forget to outfit your child for the weather on a daily basis. Layering clothes, providing mittens or gloves for the frosty mornings and sending them with boot, bogs or duckies with splash pants or snow pants so they can enjoy the field and ditch during the spring thaw and on inclement weather days will open the possibilities of recess activities.

Although our playground is slated to reopen for the season April 1, please note that on cold or rainy days the playground is closed to student use for children who wear mittens or gloves, boots or clothing with hoods and/or drawstrings. Please also note the following safety rules for how our playground structures should be used.

- no eating while on the playground equipment
- no tag or chase games in the area of the play structures
- Grounders is NOT ALLOWED to be played while on or in the creative area boarders.
- students must go DOWN the slides and up the stairs

Our playground is designated for users aged 12 and under and we do not provide supervision, maintenance and inspections outside of school hours.

You should also know that in the event of an injury from a fall off any equipment, students are not to be moved and a supervisor must be notified immediately. We know how much our students enjoy our play structures. We make safety at play our major concern and will be reminding students and staff on a regular basis about playground rules. We hope you will reinforce them at home with your child.

Chris Kay

EQAO

May 22nd, 2018 through June 4th, 2018 is the window for schools to administer the EQAO Provincial Assessment of Reading, Writing and Mathematics. We ask that parents of grade 3 & 6 students to make every effort to avoid having their child miss school during this time. If you have any questions, please contact your child's teacher or the office.

SAVE THE DATE

June Ave Open House—May 3, 2018

Education week is held the first week of May each school year and provides an opportunity for parents, family and friends to visit schools within UGDSB and for schools to showcase student artwork and achievements. Although Education Week is officially being held Monday, May 7 to Friday, May 11, 2018, June Ave is hosting it's annual Open House and Book Fair on Thursday, May 3, 2018. It will be a fun evening of touching base with staff in a social setting and for connecting with the students/families that your child talks about, but whom you may not have had the opportunity to meet and spend time with.



We look forward to seeing you on May 3rd.

Child Abuse Prevention Policy and Program

The Upper Grand District School Board places a high priority on the safety of our students. The Child Abuse Prevention Policy is evidence of our commitment to this priority. The following is a quote from this policy:

"Every citizen in the community shares a responsibility for our children. School officials and teachers share the collective community responsibility for creating safe and nurturing environments for our children. Under the Child and Family Services Act, this responsibility includes the legal requirement to report to the local Children's Aid Society any suspected child abuse of other situations where a child may be in need of protection. Teachers and other Board employees have a special opportunity to know and understand children during their most influential years of development. They are in a unique position to be able to see early signs of maltreatment, and to know or hear about the abuse and neglect that is often suffered by children"

As required in the Policy, we will be teaching age-appropriate lessons to help our students identify abuse and protect themselves from abusive situations. The goal is to provide children with the tools they need to keep themselves safe. The lessons cover a broad range of safety issues including bullying, stranger danger and abuse by a known and trusted adult.

During the month of April, students in grade one and three through the "Be Safe" program and grade 5 from "Kids in the Know" Personal Safety programme by their classroom teacher with the support of the Child and Youth Counsellor. There is no formal program for grade two, four and six, although the safety concepts are reviewed by classroom teachers informally

We encourage you to discuss with your child at home, the concepts taught in the Child Abuse Prevention Curriculum.

For more information regarding the Child Abuse Prevention Policy and/or programs, please contact your child's teacher or Miss Kay, Principal.

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.



SCHOOL SAFETY PROCEDURES:

Tornado Season



The period between April and June is once again upon us. Given the number of tornadoes that have hit in recent years it is especially important that all students and staff are clearly aware of the emergency procedures related to severe weather warnings.

As a requirement of the Ministry of Education and the Upper Grand District School Board we will be conducting our annual tornado drill during this season. Our anticipated date is Tuesday, April 10th in the morning. Students will review the procedures, position and expectations as a class prior to this drill. We hope that the weather on April 10th will be calm so as not to unnecessarily alarm or frighten students.

Fire Drills

Every school is required to hold 6 fire drills a year; 3 from September - December & 3 from March - May. As students will not have advanced notice of when these drills will occur, it is important that they always have footwear on their feet when at school. Please check with your child to be sure they have indoor shoes at school and that they are wearing them at all times, when class is in session.

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 check in at the office.



APPROPRIATE DRESS

June Ave students are always expected to dress in an appropriate manner showing respect for themselves, their bodies and others. At this time of year, students understandably begin shopping for warm weather outfits to keep them cool, however, we expect students to show common sense and judgment in their choices of dress for school, recognizing that they are in a public institution. For example: muscle shirts, spaghetti straps, low scooped neck lines, bare midriffs and backs are unacceptable; t-shirts must be "tuckable" and not excessively tight. Shorts and skirts must be a reasonable length and undergarments must not be visible for both females and males of any age.

Although we encourage students to wear hats when outside in the sun, please remind your child that they are not to be worn in instructional areas.

Footwear also changes during the upcoming season. Students are reminded that they still need to have running shoes at school. Without proper shoes (for safety and health reasons) students can be restricted from participating in physical activities both inside and outside the building.



BAG2SCHOOL IS BACK!



As you begin to change clothes over from fall/winter to spring/summer please save good, gently used clothing, shoes, accessories etc., and prepare to send them to school in support of our Bag2School fundraiser.

Are you redecorating or renovating at home? Do you have old curtains, bedding, throw covers that need a new home? Why not bag them up with your clothing and send them to school for our Bag2School fundraiser. Any items donated that can't be used in their current state can be re-used for a new purpose so send them along. We are paid by weight, each ton generating \$200.00

What an easy and free way to help us raise funds in support of turning our Library into a Learning Commons and providing a wide range of furniture and activities with this renovation. **Please send or bring bags to the school by Open House, May 3rd.**

OUTDOOR CLOTHING

Spring traditionally presents us with many dull, wet days. We endeavour to have children go outside whenever possible. This break from the constraints of being closed inside is necessary for everyone. Students are encouraged to check the weather in the morning to determine the possible clothing requirement for the day. If it is drizzly, wet or raining in the morning then splash pants and rubber boots, bogs, duckies etc., will allow students to be out in the field and in the puddles. Students who are not prepared will only be able to access the hardtop area of our playground. For younger students you may want to consider putting an extra set of clothing in their backpacks (socks, pants, underwear) in case they need a change after playing outside. We will not be making calls home to request parents bring in fresh clothing.



AUTISM AWARENESS

June Ave proudly supports World Autism Awareness Day. This years' theme is: "Change thru Change." June Ave has students who are living with autism and so, in support of their needs for special services and to help develop awareness, we are asking students to **wear blue** and to bring a loonie or toonie in an effort to inspire compassion, empowerment and hope to the millions of individuals world-wide who are undiagnosed, misunderstood and looking for help. Your donation will support the work of Kerry's Place, Autism services in helping people with Autism spectrum disorder.



What is Autism?

Autism is a developmental disability that usually appears during the first three years of life. It is a "spectrum disorder." That means not everyone with autism has all the same problems. Some people with autism struggle to learn. Other people with autism are very smart and can do complicated math when they are 3 years old. Some people with autism have trouble being touched while others like to hug.

In support of Autism Awareness and to bring an understanding of this spectrum disorder that affects 1 in 68 people, teachers will be presenting lessons to educate our students about Autism and to start to build understanding for those living with challenges.

Parents Meeting Students At The End of The Day

The front doors are locked at 2:30 p.m and if you need to come to the office and sign your child out they will be opened. If you are meeting them to pick them up at the end of the day, please go around to the back of the school. The primary students will exit from the primary doors and the junior students from the junior doors.

Thank you for your help in keeping our students safe.

Moving / Change of Contact Numbers - Let Us Know!

Over the next couple of months, June Ave and the UGDSB will be working on staffing for September 2016. In order to accurately project the number of teachers required for the system, we count on maintaining current information about our families. If you are moving or planning a move, please let us know as soon as possible, as our student numbers directly affect our staffing allocation. If you know of a family moving into our school area, please have them contact the school.

We also need your help to keep our contact lists up-to-date. If there has been any change to earlier reported information (i.e., work number, cell number, babysitting arrangements & numbers etc.) please send a note with your child or call Mrs. Roosenboom at the office 519-824-4560. We need to always be able to reach a parent or guardian easily in case of emergency.

Earth Day Celebrations at June Ave—April 23 to 26th, 2018

Earth day is just around the corner! April 22nd has been recognized as Earth Day since the early 1970's and was originally created to highlight the need for all of us to be involved with environmental protection.

Through out the week June Ave students will participate in a variety of environment activities including our annual school yard and neighbourhood clean-up! Watch for further information from the school and /or your child's teacher about their clean up date to make sure they are appropriately outfitted for the task!

To encourage a change in practice from bringing lunches that produce garbage to using recyclable and reusable containers during "Earth Week" week, classes will function without a garbage bin during both nutrition breaks. Any garbage generated from student lunches will be returned home to be disposed of and to motivate students and families to think of ways they can reduce garbage. Some ideas are:

- ◆ purchase reusable containers to carry lunch items.
Use these to create your own "lunchables" with crackers, cheese, left over dinner meats
Make it easy for your child to eat fruits and vegetables by peeling them, separating or cutting them into small bite sized pieces and lock them into an air fresh container.
- ◆ purchase larger containers of yogurt or apple sauce and scoop a couple of tablespoons into an air tight container.
You will get a couple of weeks out of a one litre container and all parts of the 'mother' container can be recycled versus the garbage of the tear off lid from individual containers or the packaging of the tubes.

Just one more way to help us nurture environmentally responsible citizens while reducing our environmental footprint.

Let's Move

Who says school is all in your head?

Keeping fit and taking care of your health is every bit as important as taking care of your education. Walking to school is great exercise and a great way to keep your body, as well as your mind, active.

Have your child walk to school!

RECORDING SCHOOL EVENTS AND PRIVACY

We love to present school plays, have sports events and other class projects for our students' benefit open to members of our community for viewing. However, there is a risk of invading the privacy rights of other students, parents and staff.

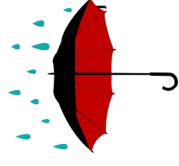
Please feel free to record or take photos of your child's events, but act to protect everyone's privacy by **not posting them on social networks** like Facebook or You Tube.

Please remember our Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy policy is there to protect everyone. Your help and cooperation are greatly appreciated.








**DON'T FORGET TO CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE: www.ugdsb.ca/june
& OUR TWITTER ACCOUNT @JuneAvenuePS**



April 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 EASTER MONDAY ***** World Autism Day	3 Day 3 Wear Blue Autism Day Observed ***** School Council Mtg. 7 p.m.	4 Day 4	5 Day 5	6 Day 1 Skills Canada ***** Pizza Day 	7 World Health Day
8	9 Day 2	10 Day 3 Tornado Drill ***** River Run Gr 4/5 & 5/6	11 Day 4 Floor Hockey @ GCVI	12 Day 5 International Pink Shirt Day	13 Day 1 Pizza Day 	14
15	16 Day 2	17 Day 3 Police Visit Patrol Review & Recruitment	18 Day 4 River Run Gr 1/2a & 1/2b	19 Day 5	20 Day 1 Pizza Day 	21
22	23 Day 2 Earth Day Observed	24 Day 3 River Run Gr 2/3 & 3/4	25 Day 4 Lunch Program Fundraiser Spring Theme Meal ***** Administrative Professionals Day	26 Day 5 Custodial Maintenance Appreciation Day ***** Board PIC Event 5 to 8 p.m. @ CWDHS	27 Day 1 P.A. DAY (no school) ***** International Day of Science	28
29	30 Day 1 Police Visit Bicycle Safety Gr 3, 4 & 5					

June Avenue Parent Council Minutes - Tuesday April 3rd 2018

Welcome and Introductions

People Present: James, Dana, Marnie, Chris K, Jan, Melissa , Astrid and Jen

Regrets: Martha, Andrea, Amy

Acceptance of the Agenda –Marnie, all seconded.

Acceptance of March Minutes– James moved and Jan accepted

Treasurer Report – Amy was absent so moved to May meeting. All that was stated that Teachers allowance cut off day is April 30th

Principal's Report

March flew by quickly.

-“Potential” new families have toured the school- regular and special education classrooms. Great comments all around re: Winter Carniva . One “potential” new family attended and felt warmly *welcomed by the community.*

-Rocks & Rings presented the in's and outs of curling to our students. They learned how to sweep, “hurry”– some even “hurry hard” and how to throw a rock aiming at the “house” trying to get closest to the ‘button’. Fun experience for all – tied in with the Winter Olympics theme this year.

-Little Jammers did their school demo presentation and forms for guitar lessons have gone home – due this week – on line registrations at littlejammerz.com cost \$110.00 includes \$20.00 guitar rental

-Macmillan order delivery and pick up went well. Gr 6 students helped to collate orders with some Parent Council help.

-We celebrated Purple Day on March 26 as part of Epilepsy awareness month. June Ave has at least 3 students who suffer from Epilepsy so we were happy to initiate purple day to bring awareness to this health condition.

-Mr. Campbell held his gr 6 camp information night on March 27th. A GREAT parent turn-out to find out about Mansfield and what parents need to do to be able to send their child away for 2 night/3 days.

-Today was BLUE day in recognition of World Autism Day which was held April 2nd.

-Superintendent of Education, Gary Slater is visiting June Ave on April 5th – Principal discussion time re: staffing, school concerns, looking at the school, visiting classrooms.

-Recess DASH program starts on Thursday. This is an 8 week leadership development program for junior students. Developing mediation skills, how to introduce new “play” ideas on the yard, etc. Mrs. Nunn in consultation with junior teachers recommended students.

-Mr. Campbell is taking some junior students to Skills Canada on Fri. April 6. They are busy building, planning and practicing for these various events

-UGDSB Everyday Hero nominations are due April 13th. Mrs. Mullins /Mrs.Kastner are coordinating June Ave's entry – Mrs. Aubin .

-Mr. Routis has started Floor Hockey tryouts and will move to practices in preparation for the tournament on April 11th

-Thurs. April 12th is International Pink Shirt Day and is our RESPECT assembly starring Gr 3/ 4 readers as they present the bucket filling book.

-Our Lockdown Drill will happen this month. The Police are here to monitor how efficient we are and ensure student safety. We have 3 Fire Drills to perform before the end of May and a Severe Weather Drill.

-We will be observing Earth Day on Mon. April 23rd.

-Mr. Justine is supporting us in holding a lunch program fundraiser. We will have 3 fundraising events before the end of June. April will be a spring theme, May will be a Mexican theme and June a summer meal of cheeseburger sliders. The suggested donation will be \$4.00 per lunch. We will set up on line payment option as well as accepting cash on the day. We're thinking about pre-order identification to allow the purchase of enough materials. For families who can't, we will pay it forward so no child is left without.

-Administrative Assistant Day is Wed. April 25 and Custodial/Maintenance Day is Thurs April 26. We will recognize both Mrs.Roosenboom and Mr.Bill on their respective days.

-Parent Council Event OIC is Thurs. April 26 from 5:00-8:00 at CWDHS. Astrid, Andrea and I are registered. If anyone else is interested please let me know so I can put you on June Ave's page.

-Fri. April 27 is a Ministry PA Day. Mrs. Roosenboom will be at an OC in-service, EA's/ECE will be at union workshops and teachers will be at school revisiting the SIP, assessing our Math strategy progress and completing the School Self-Assessment. This day provides time for teachers to look at SIP goals and steps made towards meeting these goals.

-For Tuesday May 1Parent Council meeting, I have invited Mr. Bill Mackenzie from IT Department at the Board Office to come to the May meeting to talk to us about the new apps at the Board and how they will support Parent Council getting information out to the global community via technology. Their campaign is titled "Stay Connected".

-Tuesday May 1st is also Toonie Tuesday for Free to Achieve. Funds raised go to the board's equity fund to support students and families to access activities, services, acquire resources and materials for everyday survival. Students are asked to donate a toonie on this day. Our students will be invited to participate in some fun days – for a small coin fee to help us generate some much needed dollars for students in Upper Grand

-The same week, Thurs. May 3 we are hosting our annual Open House & Book Fair in recognition of Education Week. It will run from 5:30 -7:00pm. Education Week in the UGDSB is May 7 – 11.

-Staffing News and School Organization projections:

Our numbers are down slightly – approx. 8 – 9 students

The way the numbers align we have been organized to the maximum in primary of 20, gr 3/4 23 and grade 4 – 6 @ 27.5 :1

This means:

2 Kindergarten classes (same as current) - 1 @ 15 no ECE & 1 @ 22 = ECE

1 Gr. 1/2 (down from 2 this year) @ 20

1 Gr. 2/3 (same as this year) @ 20

Gr. 3/4 @ 23 (15 boys:8 girls)

Gr. 4/5 @ 30

Gr. 6 @ 25

In terms of staff, we currently hold 13.0 FTE and will be down to 11.9 FTE in September

Mrs. Anderson – Mrs. Jones's Day 4 (0.2) will be declared Surplus at the end of the week as will

Mrs. Leach (Knd and planning time teacher) 1.0 and Mr. Routis 0.1 so will remain with us 0.9

*Confirmation of what teacher is teaching where will be finalized by April 20th

Fundraising Updates

- MacMillans raised \$1500 - great job!
- Rheo Thompsons all sold - \$130 raised
- Spirit wear – still have to confirm with Martha if the monies have balanced – at previous meeting there was concern with online payments (will update in May)
- Winter Carnival was a success! Just some things for next year: add Water to be purchased at front for \$1 and NO GIRAFFE (too loud!).

New Business

- Outdoor class room has some water retaining issues we will contact company that installed to see if they can fix it, sounds like a new retainer system is needed maybe concrete retainer.
- Jan has applied for the GRCF for three years and will keep applying in hopes to get the grant for Seeds, vegetable plants and Pollinators. We are allotted 3 yards of mulch from the board every year.
- Chris K is still working on finalizing the painted rocks for walkway in maze.
- Jan looking for volunteers to help with gardens once weather gets better

Tech refresh

- iPads have been ordered and are believed to be at the board getting apps and programs approved by board. 10 ordered by council and 10 by Boards we believe protective covers have been purchased too.
- Issues have arisen with Chrome books - some keys are being pulled off and misplaced and the top covers are being bent back words in breaking the attachments.

Teachers Appreciation

- We will have Teachers appreciation lunch on June 12th. Marnie, Dana and Jan organizing. Amy we need to know the amount of money allotted for this event (can discuss at May meeting)

Next Meeting: Tuesday May 1st 7:00 pm
All Welcome!