



# 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.*

**October 2018**

**NEWSLETTER NO. 2**

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

From youngest to oldest, from biggest to smallest, we have had a very smooth entry into school. With an enrollment of 182 we have a very solid student body. Although there have been no physical changes to our organization from what we started with I am happy to say that as we grow in our JK/SK classes we will be gaining a second ECE to work with the kindergarten team. At the time of writing this newsletter the candidate for this position has yet to be hired, however, our new ECE will start on October 1st and will be introduced to parents of kindergarten A at that time.

As tradition dictates, we end September with our annual Terry Fox cancer fundraiser community run. This year we have been able to make a real connection to this Canadian icon by linking to our kindergarten friend, Logan, who through his battle with leukemia since late July, is inspiring us to meet our goal of raising \$500.00 for cancer research.

Fall has arrived and as we turn the page on the calendar to October, it is exciting to anticipate all that is in store for June Ave, our students and staff over the next month. We are anxiously waiting the unveiling of our Learning Commons to see the new face of our Library. Mrs. Pennesi has put in many extra hours behind the scenes to make sure when we open everything is in its place; new shelving, new seating, new books and tech equipment, improved access and an open area that will extend the learning environment. Be sure to check out the school calendar and read through your class newsletters to keep up with all the activities that are available to our students. By encouraging your child to get involved in outside the class activities, school becomes more inviting, engaging and students build strong connections to peers.

Please remember that if you have questions about evaluation, assessment or other classroom issues just call the school and request a call from the teacher. A quick note in the agenda with a request for the teacher to contact you is also acceptable. We are here to work with you to help your children learn and grow.

Chris Kay  
Principal

### October's Special Events

It seems that every year province wide and board wide special events are growing. Many of these events are to highlight people and issues in our ever changing society that are shaping our growth, direction and character, and to bring an understanding of global issues and to minds of everyone. Along with our traditional school events I would like to highlight some wide recognition days

**Monday October 1<sup>st</sup> is Orange Shirt Day.** It is an event that started in 2013, designed to educate people and promote awareness about the Indian residential school system and the impact this system had on Indigenous communities for more than a century in Canada. Teachers will also talk to students about how our government is working to reconcile with the indigenous culture that is the basis of Canadian history.

**Wednesday, October 4<sup>th</sup> is Walk to/at School Day.** This will kick off June Ave's walking Wednesdays campaign as we start our day with a school wide walking tour of our neighbourhood. If you're available, feel free to join your child and their class as they spend the first 15-20 minutes on a class/friendship walk to start the day. We are asking those who are able, to walk as much as possible from as far away as possible. If you feel anxious about allowing your child to walk we challenge you to consider dropping your children off near a patrol post or out the back at the end of the catwalk to allow them to walk in independently. Along with encouraging independence you are allowing them to develop responsibility for themselves while giving them time to separate from home and get their minds into thinking about school.

**Wednesday, October 24<sup>th</sup> is Take Me Outside Day.** All our classes will spend some time outside learning whether it's learning *about* the environment, learning *in* the environment or simply using the environment as a learning tool. Getting kids outside, helping to raise awareness about outdoor education and the importance of interacting with nature will hopefully break our youth's focus on using screen time to fill their days.

**Wednesday, October 31<sup>st</sup> is for many Halloween.** For those who celebrate the tradition of dressing in costume they are welcome to arrive ready. If you don't recognize such tradition you might consider dressing in orange and black. However you dress this day we will start our day with our traditional neighbourhood walk along June Ave to Kathleen, Brentwood and back to the school. Following the walk, Parent Council is hosting a dance-a-thon for students. Our primary student will dance from 9:30 -10:30 and our juniors will dance from 11:30 -12:45. Students are asked to get pledges form family, friends and trusted neighbours. For every \$5.00 a student raises they are eligible to be entered into a draw. Watch for more details to arrive home the week of October 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>.

## **IMPORTANT: SAFE ARRIVAL**

Your child's safety is of utmost importance to us. Please remember to contact the school before 9:00 a.m. 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 obtain an admit slip at the office.**

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

## **Volunteers Needed**

Regular volunteers as well as "occasional" volunteers are needed in the library, to help with the lunch program, classrooms and throughout the school. Your assistance in any of these areas will support student achievement and help teaching staff have one to one contact with every student. Any assistance and involvement with the school at all levels would be appreciated. If you are available to support the operation of the school, delivery of curriculum and/or give time to students to build confidence and a love for learning, please contact the school and let us know. We will find a valuable place for you.

## **MEDICATION PROCEDURES**

Whenever possible, medication should be administered at home. **Written authorization from the parent/guardian must be on file at the school before school personnel can administer any medication (including medication for minor headaches, etc).** The parent/guardian must deliver the medication to the principal in the original container. It must be clearly labeled with the child's name and directions for administration and storage. **Students are not permitted to administer their own medication at school.**

## Craft Sale

The Seasonal and Environmental Craft Sale will take place this year on Saturday, November 24, 2018 in the June Ave PS gym from 9:30am to 1:30pm with lots of vendors, baked goods, student crafts and special draws/raffles. Come out and start your shopping early!

Vendors wanted! Please email [cgoudie@ugcloud.ca](mailto:cgoudie@ugcloud.ca) if you would like to purchase a table for that day. Prices are \$25 or \$30 with electricity. Set up will be available from 8:45.

Students will have an opportunity to make recycled crafts in their classrooms, and to be a part of a weekend recycled craft club. Further information will follow. Parents, family and friends who would like to participate that day, with our club or with baking are asked to send a quick note with your child -to be forwarded to Ms Goudie. Thank you so much!

### HELP BE OUR EYES

We need your help to ensure our playground is a safe play place for the children.

We ask also 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.

### BUS STUDENTS

If bus students are being picked up at the end of the day and not riding the bus, they need to be signed out by the person who is taking them. Please contact the school if students are being picked up by someone other than parents. This procedure has worked quite effectively and ensures the safety of all our bus students. The clipboards will be available in the office or at the bus line.



## AFTER/BEFORE SCHOOL DAY CARE IN YOUR HOME

We often have parents ask for suggestions and like to keep a current list of child care providers.

If you might be interested in caring for children before/after school or possibly on PD Days, please contact the school office.

Leave your name and contact information with Mrs. Roosenboom at 824-4560.

### 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.

### Join the June Ave. Guelph Storm Spirit

Once again June Ave will be supporting the Guelph Storm Hockey Team by cheering them on at their home games, singing O Canada, having player visits and enjoying watching their success throughout the season. If your child is interested in seeing the Guelph Storm play please fill out the games availability form and return it to the school as soon as possible. We will be holding general draws and sending home the winning tickets.

### 2018-19 STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE

A reminder that the Student Accident Insurance forms are to be sent directly to Old Republic Insurance Company of Canada

**It is mandatory that you send back the Acknowledgement Form to your child's teacher. If you require an additional form, please contact the school office.**

## Children's Foundation of Guelph and Wellington

With Thanksgiving being the theme for this month, we are thankful for our lunch program! We would like to thank these special organizations who provide funding to operate this much needed program: The Children's Foundation of Guelph and Wellington's Food & Friends Program, the Ministry of Children and Youth Services and our school fundraisers throughout the school year. Together we are bringing healthy food to hungry minds! <http://www.childrensfoundation.org/downloads/positioning-statement.jpg>



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### Information from Public Health - Lunchbox Essentials!

Are you getting back into the habit of packing school lunches? A balanced lunch includes a variety of foods to keep your child full and able to learn best. Try to include at least one food item from each of these 4 categories in your child's lunch every day.

- ⇒ **Vegetables**
- ⇒ **Fruit**
- ⇒ **Protein-rich Foods** (beans, lentils, chickpeas, cheese, eggs, meat, fish, plain yogurt, plain milk)
- ⇒ **Whole Grains & Starchy Vegetables** (whole grain pasta or bread, potatoes, corn)



### Top 5 Tips:

1. Keep peeled and cut veggies and fruit on hand in the fridge, ready to grab and go! Try to include a fruit or veggie at every meal and snack.
2. Involve your kids in planning and making school lunches. They're more likely to eat food they helped make and they build valuable life skills in the kitchen!
3. Save time and use your leftovers for school lunches.
4. Include a reusable water bottle every day.
5. Check out [UnlockFood.ca](http://UnlockFood.ca) for school lunch tips and recipes.

## Environmental Activities to help celebrate our planet

**OCT 3<sup>th</sup> IS INTERNATIONAL WALK TO SCHOOL DAY!**

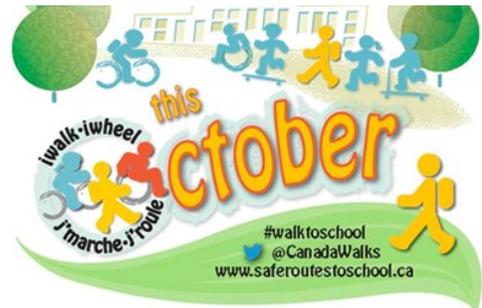


*A walk outdoors is good for our hearts and minds!*

## Participate in International Walk to School Day on October 3th 2018!

In October we celebrate “active travel” by encouraging students to walk or bike between home and school, or to actively travel as much as they can in their local environments.

“In the ParticipACTION Active Healthy Kids Canada Report Card, the overall grade for children remains at a D- for the third year in a row. Overall, only 9% of 5-17 year olds are getting the 60 minutes of heart-pumping activity they need each day. And sadly, only 24% of 5-17 year olds are walking/wheeling/rolling to school. Our tendency to constantly watch over them or keep them indoors to ensure they are safe from risk limits their opportunities for physical activity, endangering their long-term health.” <http://www.saferoutestoschool.ca/>



## 4 ways that walking, biking or rolling can benefit kids

*by Katherine Martinko*

- **Outside activity is known to improve academic performance.** Children that have had some outside time in the morning arrive brighter and more alert for their first morning class.
- **Walking gives children good life experience.** It's an opportunity for them to be independent, think responsibly, and make decisions for themselves. Some children feel less anxiety about being at school when they know how to get home.
- **Walking gets children outdoors** – and, according to Richard Louv, who wrote about Nature Deficit Disorder, kids certainly aren't spending enough time outside these days. Find opportunities for your child to get outside and get moving by walking, biking, skipping, or rolling too!
- **Walking/biking/rolling provides daily exercise for children.** Obesity rates have skyrocketed in North America, so incorporating physical activity into a child's daily routine is a good place to start fighting it.

**Encourage your children to get outside and get active!**

# October 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Day 4 Grade 6 VIP	2 Day 5 Picture Day ***** School Council Mtg. 7 p.m.	3 Day 1 Safety Patrol Training at John McCrea P.S. ***** Walk to School Day	4 Day 2 Chocolate Fundraising Assembly	5 Day 3 World Teachers Day ***** Soccer Tournament at Centennial	6
7	8 Thanksgiving (no school)	9 Day 4	10 Day 5	11 Day 1	12 Day 2	13
14	15 Day 3	16 Day 4 ECE Appreciation Day	17 Day 5 IEP's Go Home	18 Day 1 Mrs. Jones 3/4 & Mr. Roufis 4/5 to Guelph City Hall & Civic Museum	19 Day 2 Cross Country Meet	20
21	22 Day 3	23 Day 4	24 Day 5 Take Me Outside Day	25 Day 1	26 Day 2	27
28	29 Day 3	30 Day 4	31 Day 5 Neighbourhood Parade ***** Dance-a-thon Primary: 9 a.m. Junior: 11:30 a.m. School Council Sponsored			