



PAISLEY ROAD PUBLIC SCHOOL

OCTOBER NEWSLETTER

UGDSB MOBILE APP

We are pleased to announce that the Upper Grand DSB is introducing a new parent communication tool for your smart phone. Designed to streamline communication between schools and the communities they serve, the Upper Grand Mobile app provides parents with a simple interface with up to date information including news, calendars and social media feeds.

The Upper Grand Mobile App is available today for free at either the Google Play Store or at iTunes. Use the search term "Upper Grand" to find the app.

PICTURE DAY IS COMING

Mark your calendar!
Paisley Road Public School
Friday, October 13, 2017

Send no money now; view and order images **after** Picture Day.



Randal Wagner, Principal
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First Nation, Métis, Inuit Self-identification

If your child is a member of a First Nation, the Métis or the Inuit, then please consider having him or her self-identify.

Self-identification helps in several ways:

1. Students will have access to more culturally relevant programming and opportunities for unique cultural and academic experiences.
2. The school system will have an opportunity to focus efforts and resources, as well as an increased awareness of the diverse needs of indigenous families.
3. The school community will have an opportunity for building relationships to increase student success and well-being.

Share your pride in your heritage!

Please come to the office (or have your child do so) to get a card that can be filled in and submitted if you wish to self-identify.

PLASTIC FORKS/SPOONS

Plastic spoons and forks are environmentally unfriendly. At Paisley Rd. PS we give out several per day to students who have forgotten utensils to eat their lunch with. We are trying to reduce this waste. Please always remember to send utensils with your child's lunch. We will also gladly accept donations of utensils (small spoons and forks) to our classroom supplies. Think about that if you are thinning out your cutlery drawer."

ON OCTOBER 4TH, UGDSB IS CELEBRATING WALK TO SCHOOL DAY

Walk to School Day is an international event that encourages students to be active on their journey between home and school. The Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Active and Safe Routes to School (ASRTS) committee encourages parents and guardians to walk, bike or wheel to school with us on Walk to School Day October 4th. The ASRTS committee is encouraging schools with bused students to also participate by organizing a walk around the school yard at lunch or before bell time.

Walking and riding to school are great ways to include physical activity into the day, and it is well known that students who use active travel to get to school arrive alert and ready to learn.

As a parent you can help your child learn about walking or riding to school safely:

- Be a good role model. Demonstrate road safety rules with your child (e.g. looking both ways when crossing the street).
- Plan a walking or riding route. Assess potential hazards with your child. Encourage your child to stick to the route.
- Remind your child about personal safety. Point out the houses of people you know where they can go for help if needed.
- Adopt a buddy system. Walk with a “walking buddy” – a sibling or a friend.
- Ask that electronics like iPods and cellphones be put in their bag while walking to school. Pedestrian safety is compromised by texting, earphones and cellphone conversation.
- Talk about the rules of the road and pedestrian safety.



Paisley Q and A

Why is it important to be at school on time?

Thanks to the many parents who demonstrate the important life skill of promptness! At Paisley Road we begin classes as soon as students enter the classroom. We have a warning bell at 8:40 and entry bell at 8:45 am. Our aim is to start the day without interruptions so that all students benefit from a calm and engaged beginning. We have announcements at 10:20 am instead of 9:00 am to support a smooth beginning.

If your child arrives after entry, please escort them to the office and complete the sign-in sheet. A staff member will bring your child to his or her classroom. We do this to ensure a secure environment for your children.

****Please note:** supervision for students begins at 8:35 am. Do not send children to school before this time as there is no staff supervising the yard.

Does it matter if I pick up my child early from school?

Yes! Just like our peaceful entry, it helps to have an exit that is orderly and calm. When students are picked up early, even for appointments, it can disrupt the learning of classmates. If possible, please try and arrange appointments after school hours. Of course we understand there will be exceptions.

Attention drivers

When there is an adult school crossing guard in the crosswalk with their stop sign drivers

MUST STOP

before reaching the crosswalk and **REMAIN STOPPED** until all pedestrians, including the crossing guard, have cleared the roadway.

The fine for failing to stop for a crossing guard is \$150 to \$500 and three demerit points (Highway Traffic Act).



Keeping our community safe!

Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Public Health October 2017

Have a Happy, Healthy Halloween

Are your kids buzzing with excitement about trick or treating? The real trick is balancing treats with healthy foods and eating them in moderation. The article below gives parents and teachers tips to help kids have a happy and healthy Halloween. It includes creative ways to celebrate Halloween and recipes for healthy spooky treats. Read the article here: <http://bit.ly/2wcAUHe>

For more information visit www.wdgpUBLICHEALTH.ca

Are you frustrated by your child's eating? Would you like them to enjoy more vegetables?

Join us for Getting to Yum: How to get kids to enjoy eating a variety of fruits and vegetables. In this presentation, scientist and author Karen LeBillon will help you teach your kids to explore and enjoy eating. Learn the 7 secrets of raising eager eaters and change dinnertime reactions from YUCK to YUM.

Saturday October 21, 2017

2-4 pm Bishop Macdonell Catholic High School, 200 Clair Road W. Guelph

Cost is \$10 which includes the book "Getting to Yum"

Register by October 9th at <http://bit.ly/2wce1nh>



MUSIC FRIDAY

Music Friday is back this year beginning this Friday at 1:50pm. If you are interested in getting involved in some way or sharing a song from your culture at some point this year contact Mme Gareau or Ms. Richer. We love having our parent community share in the joy of making music together

OCTOBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3  Grade 3 Knitting club	4 Walk to School Day 	5  Grade 3 Knitting club World Teacher Day	6	7
8	9 	10  Grade 3 Knitting club	11	12  Grade 3 Knitting club	13 Picture Day 	14
15	16	17  Grade 3 Knitting club School Council Meeting 6:30	18	19  Grade 3 Knitting club	20	21
22	23	24  Grade 3 Knitting club	25	26  Movie Night	27  PA DAY	28
29	30	31  Grade 3 Knitting club Hallowe'en 		 Grade 3 Knitting club		

October News from the Library



October Library Contest

Hey students...it is that time of year again! The Library shelf marker contest is on. Come to the Library to pick up a blank shelf marker and create a design to show your love of reading, our Library Star Wars theme or to remind others of the "Ways of our Library". All completed shelf markers will be laminated for use on our shelves and the winning design will receive a \$20 online order from Chapters! Good luck! Bonne chance! Contest begins October 2nd. All entries due October 13th.

Library Book Exchange

Our Library is open and students are taking out books to bring home. Kindergarten - Grade 2 students come once a week to choose 2 books to bring home. Grade 3+ students come any time after second recess with a pass from their teacher. Please help your children avoid disappointment by helping them have their book bag in their backpack on Library days. Every student has been given a plastic library bag to help keep books dry and safe from leaking water bottles and wet mitts (I know...we don't want to think about them yet). If the bag needs to be replaced please provide one from home so we can protect our books.

Over 2000 E-books and Audio Books available to students:

The Upper Grand District School board has Overdrive! Students can access over 2000 titles of e-books and audio books through UG2G0 including French titles using their UGcloud accounts. Students can download these books to devices or read them on computers. Books can be downloaded in a variety of file types and formats and are available to students for 2 weeks at a time. They can check out as many as 3 titles at a time. Enjoy accessing more great resources.

Technology for Students

Students in the Upper Grand District School Board each have an UGcloud account that allows them to access excellent resources and Google apps for education. One excellent app for students is Google Read and Write. This app works in French and English and provides word prediction tools, a translator, speech to text and will read to students in the selected language.

Maker Spaces in the Library

Libraries are evolving and now students can practice creative problem solving with Makerspaces while they visit during Book Exchange. This movement is to encourage STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) based activities as well as creative endeavours. Our Library features new stations and challenges each week.

Smartphone donations for our Library

If you have a cellphone that you are not using we could make excellent use of it in our Library Learning Commons. We can use them for everything from taking photos, virtual manipulatives in math, language learning, translation, film making, virtual reality experiences, green screening, animation, coding and robotics! Please wipe your data and remove your SIM card before donating. Any brand is fine.

Your cellphone donations will really help us build Makerspaces and support student learning!

Friends of the Guelph Public Library 11th Annual Giant Book Sale, Oct 20,21,22, 69 Huron Street.

Early Bird Friday \$10 1-4 pm

Children under 14 are free

Free Admission Friday 6-9

Saturday 10 am-4 pm

Loonie Sunday 10 am-4 pm (Most items are \$1 or less)

Donations welcomed at any Guelph Library when open.

For more information visit fgpl.ca

Grade 3 Knitting Club

Cast on...knit...purl...untangle...fix stitches... If this sounds like fun to you maybe you would consider helping out. Knitting club will begin this month for Grade 3's. Knitting club is a chance for students to learn a valuable skill to create something that will be given as gifts to Seniors in the Community. If you are interested in lending a hand please contact Mme Thompson, Mme Murphy or Ms. Richer. Knitting club will be Tuesdays and Thursdays from October 3-November 9th from 1:05-1:35pm.