UPPER GRAND
District School Board

PALMERSTON PUBLIC SCHOOL

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"Be The BEST That You Can Be"
"Fais De Ton Mieux"

2016-2017 Newsletter #8 April 1, 2017

MESSAGE FROM ADMINISTRATION

We are looking forward to some spring weather as we move into April. Students continue to be busy in the classrooms and are excited about warmer temperatures outside. After a board inspection, we will be able to open up the play structure as well. Students need to continue to dress appropriately for the weather. When it is wet outside, rubber boots are sometimes helpful and at other times, we may need to have a 'hardtop' recess to ensure students are not getting covered in mud and dirt.

Soon students will be riding bikes to school. Please ensure your child has a well-fitted bike helmet and a lock to secure the bicycle in the bike rack. Please review the rules of the road and the best route for your child to use on the way to and from school. Scooters and skateboards are not allowed on school property and are very difficult to lock up at the bike rack. Please have your child enjoy using their scooters and skateboards outside of the school day and off the school property.

Our next school council meeting will be on April 6th at 6:30 p.m. Please come and join us. Additionally, a survey went out to grade 8 parents and we welcome them to attend a meeting on Thursday, April 13th to discuss details, make some location choices and form some sub-committees for the Grade 8 Graduation. Further information is soon to follow.

Tracy Baker, Principal *Shannon Spike, Vice-Principal*

LUNCH ARRANGEMENTS

Arrangements for students who normally eat lunch at school, but wish to go out for lunch should be made before school starts. Parent notes should be sent with them in the morning.

SAFETY ON THE PLAYGROUND

With the warm weather approaching our students are anxiously waiting for our playground structure to reopen. This is a good time to remind everyone - students, parents, staff and yard supervisors of the rules that help make these structures fun and safe places to play.

Our playground is designed for users aged 12 and under and we do not provide supervision, maintenance and inspections outside of school hours. Board policy determines that the equipment is off limits from November 1st to March 31st, and at other times as determined by the school administration. This includes periods of freezing temperatures, when there is rain, if the ground cover is frozen, or if there is a build up of snow and ice. Due to variable weather, every day we will let students know if the playground is open for them to use.

Rules for Students

- No pushing
- No running around play structures
- No fighting
- No eating while on the playground equipment
- No throwing sticks, stones or other objects.

The following are not allowed on the equipment:
Bicycle helmets, skipping ropes, ropes, scarves or loose drawstrings on children's clothing.

Our school has the following rules which apply to our playground:

Rules for the swings

1. Hold onto the swing with both hands.
2. Do not stand on the swing.
3. Only one person on the swing at a time.
4. Do not stand in front or behind the swing when another person is swinging. Wait your turn outside the pea gravel area.
5. No jumping from the swing – remain seated until the swing stops.
6. Do not twist the chains of the swing.
7. Take turns.

Rules for Creative Playground

1. Take turns.
2. Do NOT push, run or fight on the Creative.
3. Do not pick up or throw stones, sticks or other objects.
4. If someone is injured report to the supervisor immediately.
5. Travel down the slides on your seat. No walking up the slide.
6. Sit when sliding.
7. Before sliding down, make sure no one is at the bottom of the slide.
8. Scarves and bike helmets should not be worn on the creative playground.

We know how much the children enjoy our play structure and are looking forward to good spring weather so they can use it again. We make safety at play our major concern, and will be reminding our students and staff on a regular basis about the playground rules. We hope that you will reinforce them at home with your child.

PUNCTUALITY

School starts at 8:55 a.m. Please ensure that your children are here on time. This would mean your child will be ready to start the day on a positive note.

PALMERSTON ENVIRONMENTAL NEWS

Spring has finally arrived and with it brings April - an exciting month filled with all things Earth related and good! We will be working together this month to educate our school community about important issues surrounding the environment. Through announcements, assemblies and activities we will work on helping spring bloom in our town! Stay tuned to Palmerston Public's Twitter feed, School Council's Facebook page, and your child's teacher for more details as they come.

Some Important Dates:
April 10th - April 14th - National Wildlife Week
Fundraiser for Adopt a Panda through WWF begins

ECO Bingo Challenge begins:
April 17th - April 21st - Earth Week + Pitch-In Canada Week: Clean up Palmerston
April 21st - Last Day for Ontario Schools Battery Recycling Challenge
April 22nd - Earth Day

National Wildlife Week
http://www.cwf-fcf.org/en/events/national-wildlife-week/
National Wildlife Week is a major Canadian Wildlife Federation initiative designed to celebrate our country's natural heritage and promote the cause of conservation in Canada. Proclaimed by Parliament in 1947,

National Wildlife Week falls every year during the week of April 10 – the birthdate of the late Jack Miner, one of the founders of Canada's conservation movement. "Wild Goose Jack", as he was known, is credited with saving the Canada Goose from extinction.

Fundraiser for Adopt a Panda
http://wwf.panda.org/how_you_can_help/support_wwf/adopt_an_animal/
http://www.wwf.ca/conservation/species/panda/
Help us celebrate National Wildlife Week by bringing in your spare change through the month of April. We will donate the proceeds to WWF and adopt a Panda!

Pitch-In Canada
http://pitch-in.ca/
@Pitch_In_Canada

With our classes, learning buddies, and our divisions, we will be signing up for different areas of Palmerston and heading out in our community to help tidy up after our winter. Our cleanup has been registered through Pitch-In Canada and will be given a kit filled with the necessary tools to have a successful clean up. Feel free to come and support your child(ren) by coming to lend a helping hand on the day they go out. Look for more information closer to Pitch-In Canada Week.

Waste-Free Wednesdays Challenge

We will be running a Waste-Free Wednesday Campaign starting April 12th.

1. What is the Waste-Free Lunch Challenge?

The Waste-Free Lunch Challenge is a school program developed by the Recycling Council of Ontario.
The goal of the program is to help schools decrease the amount of garbage they produce and to educate students, staff and parents about waste reduction.

School lunches are a major source of waste in Ontario. The average student's lunch generates a total of 30 kg (66 lbs.) of waste per school year, and an average elementary school generates 8,500 kg (18,700 lbs.) of waste per year.

2. What are the benefits of participating in the Waste-Free Lunch Challenge?

The Waste-Free Lunch Challenge is an easy way to inspire your students and school community to implement the 3Rs – Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle. The program also provides opportunities to:

- Achieve learning outcomes in subject areas including Mathematics, Science and Technology and Social Studies
- Connect with your local community by involving parents, guardians and community groups in Waste-Free Lunch Challenge activities
- Increase awareness of the use of packaging and waste reduction opportunities in your school and at home
- Reduce waste generation resulting from school lunches and take a step towards long term cost-savings for waste management
- Beautify your school by reducing litter
- Be part of an Ontario-wide environmental initiative and make waste reduction a skill for life

http://www.wastefreelunch.com/uploads/File/Resources_2015/Parent_Resource__Fridge_Reminder_Resource__2015.pdf

Children's Foundation of Guelph and Wellington
Food & Friends Program
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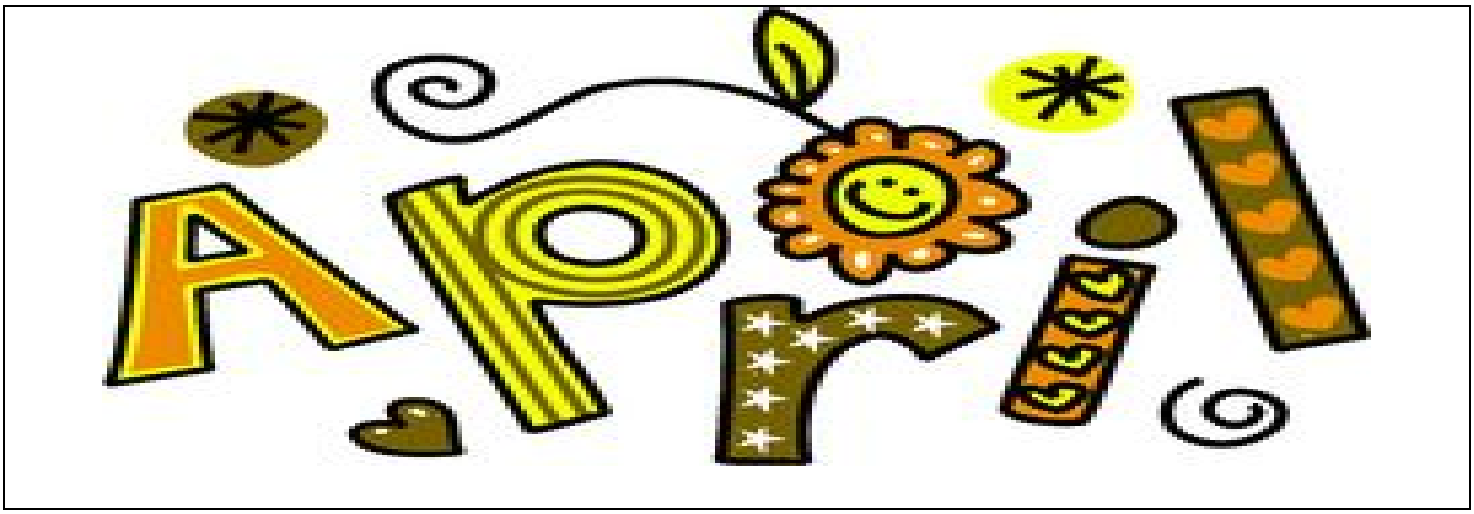
FOOD AND FRIENDS

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.
http://www.childrensfoundation.org/downloads/positioning-statement.jpg


April

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
3 Day 4	4 Day 5 Pizza Career Day – Gr. 8's (Orangeville)	5 Day 1 Grilled Cheese	6 Day 2 Parent Council Meeting	7 Day 3 Skills Canada Competition
10 Day 3 Earth Month Assembly @ 12:30 p.m.	11 Day 4 Pizza	12 Day 5 Grad/Sibling Photos Noah Martin / Elmira Poultry / Harriston Meat Packer – Grade 8 Fundraiser Pick up	13 Day 1 Neon Day	14 Day 2 **Easter No School**
17 Day 3 **Easter No School**	18 Day 3 Pizza	19 Day 4	20 Day 5 Salad Day	21 Day 1
24 Day 2 Gr. 7 / Gr. 8 Immunizations	25 Day 3 Pizza	26 Day 4 Pita Day	27 Day 5	28 **PA Day No School**

CANADIAN PARENTS FOR FRENCH
North Wellington

North Wellington Chapter
2016 – 2017 Calendar 2 of Events
Winter-Spring

CONTACT INFO for NW CHAPTER:
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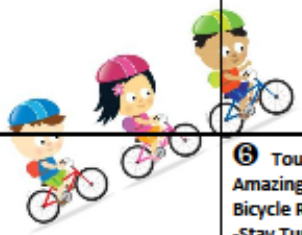
	Sunday Dimanche	Monday Lundi	Tuesday Mardi	Wednesday Mercredi	Thursday Jeudi	Friday Vendredi	Saturday Samedi
Fevrier/February		❻CPF Meeting – All Welcome 7:00 pm -PPS library			❷First French Movie Night @ the Norgan ~ 6:30 pm (doors open at 6:00) Movie: Les PeeWee: L'Hiver qui a Change ma vie (PeeWee: the winter that changed my life) *donation admission *recommended for Children aged 9 – 13 years.	❷❹ Carnaval D'Hiver -games, broomball, and outdoor fun Spectacle De Carnaval D'Hiver (Winter Carnival Talent Show) ~ 6:30 pm in the PPS gym	
Mars/March	Transportation to March Break French Immersion day camps provided by CPF.	❻ CPF Meeting – All Welcome 7:00 pm @ the home of Caroline Pacquet (350 Prospect St., Palmerston) ❶❸French Movie Matinee @ the Norgan ~ 2:00 pm (doors open at 1:30)			❸❶ French Basics for Parents! 7:00 pm -come and learn some more basics in French pronunciation -pre-registration required. *Please email: cpfnorwell@gmail.com to book your spot		
Avril/April		❸CPF Meeting – All Welcome 7:00 pm @ the home of Caroline Pacquet (350 Prospect St, Palmerston)			❷❼French Basics for Parents! 7:00 pm -come and learn some more basics in French pronumciation -pre-registration required. *Please email: cpfnorwell@gmail.com to book your spot		
Mai/May		❶CPF Meeting – All Welcome 7:00 pm@ the home of Caroline Pacquet (350 Prospect St. Palmerston)					❻ Tour de Palmerston! Amazing Race style Bicycle Rally -Stay Tuned for Details
Juin/June		❺CPF Meeting – All Welcome 7:00 pm@ the home of Caroline Pacquet (350 Prospect St., Palmerston)					❷❻Playdate in the Park! Potluck Picnic, afternoon of outdoor activities, scavenger hunt at Palmerston Lion's Park

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CANADIAN PARENTS FOR FRENCH
North Wellington

French Basics for Parents

Come and Learn some French with Stephanie!
(lead by Stephanie Zonneveld)

DATE: Thursday, April 27th

TIME: 7:00 pm

LOCATION: Palmerston Public School

COST: $5.00 – CPF Members Free

SIGN-UP: Please Email CPF – cpfnorwell@gmail.com

- learn or review simple vocabulary
- promote use of the French language

FLARE 2017

TALENT WITH A TWIST

PROUDLY PRESENTED BY
NORWELL DSS STUDENT COUNCIL

THURS. APRIL 6TH
7:00-9:00PM
NORGAN THEATRE

TICKETS $5 / PERSON OR $15 / FAMILY

INTERMISSION SHOW BY
ERIC DETTWEILER
(JUGGLER/ENTERTAINER)
CATCH-A-LAUGH ENTERTAINMENT

FEATURING

ALLY KABBES, MADI HESSELINK, DALLAS FREY, SADIE BIEMAN, BROOKELYN BUTCHART, ALEXIS KUPER, AMBER COWAN, & MANY MORE.