



# PARKINSON CENTENNIAL

## MARCH NEWSLETTER



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### **Administrator's Message:**

March Break (March 14-18) and spring will soon arrive. As we move towards spring, Parkinson Centennial classrooms continue to buzz with learning.

### **Upcoming Events/Activities**

Certainly, students are busy with activities too including:

- Junior-intermediate cross country skiing
- Junior sideline basketball
- Intermediate basketball
- School wide talent show auditions (and show on March 24<sup>th</sup>)
- Curling bonspiel on March 30<sup>th</sup>
- Primary outdoor snow play day March 11

### **EQAO**

As May approaches, parents of Grade 3 and Grade 6 students will begin to hear more about the EQAO tests which are scheduled for the end of May and beginning of June (*May 30 - June 1 grade 3; May 25 - 27 grade 6*). Teachers have been working hard to prepare children for this important test. EQAO assesses all students in Grade 3 and Grade 6 in reading, writing, and mathematics. The EQAO website ([www.eqao.com](http://www.eqao.com)) has some valuable resources for parents from frequently asked questions to sample tests.

### **Academic Excellence**

Term 1 is over, reports have gone home and term 2 has begun. Please encourage your child(ren) to pay close attention to suggested "next steps" in their term 1 reports and strive for excellence. Remind them that effort is the most important quality that we need to achieve success. Success is always the result of practice and hard work. We call effort, and not giving up – grit. Ask your child how he/she got gritty today!

Please encourage your child to:

- Read each night
- Practice math facts each night (<https://xtramath.org/#/home/index>)
- Get a good night's sleep

It is important to remember that students with many absences and lates are not able to meet their academic potential. Please make sure that your child(ren) are given the best possible life chances. Thanks for your continued support with your child's educational experience, which is vital to the success.

Have a great March Break and enjoy some quality family time together.

P. Argentino & K. Martin



## We are collecting Schneider's Lunch Mate product packages to raise money for our Student Nutrition Program!



Each specially marked package of Schneider's Lunchmate® products have a 16 character code included with the each package (either printed on the inside of, or inserted into, the package). Each PIN code has a Lunchmate Buck® value and we are collecting bucks so we can sell the rewards we've earned to staff for cash. The money we get will go towards purchasing food for our Parkinson Student Nutrition Programs.

**Students can drop off their Lunch Mate packages in the bin in the front foyer!**

### *Wanted: Kindergarten Students*

If you know of any families living in the Parkinson Centennial PS area that have not yet registered their child for kindergarten, please encourage them to do so as soon as possible. Staffing and class organization are based on registrations received at this time of the year. Late registrations could result in classroom reorganization and staffing shortages.



### *Are you picking your child up early?*



If you need to pick your child up before the end of the day, please ensure to arrive at the school early enough to have your child called down once you arrive. We will not be calling students to the office until a parent arrives to sign them out.

### *Paperless Newsletters*

In an effort to reduce the amount of paper used by the school, we no longer send home copies of the monthly newsletters. Newsletters will be posted on the school's website

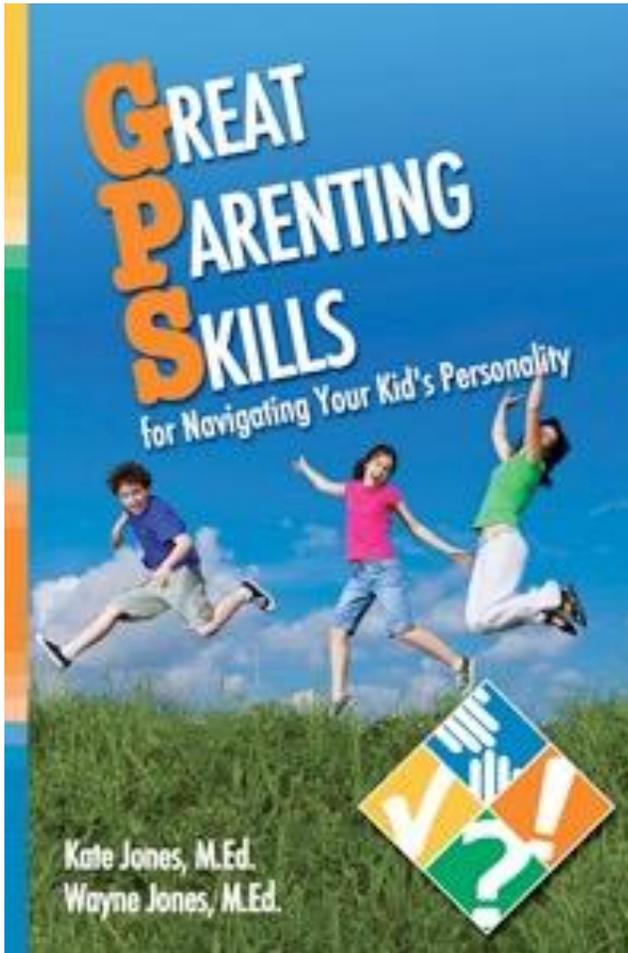
<http://www.ugdsb.on.ca/parkinson> the first week of each month. If you would like to receive an email notification log on to <https://webapps.ugdsb.on.ca/casl> to register to receive notifications from the school. If you have previously registered to receive these notifications but do not receive them, please log onto this site and ensure that your correct email address has been registered.

### *Candy-Gram Funds*

Our school council's Valentine Candy-Grams were very popular. Funds raised from the sale will go to the "Live Free" program which supports the Parkinson Centennial breakfast and lunch programs.



## PARENT COUNCIL PRESENTS: Understanding Your Kid's Behaviour



**TUES. APRIL 12<sup>TH</sup> 7PM-9PM**

Speaker/ Author: **Kate Jones, M. Ed.**

Website: **skills4people.com**

Do you sometimes wonder if your kid stays up at night trying to figure out how to drive you crazy? Or do you sometimes ask the question, "Why can't he/she be more like me?"

Many of us think about what is "wrong" with our kids rather than what is "right" about them. There are many ways to be OK in this society. If there were only one way then many of us adults would not measure up. The fundamental differences among people are natural, good and often enrich our lives.

These fundamental differences can be attributed to temperament, our innate pattern of behaving, all part of our personality. Understanding these natural differences leads us to an appreciation and acceptance of our children's behaviours.

This presentation encourages you to participate in a seminar that will introduce you to the natural differences among us so you can move from conflict to appreciation of your children. Please join us!

Also we're pleased to announce that a Canadian publisher asked Kate and her husband, Wayne, a former Peel Principal and faculty advisor at Nipissing University to write a book based on her successful parenting series, "Awesome Parenting". Their book, *Great Parenting Skills for Navigating Your Kid's Personality*, is now available. Pick up your signed copy for just \$20 at the session!

Kate Jones, B.A. (Psychology), M.Ed., has been privileged to lead countless parents to the "aha" moment of "getting their kid" for over a decade. Whether running workshops or speaking at conferences, she brings her expertise in behaviour, along with her sense of humour, to ensure you an enjoyable session.

As a keynote speaker at Durham District School Board's *Parents as Partners*, Kate met Karen Horseman, who later featured her on CBC Radio's education column, on Metro Morning with Andy Barrie. Based on their newly released book, *Great Parenting Skills for Navigating Your Kid's Personality*, Kate and Wayne were honoured to be invited to speak at the Association for Psychological Type International Conference in Miami, Florida, July 2015.

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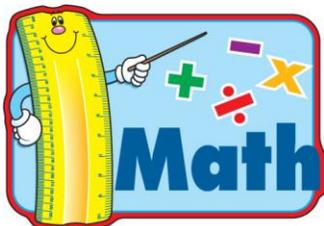




Grade 6 students will be writing their EQAO test on May 25, 26, and 27 and Grade 3 students will be writing on May 30, 31, and June 1. Please try to avoid scheduling any appointments from 8:40 – 12:40 on these dates.

**We are looking for scribes for these dates. If you are able to volunteer your time for this, please contact Kaye Martin, VP, 519-941-2461, extension 224.**

### *Engaging Your Child in Mathematics At Home!*



As parents we have the wonderful opportunity and responsibility for nurturing our children's growth. Parents play a key role in the physical, emotional, and intellectual development of their child. As parents we can usually find time to read a story to our children, thereby instilling a love of literature, but we are often at a loss as to how to instill a love and appreciation for mathematics.

Like reading, mathematics is a subject that is indeed necessary for functioning adequately in society. More than that, mathematics is a subject that should be more enjoyable than it is perceived to be. Parents' attitudes towards mathematics has an impact on their children's attitudes. Children whose parents show an interest in and enthusiasm for mathematics around the home will be more likely to develop that enthusiasm themselves.

### *Activities in the Home*

If you have dice, playing cards, and a bit of time....oh the "number sense" fun you can have.

1. Work on Place Value: use a grade appropriate number of dice and use the numbers rolled as digits to "make the biggest number you can, make the smallest number you can, make a number close to 100" etc.
2. Work on Number Sense: use 2 die to add numbers together....to make it harder, you can use the 2 die to subtract, and multiply.
3. War: use a deck of cards to compare numbers. Each person flips their cards at the same time; the person with the higher number gets both cards.
4. What's my number? Someone holds a card on their forehead and asks the other person questions to try to guess their number (for example, is it greater than 5, is it odd or even).

Give it a go and have fun building number sense fluency together.



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