



# Primrose Elementary School

## November 2022 Newsletter

Welcome November!

We have a busy month ahead with Remembrance Day, Treaties Recognition Week, progress reports, Parent-Teacher interviews, and Bullying Prevention week to name just a few of the items of significance for this month!

I want to acknowledge and thank staff who are taking the time to organize and run extra curricular activities before and after school, as well as at recess. COVID restrictions made it impossible to run such activities in recent years. With the lifting of restrictions, these activities are happening again. Thank you for the time and talents of the teachers who are running them! This month students will have the opportunity to participate in: grade 4-8 choir, Eco club, junior and intermediate volleyball, intramurals, Pride club, JEDI (Justice Equity Diversity Inclusion) club, book club, kindergarten helping, and corking club. While many students are energetically embracing the return of extra curriculars, others are apprehensive or nervous about becoming involved. We know that involvement in school activities helps to foster connections among students and builds a sense of belonging to the school community. Please discuss with your children what is happening at school and how they are choosing to become involved. Your child's Google Classroom will have all the extra curricular events posted, so you can encourage your child to participate.

A reminder that students' regular attendance at school, arriving punctually and ready to learn (healthy), greatly impacts student success. Accumulated absences and/or lates impact a

student's ability to keep up with the curriculum content. Just a reminder that if your child will not be attending school or will be late on any given day, please call us at 519-925-3939 and leave a message on the attendance line, ext. 100. Please include your child's name, bus number, teacher's name, and indicate illness or absence. It is the parent's responsibility to notify the school if their child(ren) will be absent or late. We also request that you send a note (including the bus number and teacher's name) or call the school before 2:30 p.m. if you are picking your child(ren) up during the day or at the end of the day.

Progress report cards will be going home this month to recognize student progress this term. Please review student successes and areas of need with your child. Continue to encourage daily reading and good study habits.

It is getting chilly out and the snow will be here soon! Please remember to send indoor shoes, assist your child in wearing the proper clothing to school and label it. This includes a warm jacket, hat, mitts, and waterproof footwear. Thanks for sending extra socks in your child's backpack just in case, and extra clothes for our Kindergarten students! All students are expected to participate in outdoor recess and we will continue to make use of the outdoor classroom space. Our playground structures will be closed for use as of November 1st.

### **Special Education**

Individual Education Plans (IEPs) were updated and sent home on Tuesday, October 18th. If you haven't already, please review the IEP and then sign and return the Parent/Guardian and Student Consultation Form. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Special Education Resource Teacher (SERT) and/or your child's classroom teacher. A reminder that the IEP is a working document which means it can and will be updated throughout the year as needed.

Primrose SERTs:

JK/SK - Ashley Hopkins ([ashley.hopkins@ugdsb.on.ca](mailto:ashley.hopkins@ugdsb.on.ca))

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### **Our Community Gardens**

Our vegetable gardens have been tucked into bed for winter, with a layer of fall leaves covered by straw. Some of our grade three classes have taken the opportunity to learn from the garden over the past month. They have collected and compared soils, carefully dug out invasive weeds, clipped off plants to leave roots intact to improve soil health, delighted over the many living creatures found when working in the soil, and planted garlic to settle in over the winter. The Learning Commons will host a "Discovery Station" in the second and third week of November featuring seed heads from the pollinator garden. All students will be welcome to visit and explore seeds using our 20x - 40x magnifiers. Grade three students noticed some pretty amazing things when zooming in on the seeds they discovered and wanted to share with the school community.

## **Life in the Learning Commons**

Our first book club this school year read “Song for a Whale”, written by Lynne Kelly. You may see this title again as a Disney+ movie, and we all agreed it will make a good one. Inspired by Iris, the main character, we have spent days taking apart old appliances to see what is inside. Another book will be announced on our morning announcements soon for students to participate if they wish.

The [Forest of Reading](#) books have been announced! We look forward to this program each year. Primary students will all be involved in the “Blue Spruce” picture book program in the Learning Commons from January - April. Students in grades 3 & 4 qualify for “Silver Birch Express”, grades 5 & 6 qualify for “Silver Birch”, grades 7 & 8 qualify for “Red Maple” and students in grades 5-8 qualify for “Yellow Cedar” (all non-fiction). There is a good deal of independent reading that needs to happen to complete the program... so if you wish to participate, you can start **anytime** you can get your hands on the books! Brittany Hooker, the children’s librarian at the Shelburne Public Library, is an amazing resource and will have these books in their collection. We hope to have our titles soon. 😊

We will host a **SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR** November 21 - November 29 in the Learning Commons. We will be OPEN during the EVENING of THURSDAY NOVEMBER 24 and ALL DAY FRIDAY NOVEMBER 25. Our last book fair was an amazing success. The proceeds allowed us to buy consumable items for the maker space as well as books and five sets of “Code and Go” mice, which have been very popular!

## **Eco Update**

We are back in full swing with our Eco initiatives at Primrose and are working hard to achieve Platinum status again, just like we did last year. On October 19th, our students participated in Take Me Outside Day and were engaged in lots of fantastic outdoor learning opportunities. Additionally, each class now has a GOOS (Good On One Side) Bin that they are using to help reduce our school-wide paper waste. In November, all classes will be having a presentation by Dufferin Waste to learn more about sorting our garbage and recycled goods as we work towards eliminating waste in our school. Our goal is to get as many students as possible bringing a litterless lunch to school. We use our virtual announcements to share ideas on how to do this - ask your child about it! Additionally, we have many classes taking on their own Eco initiatives, which we will share more about as the year progresses. Thank you to everyone in our Primrose community who works hard every day to help our school maintain its eco-friendly status and the best place to be! Good job Pumas!

## **Bully Prevention Week**

The week of November 21-25 is Bullying Prevention Week. As a school, we will help students to understand the difference between conflict and bullying, and help them to realize that while conflict is normal, bullying is not.

### **Picture Retake Day**

Picture Day is on Tuesday November 22nd for those classes who have not had their pictures taken yet and those students who were away.

### **Lunch Supervisors Needed:**

We have very dedicated and reliable lunch supervisors at Primrose. However, we are seeking individuals who would be willing to work as SUPPLY Lunch Supervisors as needed. This is a paid position and training is provided. A police check including the vulnerable sector screening is required. If you love working with wonderful children, who are enthusiastic, fun and engaging, Primrose Elementary School wants you as a supply lunch supervisor! We require an individual who is caring, energetic, patient, has the ability to ensure the safety and security of our students, and loves working with children. Your responsibilities would include monitoring lunchrooms and outside recess. If you are interested please contact the school office at 519-925-3939 between 8:30 AM - 4:00 PM.

### **School Council**

The next School Council meeting is Wednesday, November 9, 2022 at 6:30 pm, in person and virtually, and all parents/guardians are welcome! A meeting link will be sent out and made available on the school website that day. If you would like to look at past agendas and minutes, they are posted on the school website under the School Council tab.

### **Lost and Found**

Labels are a great way to ensure your items get returned to you. Volunteers go through our school "lost and found" periodically to check for labeled things. As winter approaches, it is important to have winter gear (snow pants, hats and mitts) labeled. Permanent marker works or if you prefer labels, Mabel's Labels is one company that offers an option.

Primrose has a fundraiser account with them if you would like to purchase there.

[https://mabelslabels.ca/en\\_CA/fundraising/support/](https://mabelslabels.ca/en_CA/fundraising/support/) (Choose Primrose Elementary (Mulmur))

### **Pizza Days**

Every Friday is Pizza Day! Payment will be accepted for the weekly pizza through School Cash Online, up until the Wednesday of that week. This year you are able to sign up for pizza days weekly or order for multiple weeks at the same time. There is also now a plant-based pizza option.

### **Primrose Fundraisers Coming Soon:**

Information about our Poinsettia Fundraiser with Bradford Greenhouse will be coming soon.

## School Spirit Wear

Looking to add some purple and gold to your child's wardrobe? Primrose school spirit wear is available for purchase through a link on our school website, under the School Council tab, or click [HERE](#) to reach the site. Shirts can even be personalized on the sleeve. Makes a great holiday gift!

## **Christmas Angels**

As you can imagine, the need in our community this year is greater due to Covid-19. Many families have already been asking about the needs in our school and how we can support each other in trying times. We wanted to let you know that our school will be running the Christmas Angels Program again this year.

This is a program where families in the North Dufferin community let the school know, and staff, families, and community partners work to fill their wish list at Christmas time. Last year we helped over 100 students (40 families) in the North Dufferin community and would love nothing more than to be able to support those in need again this Christmas season.

If you are interested in helping to purchase an item off the list, please send me an email at [marianne.millsap@ugdsb.on.ca](mailto:marianne.millsap@ugdsb.on.ca). For people wanting to make larger donations to Christmas Angels, the Upper Grand Learning Foundation will offer a tax receipt to those who donate to this program.

If you are in **need of support**, please email me ([marianne.millsap@ugdsb.on.ca](mailto:marianne.millsap@ugdsb.on.ca)).

We do keep this information confidential, and no one knows who they are purchasing items for. Together as a community we will get through this.

## Dates to Remember

November 4 - Pizza Day

November 7-11 - Treaties Recognition Week

November 9 - School Council Meeting 6:30 pm - 8 pm

November 10 - Primrose School Colours Spirit Day

November 11 - Remembrance Day (wear Red and Black)

November 11 - Pizza Day

November 14 - Kindergarten Field Trip

November 17th - Progress Reports Available for Download/Go Home

November 18 - Pizza Day

November 21-25 - Bully Prevention week

November 21 - November 29 - Book Fair

November 22 - Picture Day Retakes

November 23 - Pink Shirt Day

November 24 - Matilda Jr. - Theatre trip for gr. 6-8

November 24th and 25th- Parent/Teacher Interviews

November 25 - PA Day (no school)

December 2 - Pizza Day

December 8 - Comfy Clothes Spirit Day

December 9 - Pizza Day

December 16 - Pizza Day

December 19 - Blue/Silver/White (Hanukkah) Spirit Day

December 20 - Red/White/Green (Christmas) Spirit Day

December 21 - Red/Black/Green (Kwanzaa) Spirit Day

December 22 - Primrose School Colours Spirit Day

December 23rd - January 9th-Winter Break

## **P.A. DAY**

**Just a reminder that Friday, November 25<sup>th</sup> is a P.A. Day and there will be no classes for students.**

Have a fantastic weekend, Primrose families!

*Please remember to check the UGDSB website, follow us on Twitter, visit our school website, go into your child's Google classroom to see announcements and all the wonderful work they are doing, and read the emails for important information from our school.*

*If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to call or email us at  
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