



# Primrose Elementary School

## June 2023 Newsletter

Dear Parents/Guardians,

June is a busy month here at Primrose Elementary School! Teachers are wrapping up units of study, assessments are being completed, and transition plans for next year are being put into place. We encourage regular attendance so that your child is not missing out on social or academic opportunities. If your child is going to be absent, please contact the school office to let us know. There are many exciting things happening within the school. Please read the newsletter carefully so that you are aware of important dates and keep up to date with classroom communications. Thank you for a wonderful school year! I wish all of you a safe and adventure filled summer and look forward to working with you again in September!

*Have a wonderful end of the year, Primrose families! 😊*

### **ECO UPDATE**

We have just submitted our completed profile for Eco Schools Canada to receive our official Certification for this year. We are hoping to achieve Platinum Status. We will keep everyone posted! A huge thank you to all of those who have worked hard to contribute to our Eco initiatives this year - your efforts are VERY appreciated!

## **PRIDE MONTH**

The month of June is Pride month. Some of our students, staff, parents/guardians and community members identify as members of the 2SLGBTQIA+ community. Flying the Pride flag not only signals that our schools are safe spaces for everyone, it also aligns with our guiding principles of inclusion and student and staff well-being, and our Equity Plan. Primrose is flying the Pride flag during the month of June. Should you have more questions about the flag and how it supports our vision, please visit our UGDSB Website at: <https://www.ugdsb.ca/>.

## **SCHOOL COUNCIL**

A big thank you to our School Council for all the fundraising events this year. All funds raised go back into our school to support mental health programs, classroom and library supplies, outdoor equipment, the natural playground and much more. Without the continued support of our school community, these things are not possible. We are winding down our fundraising for this school year. We wish everyone a safe and happy summer and look forward to another successful year ahead. The last **School Council Meeting will be on June 13th, 2023, at 6:30 pm**. A meeting link will be sent out and made available on the school website that day. New members are always welcome and free babysitting will be available. If you would like to look at past agendas and minutes they are posted on the school website under the school council tab.

## **safeTALK SUICIDE PREVENTION TRAINING**

We are offering two summer SafeTALK training sessions to parents/caregivers and guardians. The flyer has registration links.

[safeTalk Flyer](#)

## **COMPASS RUN**

Compass Run for Food 5K School Challenge on June 10, 2023 in person at Compass Church. The 10th Annual Compass Run for Food is an opportunity for students to be active, support local food security programs and have fun! This event is NOT organized or supervised by school staff. Register at [Compass Run registration 2023-schools.pdf](#).

## **Ultimate Frisbee**

Congratulations to the grade 7/8 Ultimate Frisbee Teams for their positive teamwork and energy at the after-school tournament at Centennial Hylands Elementary School on May 31st. The 21 players did a great job representing Primrose in six action-packed games, with excellent results! - Ms. Williamson, Ms. Carson-Pedri, Ms. Ouchterlony, and Ms. Robertson

## **TRACK & FIELD STANDARDS DAYS AT PRIMROSE**

Thank you to Erika Williamson for organizing the Primrose Track and Field Standards Days for the whole school. On **June 1**, students in Grade 5-8 participated in running and field events at the school. Our Pumas showed excellent effort and sportsmanship. On **June 13**, students in Grade 1 - 4 will participate in the track and field events too. The TOP TWO boys and TOP TWO girls from the three older divisions (Tyke Grade 3 & 4, Atom Grade 5 & 6, Bantam Grade 7 & 8), will have the opportunity to participate in the regional track and field day at ODSS in Orangeville on **Thursday, June 21st**. Due to time and bussing, the ball throw and triple jump events will not take place this year. As well, while the Mites (Grade 1 & 2) will participate in the Standards Day at our school, they will not be going to ODSS to compete at the regional level.

### **Track and Field Standards Days at Primrose:**

Grades 5-8 - Thursday, June 1st

Grades 1-4 - Tuesday, June 13th

Note - We will be outside most of the day. Running shoes are a MUST to participate! Any parents who wish to volunteer please contact Ms. Williamson at [ewilliamson@ugcloud.ca](mailto:ewilliamson@ugcloud.ca).

## **JUMP ROPE FOR HEART**

Jump Rope for Heart was a HUGE success at Primrose! Students worked hard at fundraising in the month of May for the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Canada. Our goal was to raise \$1,000, but we more than doubled that and came out with a final amount of \$2,410! Congratulations Pumas! On May 19, students were able to get their hearts healthy by JUMPING rope during their assigned class time. Great fun was had by all and the weather turned out to be beautiful. Thank you to all parents, caregivers, relatives and friends who donated to our cause. Your support is so appreciated.

Brent Stiles

## **STUDENT NUTRITION PROGRAM**

Our student nutrition program has been an important part of this school year, providing healthy snacks available to all students with bins in every classroom. We look forward to continuing the program next year and offering more food days as well. Have a wonderful summer!

## **PRIMROSE'S GOT TALENT!**

Big thanks to our grade seven and eights who have organized a student talent show for performers in grades 4-8. They will be presenting their talents to three student-only audiences on **June 13, 19 and/or 20** during the school day and hope to wow the crowd

with their acts. Our student leaders have organized announcements, auditions, rehearsals, a program, and the performance schedule. We are proud of their initiative and spirit as they work to create an opportunity for Pumas to shine onstage! Ms. Bax, Mme. DiFelice and Ms. Robertson

## **SCHOOL SPIRIT WEAR**

We are happy to report that with the leadership of Ms. Symons and our Pride Club we have added a new option for our “Puma Wear”, that focuses on celebrating inclusion and diversity. This will be available soon.

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 gift!



## **GRADUATIONS:**

**Grade 8 Graduates** - We are looking forward to celebrating our grade eight graduates on Monday, June 26th. The theme this year is “Under the Sea”. There will be awards, certificates and a celebration at 6:30 pm in our school gym, followed by food and a dance for the graduates until 10 pm. We are very excited to celebrate our grade eight students moving onto secondary.

**Senior Kindergarten Graduates** - We will be having a Senior Kindergarten celebration on Friday, June 16th, from 9:15 am - 10:15 am. This event will take place outside by our new natural playground. You will hear some songs, have a photo with your child and educators, and each student will receive a special gift bag in memory of Kindergarten at Primrose. We look forward to seeing you there to celebrate this special occasion.

## **MOVING?**

If you know you will be moving over the summer and not returning to Primrose Elementary School, please inform the office. This helps us to plan classes for the fall.

## **MEDICATION**

If you have medication for your child at school, including EpiPens and puffers, please stop in at the school during the week of **June 26<sup>th</sup> between 9:00 am and 3:00 pm** to pick it up for the summer. In September, forms will once again need to be completed to have medication administered at school. Thank you for your assistance.

## LOST AND FOUND



Our school Lost and Found items are now in the front foyer of the school. Parents are welcome to come in to check for lost items until Friday, June 23rd. All unclaimed items will be donated to the community.

## FINAL REPORT CARDS

Families will be able to access their child's report card from a secure webpage, using a board issued account. In order to ensure we have the most accurate data and contact information, please call the school at 519-925-3939 if your email information has recently changed. To access your child's report card, parents/guardians will be creating accounts in ConnectEd. Families will use their email address to authenticate their account. This email must match the email address we have on file.

To access the report card, parents/guardians will need to create an account with the Upper Grand before they can download their child's report card. To create a Parent Portal account, please [visit this page and click on the link for your child's school](#).

Parents/guardians can create their account provided they have an email on record with the school. Once your account is activated, you will see each of your children listed. Elementary report cards will be available for downloading beginning on June 22nd at 4:30 pm.

Please visit our support page for instructions:

<https://sites.google.com/ugcloud.ca/parenthelp/report-cards-parent-portal>

## RETURN LIBRARY BOOKS

Please return all library books by June 9th.

## STWDSTS Annual First Rider Program:

Primrose is an all-bussed school. In order to ensure your child is assigned to a bus for the fall, please click this link to register and get more information: [First Rider Flyer](#).

The First Rider Program is scheduled for **Tuesday, August 29, 2023**. They recommend that all First Riders participate in this valuable program, which usually includes a short video, question-answer period and Family Bus Ride. Registration will be required – [www.stwdsts.ca/first-rider-program](http://www.stwdsts.ca/first-rider-program)

For students in SK and up please visit the student login website at [www.findmyschool.ca](http://www.findmyschool.ca) after August 22nd for all bussing information. Sign up for email notifications for all delays/cancellations during the school year. If your child **will not** be riding the bus for the 2023 – 2024 school year, please call 519-824-4119 to let STWDSTS know.

### **CALENDAR 2023 - 2024**

The Ministry of Education has a pending-approval Upper Grand District School Board school year calendar for the 2023-2024 school year. Students will start the year on Sept. 5. Winter Break will be from December 25, 2023, to January 5, 2023. March Break will be from Monday March 11 to Friday March 15, 2023. The last day of school will fall on June 27 for elementary students. The approved calendars will be posted on the board website under [School Year Calendars](#).

### **PRIMROSE DAILY SCHEDULE & SCHOOL BELLS 2023 - 2024**

Below are the times for the daily schedule for the upcoming school year.

9:00 - 11:00 (Instructional Day 120 minutes)

11:00 - 11:40 (Nutrition/Activity Break)

11:40 - 1:20 (Instructional Day 100 minutes)

1:20 - 2:00 (Nutrition/Activity Break)

2:00 - 3:20 (Instructional Day 80 minutes)

### **CLASS ORGANIZATION**

Another administrative task that we begin to explore at this time of year is determining the 2023-2024 school organization and the makeup of classes for next year. Although the staffing process and student placements begin at this time of year, teaching assignments, school organization and student placements will not be finalized until the second week of September. We continue to work toward minimizing disruptions to class organization. However, student registrations in August may result in changes to class placements. With this in mind, class lists for September will not be available until the first day of school. Once students are placed, there will be no moves until after the

reorganization from the Board. We appreciate your trust and understanding in our professional judgment in the student placement process.

FOI – “In keeping with privacy legislation and to keep our children safe, the Upper Grand D.S.B. will no longer publicly post class lists or make class lists available to parents.”

### **STAFFING UPDATES**

As the Upper Grand District School Board’s District Staffing Committee continues to work through the staffing process, I would like to update you on some staffing changes for September. **We will be saying farewell to Ms. Tessel, Mme. Persaud, Ms. O’Grady, Ms. Haughton, Ms. Cullen, Mr. Laing, and Ms. Kerrigan at the end of June.** We wish all of them well as they pursue the next step in their professional journey. **Ms. Kelk-Courchesne and Ms. Burgess will be on maternity leave for next year.** We are excited for them, but will miss them here at Primrose. We are thrilled to welcome back **Jennifer Little and Sandra Wellman.** We are also very excited to welcome **Lauren Ingram** to our Primrose team!

### **WELLNESS WORKS! UGDSB June theme is Reflection and Celebration**

This month, students will be learning about reflection - the benefit of reflecting and looking back at goals and successes. Students can become more aware of how they learn, take more responsibility for their learning and see growth in their learning.

#### ***Reflection is:***

- A consideration of events - including the emotional responses to them and the causal factors (*why* things might have happened the way they did)
- Connections between events and what they mean - for the learner - in terms of curriculum/world/self understanding
- Personal
- An illumination of the learning that occurred and what the learner aims to do with that learning (you’re different now)

### **PUBLIC HEALTH**

With the arrival of warmer weather and people spending more time outdoors, Wellington Dufferin Guelph Public Health is sharing information with families about the dangers of ticks and Lyme disease. [Blacklegged Tick and Lyme Disease](#)

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

National Indigenous History Month & Pride Month

June 1 - Hat Day

June 1 - Hot Dog Day

June 1 - Grade 5-8 Track and Field Standards Day at Primrose

June 2 - PD Day (no school)

June 2 - New JKs Orientation

June 5 - Ms. Williamson's Class Island Lake Trip

June 6 - Grade 3 Trip to the Museum of Dufferin

June 7 - Grade 8 Visit to CDDHS

June 8 - Grade 1 & Grade 2 Trip to Highlands Nordic (Ms. McNalty & Ms. O'Grady)

June 8 - Small Group of Students to CDDHS in the afternoon - Healthy Schools

June 8 - Movie Night

June 9 - Grade 1 Trip to Highlands Nordic (Ms. Hawkins & Ms. Burgess)

June 9 - Pizza Day

June 9 - Library Books Returned

June 12 - Grade 8 Trip to Teen Ranch

June 13 - Grade 1 - 4 Track and Field Standards Day at Primrose

June 13 - Volunteer Appreciation Tea

June 13 - School Council Meeting at 6:30 pm

June 19 - "Primrose's Got Talent" Show - Kindergarten Audience

June 14 - EQAO ends

June 15 - Grade 6 Trip to Toronto

June 16 - Grade 7 Trip to Teen Ranch

June 16 - Senior Kindergarten Graduation 9:15 - 10:15 am

June 16 - Pizza Day

June 16 - Primrose School Colours Day

June 16 - SK Graduation

June 19 - "Primrose's Got Talent" Show - Grade 4-8 Audience

June 20 - "Primrose's Got Talent" Show - Grade 1-3 Audience

June 20 - Grade 4 Trip to Mansfield Outdoor Ed



June 21 - National Indigenous Awareness Day  
June 21 - Track and Field Regional Finals (ODSS)  
June 22 - Report Cards Available online  
June 22 - Track and Field Regionals Final Rain Date  
June 23 - Comfy Cozy Day  
June 23 - Pizza Day  
June 26 - Grade 8 Graduation  
June 27 - Grade 2/3 Trip to Elmvale Zoo  
June 27 - Canadian Multiculturalism Awareness Day  
June 28 - Primrose School Colours Day  
June 29 - Canada Day - Wear Red and White  
June 29 - Last Day of School  
June 30 - PD Day (no school)

*Please continue 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 Marianne Millsap Principal 519-925-3939 ext 223 [marianne.millsap@ugdsb.on.ca](mailto:marianne.millsap@ugdsb.on.ca) Ashley Hopkins Vice Principal 519-925-3939 ext 224 [ashley.hopkins@ugdsb.on.ca](mailto:ashley.hopkins@ugdsb.on.ca)*

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