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Principal's Message

It's hard to believe that we've already completed the first two months of the school year, but we certainly have had a great start in classroom learning and in school activities, promoting team work and personal goal-setting.

At Priory Park P.S., staff continues to work on areas of focus to improve student learning. During the last two P.A. Days we have looked at best practices in math instruction, and using data to help set goals for our professional learning focus this year. Teachers are working hard on Progress Reports and they will be coming home on November 20th.

We are looking forward to seeing you on the evening of November 29th or during the day on November 30th for our parent-teacher conferences. Please see the description later in the newsletter about how to sign up for a time to meet with your child's teacher.

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Toonie Tuesday

Thank you for your donation on **Tuesday, November 6th**. The Upper Grand Learning Foundation is a charitable organization that supports "Free to Achieve", which is focused on providing students across Upper Grand with learning experiences outside of the classroom. A gift to this charity may provide students with:

- Opportunities to develop artistic and technological skills
- Basic necessities such as clothes and food
- Swimming Lessons
- Eye Glasses
- Experiences at camp
- Involvement in sports

These experiences will allow students to enhance their chance to learn and help them reach their potential. With your help, we can ensure that each child is successful.

Remembrance Day Service

Priory Park students and staff will observe a Remembrance Day service in our gymnasium on Friday, November 9th at 11:10 a.m. Students will participate in a variety of ways to show their respect and remembrance of those who fought in the war so that we can enjoy peace in Canada today. Parents are welcome to attend this ceremony. Poppies will be distributed, and a small donation would be very much appreciated.

Safe Arrival and Departure

Thank you for contacting the school when your children are going to be late or absent. Please make sure your children are aware that they should be walking to and from school with a parent, friend, or sibling. A reminder that our school yard is supervised from 8:30 – 8:45 a.m. in the morning, and again from 3:15 – 3:30 p.m. after school. Students should not be arriving before or staying after those times. If you are picking up your child, please arrive by 3:15 pm when students are dismissed. Our answering machine is available for your convenience to leave a message regarding your child's absence at any time of day or night.

Bullying Awareness & Prevention Week

This year, the Ministry of Education has designated the week of November 19th – 23rd as Bullying Awareness & Prevention Week in Ontario schools and we are looking forward to sharing in some great activities at Priory Park P.S., that support a culture of kindness that can be carried on throughout the school year. We will send home a detailed list of daily activities and a school wide focus on November 15th.

Each year, our school's Bullying Prevention Plan is updated by our Safe Schools Committee and is posted on our school website. Please take some time to review it with your child(ren).

November Parent Teacher Interviews:

We are looking forward to seeing you during the last week of November for our parent-teacher interviews, and we have set aside the evening of Thurs., Nov. 29th and all day Fri., Nov. 30th (P.A. Day) in order to meet. Again this year, we will be using the Upper Grand D.S.B. on-line booking system for parent-teacher conferences. It's a fast, easy way to book interview times that work best for your family and for the teachers with whom you would like to speak. The on-line interviews will be open on Tues., Nov. 20th at 8:30 a.m. and will close on Tues., Nov. 27th at 3:30 p.m. If you do not have access to a computer from home, we are happy to assist you here in the office, where

we will have a dedicated computer for your use. A reminder will be sent home on Tuesday November 20th. Thanks for your help with providing a paperless option for the booking of interviews. We look forward to meeting with each of you regarding your child(ren)'s progress in the 2018-19 school year!

Update from our Indigo night:

Thanks again to everyone that helped with the Indigo Night! Your support from making invites, delivering flyers, twittering, sitting at the table, purchasing books, toys and mittens was very much appreciated. We sold \$2,769.90 worth of merchandise! Giving us \$553.98 for our Library Learning Commons!!

Communication Between School and Home

Communication between school and home is important. We would like to use email as a means to share important school information, newsletters and information from School Council. Please visit: <https://webapps.ugdsb.on.ca/casl> to sign up for electronic messages about things happening in our school, for example: Monthly Newsletters, Upcoming Events, Messages from the School, the Board or School Council



Look for this Icon on the bottom of the school website!

Please Keep Us Informed!

Have you changed your job, telephone number (home or work), extension, babysitter or any other pertinent information? Please let the school know as soon as possible of any changes. Any or all of the above changes are extremely important for the school to know about. In an emergency, time is of the essence and we need to have your most recent information in your child's file.

Outdoor/Indoor Recesses

A reminder that we do always make every attempt to get out to enjoy the great outdoors twice daily for 25 minutes each recess. It is extremely important at this time of year to send your child to school with layers to accommodate those chilly mornings and warmer afternoon temps. Sadly, there is the odd time that Mother Nature gives us enough rain that we can't go outdoors, and on such occasions it's wonderful to have lots of activities and games to share with friends. If you have any board games or puzzles in your cupboards that your family no longer uses, please consider donating them to your child's classroom. We will happily make good use of them!

Inclement Weather

If you ever look outside in the morning and wonder if the buses or even school is cancelled, you can go to the website at www.ugdsb.on.ca and then click on the link right under the school bus in the yellow box. If you type Upper Grand District School Board into your search engine, you will also arrive at our School Board's website.

Bus Transportation

If your child receives transportation to and from school, it is very important that you notify the bus company of his/her absence, or if you are bringing him/her to school late. Thank you for supporting our Student Transportation Services!




Food and Friends

Our snack program is now in full-swing! All food that we serve in our student nutrition program must meet the nutritional guidelines set out by the Ministry of Children and Youth Services. You see, we truly are bringing healthy food to hungry minds! If you have any questions or concerns about our student nutrition program, or would like to contribute in some way, please contact **Heather McDonald by email: hi_mcdonald@sympatico.ca** Cheers!

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>November 2018</h1> 					Newsletter will be available online @ https://www.uqdsb.ca/prioritypark .	
<u>Guelph Storm Hockey Tickets!!!!</u> Once again this year we have received a school set of season tickets to the Guelph Storm home games. If you and your family are interested in having a chance to win the tickets, please have your child bring in a note and we will put the note in the draw. We will draw early in the week before the games and call the selected family to see if they can accept the tickets.				1 *Sunrise-Rm.1 *Pizza Day	2 *PA Day-no school for students	3
4	5 *Primary Reading Circle	6	7 *Jr. Reading Circle	8 *Pizza Day	9 *Remembrance Day Assembly 	10
11 Lest we Forget 	12 *Primary Reading Circle	13	14 *Jr. Reading Circle *School Council Mtg- 6-7:30pm	15 *Picture Re-takes *Sunrise-Rm.1 *Pizza Day	16	17
18 Bully Prevention Week	19 *Primary Reading Circle	20 *Progress reports go home. *Online Interview booking system is open @ 8:30am	21 *Jr. Reading Circle	22 *Sunrise-Rm.1 *Pizza Day	23	24
25	26 *Primary Reading Circle	27 *Guelph Storm Ticket Draw * Online Interview booking system is closed @ 3:30pm	28 *Jr. Reading Circle	29 *Pizza Day *Spirit Day-sports theme *Parent Teacher Interviews 4:30-7:30	30 *PA Day-no school for students * Parent Teacher Interviews 8:45-3:30	Looking Ahead: *Gr.6 Camp-Tim Hortons-Dec.4-7,2018 *Christmas Holidays-Dec.24/18-Jan.4/19