

Priory Park Public School Newsletter

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Principal's Message

It seems hard to believe that we are approaching the last month of the school year! It feels like we just got started making plans and now we are looking to wrap things up. This month's Priory Park calendar is filled with lots of exciting learning opportunities and events to wrap up another very successful year. Students have completed the annual EQAO assessment and will participate in Track & Field and Play Day, some of our students will visit other schools for a transition visit, we will have a Volunteer Tea to thank the many people who support our school, the Grade 6 Celebration, and finally, our last day of school send-off!

We have been very fortunate this year to have so many volunteers... including parents, university and high school students, as well as community members who help support us at Priory Park P.S. We want to thank all of them for sharing their time and talent with the staff and students. We are also very proud and thankful for our School Council members who play such an active role in supporting our school community. Many thanks to all of our families for your dedication at home with your children and for your assistance here at school ensuring the success for all of our students.

In addition, my thanks go out to all the hard working staff of Priory Park who come to school each day to support the caring, sharing, learning and growing of all of our students; the teachers and EAs, who support our students with their endless energy, caring spirit and commitment, our ECEs ,who work predominantly with our JK/SK students nurturing a positive learning environment that helps ensure a strong start for our younger Pandas, the custodial staff, who does an amazing job of keeping our school clean and safe for students and staff to work in each day, and Ms. Bott, who does an incredible job in our office with registration, attendance, purchase orders, newsletters, banking, pizza orders and the list goes on!

Sadly, at the end of June there are always some goodbyes. Stay tuned for all staffing updates as they unfold during this last month of June. We will send home a complete list of changes before the end of the month.

Just a reminder that **Friday, June 7th** is a Professional Activity Day – there will be no school for students, and teachers will be involved in gathering final assessments to begin report card writing.

Happy last month of school!

H. Morris



Why is the school flying the Pride Flag?

Why is the school flying the Pride flag? The month of June is Pride month. Many of our students, staff, parents/guardians and community members identify as members of the Rainbow or LGBTQ+ community. Flying the Pride flag signals that our schools are safe spaces for everyone.

[Read more about](https://www.ugdsb.ca/schools/safe-equitable-and-inclusive-schools/flying-the-pride-flag-in-the-ugdsb/) <https://www.ugdsb.ca/schools/safe-equitable-and-inclusive-schools/flying-the-pride-flag-in-the-ugdsb/>

Grade 6 Celebration

Our graduating class of Grade 6 students will be celebrating on **Monday, June 24th**. We will begin at 6:00 p.m. with our celebration ceremonies, followed by light refreshments.

Parking Lot Closed for Student Drop-off and Pick-ups

This is just another reminder that our parking lot is closed (8:30 - 8:45 am) for dropping students off and (3:10 - 3:30) when picking students up. Patrols and staff set up cones as a barrier to keep cars out of our parking lot during these times, to keep everyone safe during these high traffic times. On behalf of Sifton Properties, please do not park in their parking lot as it is very busy with their own tenants and staff. If you need to drop your child off at school, please park on Wilsonview Ave. and cross at the crosswalk lights in front of the school, with our patrols.

Safe Footwear

With the warm weather, many of our students are wearing flip flops and other footwear that is not suitable for running, skipping and playing safely. Students **MUST** continue to have running shoes for gym and we encourage sturdy footwear to be worn on the yard and in school at all times. Little toes and ankles are injured easily!

Junior Kindergarten Visit

Next Friday, June 7th, from 9:00 – 10:00am, we will welcome children who will be attending Junior Kindergarten or Senior Kindergarten for the first time in September, along with their parents for an orientation visit.

Moving or Changing Schools

If your family will be moving out of our school area over the summer, **PLEASE** notify Ms. Bott, the Office Coordinator, as soon as possible so that we can contact the new school where your child will be attending. This will help us when we are setting up our classes for September, and it will also help the new school with their enrolment.

Lost & Found

Many school items find their way home over the course of the year. If you come across any items such as books or Phys. Ed. equipment, please return them to the school. With everyone's help we can reduce loss of school resources. Also, we have many clothing items in our lost and found box. If your child is missing something, please come and take a look. All items not claimed by the end of the year will be donated to a local charity.

Special Olympics

Congratulations on a job well done to athletes and coaches who participated in the Special Olympics at St. James High School on Wed., May 15th! All athletes and coaches showed such dedication and enthusiasm in preparing for the Special Olympics, and the actual day was no different! Students from Room 1 showed excellent sportsmanship and returned to Priory Park with ribbons to celebrate their successes!

Thank you to all peer coaches, who gave their very best to support their athletes. The encouragement and time you so generously gave is very much appreciated! Thank you to all of the parents who also came to cheer us on!

New Student Registration

Registration for any student new to Priory Park P.S. will take place on Wednesday, August 28th from 9:00 -11:30 a.m. and 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. To register your child(ren), you will need to provide proof of address (driver's license not allowed) and date of birth. If your child was born outside of Canada, please contact the Board Office (519-822-4420 –ext.748- Donna Frey) for further instruction.

Classes for September

Our classes for the 2019-20 school year are based on the very best information we have in the spring when staffing is allocated. In June, staff meets to discuss each student and tentatively make the best class decisions possible. Although we will begin the new school year with the class organization we are given from the Board's staffing committee in the spring, final numbers depend on students moving in and out over the summer. At the end of the first week of school in September, we submit our numbers again and the Board staffing committee may make changes, based on our new numbers. We are hopeful that our first week of activities will help to make all students feel welcome and included so that any changes that need to be made will be, with the least disruption possible. These are the current classes/teachers that are scheduled for the first day of school:

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| KA | Mrs. Allen/Ms. Child |
| KB | Ms. Lowry/Mrs. Hackett |
| 1A | Mrs. MacKenzie/Ms. Berry |
| 1/2B | Mrs. Melnyk |
| 2/3A | Ms. Kropf |
| 3/4B | Ms. Baker |
| 4/5A | Mr. Sol |
| 5/6A | LTO (Mrs. Arnold will continue her maternity leave) |
| Rm. 1 | Ms. LeRoy |
| Resource | Mrs. Brown Roger and Mrs. Sexton |
| Library/Planning | Mrs. Brown-Rogers |
| Planning | Ms. Foggo, Mrs. Bevington, Ms. Berry, Mrs. Brown Rogers, Mrs. Sexton |
| Core French | TBD |

Please be aware that all teaching assignments are tentative and can change over the summer as staffing is an ever changing process.

Library Books

June is inventory time in the library. All books must be returned to the library by Friday, June 14th. If your child has misplaced a book, we ask for a replacement donation of \$10 for soft cover books and \$20 for hardcover books. Ms. Brown-Rogers will be sending overdue notices home with those students.