

## **Info Blurbs for Dessert Party Site**

BBQ/International Food Table/Allergy-Free Table/Desserts

What's a party without some great eats? The variety of food and drink at the Victory Dessert Party can fulfill any craving for our hungry guests. The main BBQ will be located in the back of the school in the Kindie Yard, operated by a dedicated group of parents who are happy to feed the hundreds of people in attendance. Burgers, hot dogs and tasty Piller's sausages (there are veggie options, too) will be washed down with some yummy drinks provided by our friend from Fergus, Lighthouse Lemonade, as well as H2O from the City of Guelph's Water Wagon.

But there is more grub to be had. Check the International Foods table for amazing samosas and spring rolls or head to the Allergy-Free table where there is plenty of good stuff for those with dietary restrictions.

Of course, the Dessert Party would not be what it is without an assortment of items to feed the sweet tooth. There will be plenty of cakes, cookies and cupcakes, all made with love and care from our incredible Victory parents.

### Games

The Dessert Party grounds will be peppered with an assortment of games to be enjoyed by young and, ahem, old. Whether you want to test your strength with the famous hammer game or challenge your touch (and nerves) in Giant Jenga, there are many options to keep guests busy and having fun. Designated games will have raffle tickets available for a main prize – a massive school basket!

### 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

The Victory Dessert Party is always a special event. But this one definitely has a special significance. In 2019, we celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of this unique school that has stood as a pillar in the Exhibition Park neighbourhood over the last century.

Victory was built in 1919 to accommodate the post-war population surge, with its name honouring the Allied victory in Europe on Armistice Day. The school opened its doors in September 1920, serving local children from kindergarten through to grade eight. Those kids were inspired and instilled with the ideals of a victorious effort in the war and at the time, had the intentions of becoming "soldiers of the future."

In those early days, most of the teachers were young, unmarried women given that the war had claimed the lives of many young male teachers. And the first principal was Clarence "Daddy" Long.

Over the decades, Victory grew and continued to produce standout citizens, like our recent Nobel Prize winner Donna Strickland. The rich history of the school was on full display as a stop for Doors Open Guelph in late April where hundreds of guests came by to check out the old pictures and memorabilia of students and staff over the years.

Many of those who walked the halls of Victory will be back to join us for this special Dessert Party on Thursday, May 16. We can't wait to celebrate with them.

Go Tigers!