

JUNE 25, 2019

Principal's Message

Welcome Carla Anderson, Victory's new Principal starting in September! Carla's is currently the V.P. at John Gault School and prior to this she was the V.P. at L'Ecole King George. Carla has already come to meet the staff, students and School Council. She is lovely, very caring and kind. I know the school will be in very good hands with Carla at the helm!

This is a very bitter sweet time for me as I head into retirement. It has been an honour to have been the Principal here for the past five years. I have loved my career in education and will miss all of you. Victory will always hold a very special place in my heart. I feel fortunate to have worked with such passionate teachers and with such a strong, vibrant community. Thank-you for all the support over the years.

The school office will be open during the last week of August.

Our grade 4 French Immersion students are off to new adventures at L'Ecole King George and our English grade 6 students are headed to Willow Road Public School. We send our wishes with each of them for every success as they leave Victory to continue their learning at other schools.

Have a happy, safe and relaxing summer holiday. Farewell!

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Farewell

As this year draws to a close we join together in saying 'Farewell' to some of our teachers. We wish Mrs. Forster well as she leaves Victory to teach at Rickson Ridge next year. Mrs. Black, Ms. Pogany and Mrs. Veri have been with us on a temporary basis as L.T.O.'s, so they will not be here next year. It has been a pleasure to work with all four of these wonderful educators, they will be missed by all. Mme de Rijcke will be on maternity leave as will Mrs. Gillard. The school will not be the same without them!

Report Cards

Final report cards are going home today, Tuesday, June 25th. Thank you for taking the time to celebrate the successes your child has had this year in meeting academic and learning skills goals. Please sign and return page 4 at your earliest convenience.

September Class Placements

As mentioned in our last newsletter, we will not be sending home the name of your child(ren)'s teacher before September. On the first day of school, (**Tuesday, September 3rd**), there will be long tables in front of the school with grade signs posted. Families can line up at the appropriate grade sign to find out class placements. Teachers will be circulating outside, with name tags to identify who they are.

In keeping with privacy legislation and our commitment to keeping our children safe, the Upper Grand District School Board's policy is that class lists will not be posted in a public place. Teachers will call out names of children in their classes prior to entering the building.

As in recent years, classroom organizations and student placements during the first week of school will be tentative until enrollment numbers are confirmed.

Our tentative organization for next year is as follows:

FJKA	not yet assigned
FJKB	Mme Duimstra
JKC	Mrs. Mifsud
1/2C	Ms. Pagnan
F1A	Mme Grenier
F2A	Mme Drumm
F1/2B	not yet assigned
2/3E	not yet assigned
F2/3D	Mme Cauley
F3/4A	M Elrick
F3/4B	Mlle Vaughan
3/4C	Ms. Cadieux
5/6A	Ms. Kelly

Core French	Mme Stephens
Library	Mlle Sproule
Resource	Mrs. Ferris, Mme Doyle
Planning	Mme Sabinsky, Mme Stephens, Mrs. Ferris, M. Breton
Principal	Ms. Anderson
Office Coordinator	Mrs. Hambly

Congratulations school's silver certification this year!

Our Health Squad worked hard under the direction of Mme Doyle and Mme Cauley and again this year they earned our school a silver certification through Ophea's Healthy School programme. Each year, this program continues to grow in Upper Grand. Here is some key information:

There were 55 school boards in the province that had schools registered through Ophea. Of the 48 school boards who had certified schools, Upper Grand had the 5th most number of healthy schools of any in the province. We were only 2 schools short of the most schools (Dufferin-Peel, Halton and Peel had 20 and they have a lot more schools!). Quite an accomplishment for UGDSB.

Way to go Health Squad and Upper Grand!

Terry Fox Flag

We will be flying the Terry Fox Flag during the month of September. We want to recognize and celebrate this amazing Canadian's Marathon of Hope.

Jump Rope for Heart

Thank you to Mme deRijcke who organized our Jump Rope for Heart again this year. The students raised **\$9,480.95!** Thank-you to everyone who took part.

Equity Fund Available to Help

We never want a child to miss out on a field trip or activity due to financial hardship. If you are going through a period where the cost of field trips or other costs for special school events becomes a hardship please just let Ms. Anderson or your child's teacher know. School Council sets aside an Equity Fund that can be accessed to cover any of these costs. Please don't hesitate to access it if needed.

Medications

If your child has medication at the school, please be sure to pick it up on June 27th and bring it back to the school by the first day of school.

School Council

Please join us at our first fall meeting which will be on Wednesday, September 11th at 6:30 p.m. in our school Library/Learning Commons.

Privacy

June is a month of school celebrations. We know that many families like to record special events, and that these souvenirs will become even more cherished over time. To respect the privacy of all families, please do not post photos or videos of other children on social networks like Facebook or YouTube. Thank you for your consideration.

Lunchroom Supervision

We send our sincere thanks to Sharyn McKee and Jane Gellner, our lunchroom supervisors. If you are interested in filling in as a lunchroom supervisor from time to time please let Mrs. Anderson know in September.

Visitors

Thank you to all parents and guests for remembering to sign our Visitors' Book, pick up a Visitor's badge and check in at the office every time you come into our school. Remember that during the school day access is via the Exhibition Street doors!

Student Transportation

For information about bus transportation, please access the Service de transport de Wellington-Dufferin Student Transportation Services (STWDSTS) website at: <http://www.stwdsts.ca/home/documents/forms/TF014.pdf> for your child's transportation information before the start of school in September 2019.

Last Day

Thursday, June 27th is the last day of school for this year. Please remind your children to bring home indoor shoes, personal belongings and extra clothing on Thursday. The school will not be accessible after June 28th to pick up those forgotten items.

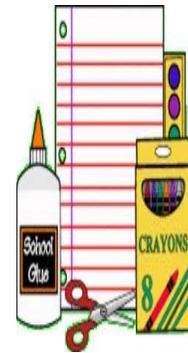
School Supplies

Before you know it, the Back-to-School advertising and sales will be starting! Sometimes parents wonder what their child(ren) will need to bring to school.

All regular school supplies are provided to students by the school and it is not necessary to purchase anything. That being said, some children prefer to have their own materials. In this case, we suggest that you keep it simple with materials such as a pencil case, crayons, coloured pencils, glue stick, markers, scissors, etc.

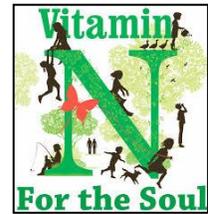
Every student in grades 1 to 6 will be given a student agenda, which is used for communication between home and school. If you would like to make a contribution towards the cost of the agenda we welcome a suggested donation of \$5.00.

The only items children need to bring from home are extra shoes for indoor use, a backpack, and a lunch box.



We wish all families a happy summer break!

12 Ways to Make Sure Your Family (and You) Get your Dose of VITAMIN 'N' this Summer!



The benefits are clear. Now, more than ever, we can feel good about getting our family and ourselves outdoors and into Nature. It reduces stress levels, improves mood, boosts our immune system and helps us to increase our physical activity!

1. **Put nature on the calendar.** If you plan the family's sports commitments and vacations in advance, do the same for time spent in nature.
2. **Don't tear down the tree, build up the kid.** International play expert Joe Frost says the number one reason kids get hurt climbing trees is because they don't have the upper body strength to hold onto the branch. Think of manageable risk as an opportunity to build strength and resilience in your kids.
3. **Take a city hike.** In urban neighbourhoods, take your day packs, water and digital cameras and go look for nature.
4. **Moon walk.** Walk by balmy summer moons with katydids singing and lightning bugs flashing - there is much magic in the natural world and most of it is free!
5. **Go backyard camping.** Buy the kids a tent or help them make a canvas tepee, and leave it up all summer.
6. **Plant a backyard, community or high-rise vegetable garden.** If your children are little, choose seeds large enough for them to handle and that mature quickly, including vegetables.
7. **Go Native.** Replace part of your lawn with native plants. Create a backyard butterfly pollinator garden.
8. **Go Wildsnapping.** Nature photography is a great way to experience the great outdoors.
9. **Enroll in a nature camp or other outdoor-based organization.**
10. **Start or join a family nature club.**
11. **Visit a park.** [Parks Canada](#) now offers free admission to youth under 17 years. [Ontario Parks](#) has over 330 parks and each hosts many different activities. Check out their websites and be sure to visit a park this summer!
12. **Be mindful and create balance.** For every dollar invested in the virtual, put at least another dollar in the natural. Limit access to texting, computers, and TV part of the day or week. Schedule Saturday as a "Smartphone and iPad-Free Outdoor Play Day" for kids and parents.

Adapted from: <http://www.childrenandnature.org/>

Also, check out the

Children's Outdoor Charter:

www.childrensoutdoorcharter.ca/

In Ontario, every child should have the opportunity to:

- Follow a trail
- Explore a park
- Harvest something to eat
- Swim in a lake
- Paddle a canoe
- Play in the snow
- Build an outdoor fort
- Visit a farm
- Camp under the stars
- Go fishing
- Observe plants and wildlife
- ...Or create an outdoor adventure





For safety and efficiency reasons, the Upper Grand District School Board would like to reduce the amount of Cash and Cheques coming into our school. We can now join the thousands of parents who have already registered and are enjoying the convenience of paying ONLINE! It takes less than 5 minutes to register. Please follow these step-by-step instructions, so you will begin to receive email notifications regarding upcoming events involving your child(ren).

Step 1: Register

- a) To register, please go to the School Cash Online home page ugdsb.schoolcashonline.com and select **"Get Started Today"**.
- b) Complete each of the three Registration Steps
 *For Security Reasons, your password requires **8 characters**, **one uppercase** letter, **one lowercase** letter and a **number**.



Step 2: Confirmation Email

A registration confirmation email will be forwarded to you. Click on the link provided inside the email to confirm your email and School Cash Online account. The confirmation link will open the School Cash Online site prompting you to sign into your account. Use your email address and password just created.

Step 3: Find Student

Note: "Student Number" is not the student's OEN. Users should leave this field blank unless instructed otherwise.

This step will connect your children to your account.

- a) Enter the School Board Name
- b) Enter the School Name
- c) Enter Your Child's Name & Birth Date
- d) Select **Continue**
- e) On the next page confirm that you are related to the child, check in the Agree box and select **Continue**
- f) Your child has been added to your account

Find Student

School Information

School Board Name: School Board 1575
Looking for a student in a different school board?

School Name: Eagle High School

Student Information

Do you have the student number? **This is not OEN# Leave it blank!**

Student Number:

First Name:

Last Name:

Birth Date:
Date format: mm/dd/yyyy

Continue (No students? [Click here](#))

Step 4: View Items or Add Another Student

If you have more children, select **"Add Another Student"** and repeat the steps above. 5 children can be added to one parent account.

If you do not wish to add additional children, select **"View Items For Students"**. A listing of available items for purchase will be displayed.

NOTE: If you require assistance, click the **SUPPORT** link in the top right hand corner of the screen.

