



Julie Payette P.S.

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Dates to Remember

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**On behalf of the entire Julie Payette staff,
we would like to wish all members of our
school community a safe and happy
holiday season filled with kindness,
laughter, good health and joy!**

Joyeuses Fêtes!

Principal's Message...

A Message from the Principal

Thank you all for attending and participating in our Student Involved Conferences on November 14th and 15th. A lot of positive feedback was received from students, parents/guardians and teachers. It was a wonderful opportunity for students to share their strengths, needs and to set learning goals for the rest of the term.

This year, Payette will be hosting three holiday concerts to showcase the many talents of our students. Staff and students are hard at work preparing. Please note the following dates:

Intermediate Concert – Monday, Dec 16th @ 7pm
Kindergarten Carousel – Tuesday, Dec 17th @ 12:00 noon
Grade 1 Concert – Thursday, Dec 19th @ 6:30pm

In recognition of time and effort invested by students and staff to put on our holiday concerts, we respectfully request that you plan to stay for the entire concert. We would like all students to experience the joy of performing for the entire audience. Thank you in advance for your support.

At this time, I would like to thank the many people involved in the daily operation of our school - custodial staff, secretarial staff, teachers, early childhood educators, educational assistants, lunch supervisors, volunteers, students and community organizations. Your support and confidence in our school are greatly appreciated.

Last day of classes is December 20, 2019 - regular dismissal.

May the time spent with family and friends be the gift that replenishes your energy and rekindles your spirit. Enjoy a safe and happy holiday with your family and friends. We look forward to seeing everyone back at school on Monday, January 6, 2020.

Have a wonderful holiday season,
Mrs. Makris

Successful Book Fair!!

Thank you to the students, staff, parents, and guardians of Julie Payette PS for your amazing support of our Scholastic Arctic Book Fair! Over the course of the week, we broke our goal of collecting \$10,000. We now have over \$3,000 available for the library and the school, part of which has gone towards purchasing new books for our shelves, and the rest to be put towards innovating the Library Learning Commons. Mme Hofmann would like to extend her sincere thanks to staff who helped out: Mme D'Ingillo, Ms. Atkinson, Mme Gibb. She would also like to thank our parent volunteer Tawnya.

Julie Payette P.S. Winter Concerts

The Winter Concert will be Monday December 16th from 7:00 - 8:00 pm. The concert will feature the Gr. 8 Band, the Gr. 7 Ensemble, the Gr. 5-8 choir and other solo, duet and small ensemble performances from our Gr. 7 and 8 students.



Julie Payette P.S. Grade 1 Concerts

We are excited to announce the Grade 1 concert will be on Thursday, December 19th. Our students are very busy preparing for our upcoming holiday concerts. The Gr. 1 choir and each of the Grade 1 classes will be performing a selection of songs or dances. The concert begins at 6:30 in the gym and is expected to last approximately 35-40 minutes. Gym doors will open at 6:10 and students are requested to assemble in their respective classes beginning at 6:15. All members of the Grade 1 choir should assemble in room 114 and join their classes following the choir performance. Families are requested to meet students following the concert in their homeroom classes. Please consider joining us as we share some of our favourite music and dance selections from the first term.



A Word about Class Snacks...

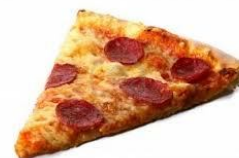
While we appreciate the thoughtful intentions from families who send in treats and snacks around celebrations and parties, we respectfully ask that snacks are not brought into the classrooms. As we have many students with life threatening allergies, this is a way to ensure student safety.

December Pizza Lunch Volunteers Needed!

Tuesday, December 10th

If you are available to help deliver to the classrooms lunch

Please contact Nadine Kirton at kirton2334@rogers.com



... Absences, Lates, Vacation and Using Safe Arrival --->>> 1-844-350-2646

Thank you for your diligence in reporting your child's absence **before 7:50 am** by either calling the **Safe Arrival line** or using the **Parent Portal**. Your help with this process allows the office staff to finish this very important safety procedure quickly and efficiently. Together we make a difference!

Inclement Weather

With winter right around the corner, parents are reminded to listen to the following radio stations for up-to-date information on school closures due to inclement weather. When buses are cancelled in the morning, noon and afternoon transportation will not operate.

Students who are dropped off by parents in the morning will have to be picked up again by parents at dismissal time (2:30 p.m.)

If your child will not be attending school due to a bus cancellation, please leave a message on the Safe Arrival Line: 1-844-350-2646 or login the Parent Portal before 7:50 am in the morning.

Websites: **Julie Payette PS is located in Zone 4** , DSTS encourages families to subscribe to automated notifications on school bus delays and cancellations, for more information please visit www.dsts.on.ca

All school bus cancellations are also posted to the DSTS website www.dsts.on.ca , automated phone lines 905-666-6979/1-800-240-6943 and Twitter feed: @DurhamSTS.

In cases of extreme weather, please listen to one of the local radio/TV stations below for notices of transportation cancellation:

Y92-FM 91.9	The Rock - FM 94.9	KX96-FM 95.9	EZ ROCK-FM 97.3	CHFI-FM 98.1
CBC/CBL-FM 99.1	CHUM-FM 104.5	CICX-FM 105.9	Q107-FM 107.1	CKDO 107.7 - FM 1580 - AM
CKDO 1580 - AM 107.7 - FM	CKLY - AM 91.0		CFRB - AM 1010	
CITY TV	CFTO		Global TV	

Regular Dismissal at 2:30 pm on Friday, December 20

School Resumes Monday, January 6, 2020

**Let's use the transportation provided in order
to alleviate traffic congestion.**



Talent Show

Attention Gr. 7's & 8's. Do you play an instrument, sing or dance? Are you the next great stand up comedian? Do you have a unique talent? Are you interested in being an MC? The talent show or winter concert want you. All intermediate students are invited to audition to perform in the winter concert and/or talent show. Auditions will be held during the last week of November and the first week of December. See Mrs. Ndemo for more details.

Lost and Found...Please take a moment to visit our huge selection of lost items!

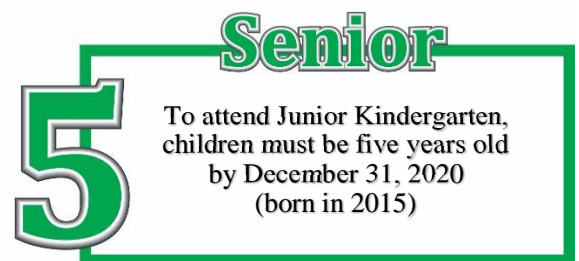
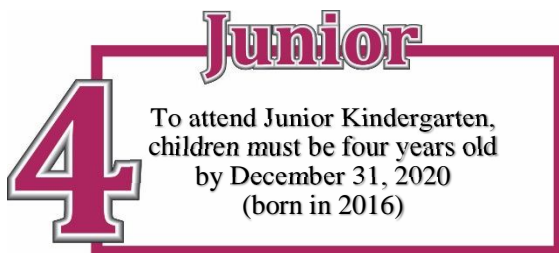
We would like to remind parents that the school will NOT be responsible for any lost items such as trading cards, toy cars, or any other "collectable" toys. Electronics, jewellery or items with sentimental value should also be left at home, unless they have a special project at school such as show & tell.

We also recommend that you label all your children's clothing including coats, mittens, scarves and boots. If a lost item has a name on it, it can be returned to its rightful owner. We will continue to encourage all students to check the lost and found box when they are missing clothing items. We thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Junior Kindergarten/New to Kindergarten

- Online Registration Opens @ 4 p.m. Visit: www.ddsb.ca

- Registration begins on Monday, January 13, 2020
- There is a limited number of Kindergarten spots available for our school
- Children currently registered in JK will automatically be registered for SK
- All other children need to register



Grade 1 Information Night and Registration Kick-off – February 6th @ 7:00 p.m.

Julie Payette P.S. will be holding their annual information meeting on February 6th in the gymnasium. This session is intended for parents who have children in SK and are interested in the French Immersion Program. No registration is required for this session. Continually check our website for registration details. Please register by the end of April in order to be invited to our Grade 1 Orientation Session in the Spring.



Safe Schools

In accordance with Julie Payette's Safe School Policy, we remind parents to use the front entrance and to report to the office immediately when visiting the school. If you have to drop off items for your child, please label and leave them on the cart located between the double doors. We will deliver them to your child at recess and lunch time this will help to prevent interruptions during classroom instruction time.

If you are volunteering in the school, please sign in at the office and use the "Visitor" or "Volunteer/Bénévole" tags to identify yourself while in the school. Safety is everyone's responsibility.

Thank you for your support in this important matter.

In Case of an Emergency

In case of an emergency, the school may need to contact parents. For this reason, it is imperative that you report any and all changes in your home, work or cell phone numbers and e-mail addresses as soon as possible to the office. It is also just as important to keep "emergency contacts" up to date.

Dress for the Weather

Please make sure your child is dressed for the weather. The children should plan on going outdoors for recesses except in extreme conditions. In these cases, indoor recesses and lunch hours will be necessary. Please remember to have all clothing labeled with your child's name.

Extra Clothes

We would like to encourage all students to bring an extra set of clothes to school in case of an accident, (wet clothing due to falling at recess or a lunch accident). If you know that your child is prone to spilling or getting dirty when playing, this may save you from having to make an extra trip to school. Your child can leave a change of clothing in their back pack.



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Attendance Matters



Going back to school, and getting into a regular routine after the holidays can sometimes be met with a range of emotions and morale. It is not uncommon for children to feel:

- stressed or anxious about returning to class
- sad or upset that the break is over
- excited to see friends again

These feelings are shared by children and adults alike! Talking about the days ahead can help, as well as reminding yourself that it doesn't take long to get yourself and your children back on track when everyone works together.

This holiday season, one of the best gifts you can give your child is a good education and the habit of regular attendance!

Inspiring Your Child to Learn and Love Math



This is a Parent Engagement resource from CODE, that was developed by experts in mathematics instruction with collaboration from parents and students. This electronic only version of the kit can be downloaded at http://www.ontariodirectors.ca/parent_engagement-math/en/index.htm

Morning Kiss And Ride Procedures

At Julie Payette Public School, student safety is our priority. Arrive early. Kiss and Ride runs from 7:45 a.m. – 8:00 a.m. Please follow these rules when using our Kiss and Ride.

- ❖ Drive slowly and with caution in the Kiss and Ride and parking lot.
- ❖ Pull up as far as you can in the Kiss and Ride lane to maximize the number of cars dropping off at one time. Have your child ready to exit the vehicle.
- ❖ Stay in your vehicle at all times. Parking in the Kiss and Ride drop off lane is not permitted.
- ❖ Adults are available to assist Kindergarten students travelling from the Kiss and Ride area to their yard.
- ❖ Students must exit the vehicle using the passenger side doors only.
- ❖ To keep things moving, have backpacks, lunch bags, snowpants, etc. in the vehicle, not the trunk.
- ❖ Students must be able to exit the vehicle independently.
- ❖ If your child requires assistance or is upset, please park your vehicle off-site and walk your child to the yard.
- ❖ When leaving the drop off lane, do so promptly by merging safely into the second lane.
- ❖ Obey the stop sign when exiting the parking lot and be extremely cautious of pedestrians.
- ❖ Follow the directions from staff on duty in the parking lot.
- ❖ Respect staff, students, volunteers, and other drivers. Our goal is to enhance student safety. Thank you in advance for your co-operation!
- ❖ Please avoid stopping at the corner of the second crosswalk as that causes congestion.

Your willingness to follow the rules is a very powerful message for all the little eyes and ears that are present at the beginning of the day. Please help us keep all JPPS students safe.

If you use the Kiss and Ride every morning, or even once in a while, please consider volunteering a few mornings to keep this program working. The job requires about 15 minutes at a time. Anyone interested in volunteering is asked to contact the school office at (905) 668-2225.

Simple Steps to Prevent the **Flu** this Season!

Get your flu vaccine
every year.



Stay home when you're sick.



Keep common surfaces clean.



Avoid touching your face.



Cough and sneeze into a tissue or your sleeve.



Clean your hands often with soap and water or
use hand sanitizer.



Durham Health Connection Line
905-666-6242 or 1-800-841-2729

durham.ca/flu





DDS
Ignite Learning

Kindergarten Registration at French Immersion Centres

Registration opens on:
January 13, 2020 at 4 pm

All registration takes place
online:
<http://bit.ly/DDSBkindergarten>

Spots will be filled on a **first-come, first-served** basis.
There is **no priority** given to
siblings of students already in
the program!

This applies to the following schools:

- Frenchman's Bay PS
- Jeanne Sauvé PS
- Julie Payette PS
- Meadowcrest PS
- Michaëlle Jean PS
- Uxbridge PS
- Walter E Harris PS



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