



Updates From School

Dear Parents and Guardians,

It is hard to believe that it is almost October! We are looking ahead to a great year here at JPPS. We are looking forward to working in partnership with you in providing a quality educational program for your children. It has been wonderful to greet the students upon their return to school and to hear them share their updates and stories. I am thrilled to be back as the principal of Julie Payette Public School and I look forward to working with you on your child's educational journey. JPPS is a vibrant school community with a culture of high expectations and a love of learning. We want our students to feel connected to the school, to know that they have a voice that is heard, and that they are valued at all times. It is essential that our school be a safe environment for our students where they are comfortable taking risks in their learning and that they are supported by the staff in achieving their goals. We also believe in open and responsive communication. A strong partnership between home and school is important for your child(ren)'s success. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have a concern or require clarification- we are here to help!

Throughout the first days we have been reviewing school and class expectations and practising routines. This year, that includes many pre-covid practices coming back into our routines such as drinking fountain use and a return to divisional outside time together, as a whole school. We are still keeping many safety measures in place such as; hand washing and sanitizing as well as mask-friendly environments.

Another focus at the school has been reconnecting our students to our school and building a sense of community both in the classroom and the school as a whole. Classroom activities bring students together, learning about one another and hearing the stories that connect us to each other.

JPPS TEAMWEAR

JPPS is happy to announce the return of JPPS wear!



JPPS has paired with Foo Dog Apparel. This year we have a variety of options, including: hoodies, t-shirts, hats & track pants. To order: go to: [FooDog Apparel](#) - shop school apparel and choose Julie Payette. You can choose your style, colour, sizes and optional personalization. Orders are gathered by FooDog on the 15th of each month, processed and delivered directly to JPPS by the first week of the next month. Orders and payment is done completely through the FooDog website. A portion of the cost will be a fundraiser for JPPS to put towards materials and resources to support STEM activities.

CLUBS & SPORTS

We are pleased to announce that sports have started the year; volleyball and cross country to name a few. As well, Kaleidoscope Club has begun, Student Council will begin next week and the primary students have put forth many ideas that are in process such as; bracelet making clubs, origami clubs and a garden club. Stay tuned for more exciting collaborations and ideas!

Please note that the cross country meet is on October 6th.

SAFETY WEEK

Sept. 26th-30th is DDSB Safety Week. JPPS is practicing fire drills and bus safety. Each class will complete a Bus Safety training virtually and participate in school wide fire drills. This year, Constable Lamb has been assigned to JPPS as our Community Liaison Officer. Next week, Constable Lamb will join us Monday, October 3rd for a school wide lockdown

practice in the afternoon. Lockdown practices ensure that students are familiar with the format of lockdown safety and provides time for questions to be asked and answered both before and after the drill.

ORANGE SHIRT DAY

September 30th has been marked nationally as Orange Shirt Day and the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. Orange Shirt Day is an opportunity for schools and communities to come together to commemorate and recognize Residential School Survivors. On this day, and throughout the school year, our students are engaged in opportunities for learning, listening and reflecting.



PHOTO DAY

Just a reminder that your photo day is on October 12th. Please note that ALL group (class) photos will be taken on our retake day which is November 9th.

INDIVIDUAL EDUCATION PLANS

For students with Individual Education Plans, these plans will be sent home in hard copy in a sealed envelope with students on October 18th. Your feedback on your child(ren)'s draft IEP is important and valued. We would ask that you send your feedback to your child(ren)'s homeroom teacher by Thursday, October 27th.

LUNCH PROTOCOLS

If you would like your child to go home for lunch each day, please contact the school office to make arrangements. Please note that students should come prepared with their lunch each day. Students will not be allowed to have lunches ordered to the school. As always, we appreciate that there can be emergency situations where an exception must be made. Should this be needed, please contact the school ahead of time.

Students in Grades 7 and 8 are allowed to leave school property for lunch, with parent permission. Arrangements need to be made ahead of time. Parents are asked to send an email to juliepayetteps@ddsb.ca if they wish to give their child permission to leave school property for lunch on a given day. Parents who wish to give their child permission to leave every day during the lunch hour are asked to email the above email granting this permission. In all circumstances, students must check in and sign out in the office prior to leaving for lunch. Please note that this is a privilege and students are expected to arrive back at school at 11:40 am to sign in and be on time for the 11:45 am bell. Students are also expected to be a good representative of our community while out at lunch. Failure to do so may result in this privilege being revoked.

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ACCESS TO THE SCHOOL

As we make every attempt to minimize interruptions to instructional time, we need to ask for your assistance. Please make sure that your child has all of their necessary items each day when coming to school.

It is essential that your child arrives at school on time. If your child is late, they will need to enter the building through the main entrance, give their name and class, they will be marked as late and will proceed directly to their classroom.

LIFE-THREATENING ALLERGIES AND SERIOUS MEDICAL CONDITIONS

Parents/guardians of children with serious medical conditions such as, but not limited to, seizures, asthma, heart problems and diabetes, are required to ensure that the appropriate documentation is filed with the school annually. For each medication we require separate forms (i.e., one for inhalers and one for Benadryl- if applicable). This information assists the school in responding to your child's needs should an emergency occur and allows the school to take a proactive approach to making efforts to ensure your child's safety at school.

For students with life threatening allergies, two Epipens are required. One Epipen should be kept on the student and one in the office. If you choose not to have two Epipens at school, please submit this to the office in writing. If you elect for your child not to carry an Epipen on their person, we would also request that you send this in writing to the school with the location of the second Epipen (i.e. in student's backpack). Thank you for your attention to this safety concern.

STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE

Providing safe learning environments is a strong and constant focus at the Durham District School Board. Families should however recognize that there is always a potential risk of injury with field trips, sports and other student activities both on and off school grounds. Accidents can happen, despite precautions to prevent them. Accidental injuries may involve medical, dental or other expenses not covered by provincial health care or employer group plans.

Please be aware that the Durham District School Board does not provide accident insurance coverage for student injuries. For your convenience, we do make available a Student Accident Insurance program through Old Republic Insurance Company of Canada. This program offers a variety of plans and benefits at affordable prices.

All rates are one-time annual premiums. The insurance agreement is between **you** and **Old Republic Insurance Company of Canada**. For complete details please refer to the *insuremykids Protection Plan* information/application form or visit their website at: www.insuremykids.com.

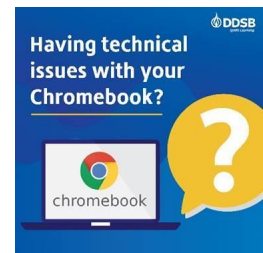
Any questions should be directed to Old Republic Insurance Company of Canada toll free at 1-800-463-5437.

SCHOOL COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Our next School Community Council meeting is Thursday, October 20th at 6:30 pm. All meetings this year will continue to take place on Google Meet. If you are already a member of the SCC, you will receive a link to the meeting on, or prior to, October 20th. If you are not already a member but you would like to attend the meeting on the 20th please send a message to juliepayetteps@ddsb.ca and a link to the meeting will be sent to you. We look forward to seeing everyone!

CHROMEBOOK SUPPORT

If students have a concern with their Chromebook, or any other device, they should report the damage/concern to their teacher. From there, the school will troubleshoot or submit an IT incident as per the standard process.



As we celebrate our school community, we want to thank you for being such a valuable part of our school.

The JPPS Team



