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Message from the office...

Today we were excited to welcome new and returning students to the first day of school for the 2019-2020 school year. I had the pleasure of meeting many students and hope to connect with all of the classes in the coming days. I am thrilled to be 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

Over the summer Andrea Williams and I have worked closely together to ensure a seamless transition. I look forward to partnering with Vice Principal Amy Atkinson and the entire school team to support your children.

Please ensure that your contact information is up to date with the office. This is essential information that is used to contact you directly in the event of an emergency etc. It is equally important that your email addresses are kept updated with the office as all of our newsletters and other important information will be sent out through email and they will also be posted on our school website.

Communication is very important to me. As both a parent and a Principal, I greatly value the home/school partnership. With that in mind, please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions or concerns. I am excited to work in partnership with you and alongside your children to support them in achieving their highest potential.

Sandra Makris
 Principal of Julie Payette

Meet the Teacher Night

September 26, 2019
Family Pizza Picnic: 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.

On Thursday September 26, 2019, the JP staff welcomes you to come and visit our school for our "Curriculum Night". We are counting on all of our families to join us that evening! Kindly remember that this is not an interview night (that will come in November); however, teachers will be more than happy to meet with you at a mutually convenient time if you wish for a more detailed discussion.

The evening will begin with a special "family pizza picnic" from 5:30-6:30 p.m., thank you grade 6 parents for organizing "dinner time" for us!

To order your pizza (cheese, vegetable or pepperoni) and drinks, please order on-line or complete the tear off portion of the order form and return to your child's teacher by September 19th.

Family Pizza Picnic: 5:30-6:30

Classroom visits: 6:30-7:30

St-Donat Presentation (Gr. 6 students)
7:30-8:00 (gymnasium)

See you soon!

Please note that we are sending home the first two pages of this FIRST newsletter of the year. Each month the newsletter will be posted on the school website on the first Wednesday.

Student Verification forms are being done online.
Please ensure we have your child/ren's current information.

Orange Shirt Day - September, 30

Orange Shirt Day is a legacy of the St. Joseph Mission (SJM) residential school commemoration event held in Williams Lake, BC, Canada, in the spring of 2013. It grew out of the account of a young girl, Phyllis, having her shiny new orange shirt taken away on her first day of school at the Mission. This has provided us with an opportunity to keep the discussion on all aspects of residential schools happening annually. The date was chosen because it is the time of year in which children were taken from their homes to residential schools, and because it is an opportunity to set the stage for the continued creation of a safe, equitable and inclusive school environment as the school year begins. Orange Shirt Day is also an opportunity for First Nations, local governments, schools and communities to come together in the spirit of reconciliation and hope for generations of children to come. On this day, we wear orange to remember the experiences of former students of Residential Schools and to commit to ongoing reconciliation.

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.

Volunteers

We are always very happy to welcome volunteers to our school. We look forward to having you support our students in the classroom, on field trips and on special occasions. In order to maximize the time you give to our students, we would ask you to let us know your areas of preference and expertise e.g. Reading, Math etc. We may ask you to volunteer in a classroom other than your own child's depending on the needs of the students. Please contact Mme. Clark to fill out the necessary documents. The police check may take a number of weeks before it is completed, so please plan accordingly.

A note to the teacher

Please send a note to the office regarding anything out of the ordinary daily routine such as dismissal for appointments, students not taking the bus after school, lunch out of school, holidays, etc. Parents, please report to the office to sign in if your child is arriving late.

Agendas School agendas have been ordered for all students in grades 3-6. Agendas are a great organizational tool for students and allow for easy communication between home and school. Agendas are available at a cost of \$7 for students in Grade 3 to Grade 6. Available for purchase on-line.