



John Darling News

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Dear John Darling Families,

It's hard to believe that June has arrived so soon! It seems like it was just yesterday that we were in the gym sharing our class cheers in celebration of the first week of school! We have certainly enjoyed an action-packed and fun-filled school year including some very special milestones along the way. In this last month of school, along with continuing with our learning agenda, we have a lot planned. Junior students have camp Ki-Wa- Y outdoor education, track and field; school wide play day, class trips, grade six graduation and our year end assemblies to look forward to. Also, in a few weeks, your child(ren) will receive their final Achievement Report Card for the school year.

The staff at John Darling worked diligently this school year to promote and celebrate a positive school climate. I would like to extend a sincere **Thank You** to all of our staff for their **dedication** and **hard work** throughout the year which enhanced and enriched our school community! Also, I would like to express our gratitude to our dynamic school council! They have worked tirelessly throughout the year to provide special experiences and events and to support school initiatives through their volunteerism and their fundraising efforts. Our school council organized our first **'Movie Night'** in May **and our annual Darlingfest** in June! We hope that you are planning to attend Darlingfest on June 6th. There will be games and draws for the family to enjoy. All that is needed is YOU!

In closing, it has been my pleasure to serve the needs of your children this year. They are a blessing to us all! We look forward to sharing more successes and memories with you in the Fall. On behalf of John Darling Public School's staff, I wish you and your family a safe and happy summer holiday!

Gillian McKenzie
Principal

Mark these dates on your calendar!

- June 3-7** Grade 3 EQAO Assessment
- June 3, 4; 5** Gr. 4,5 Day Camp; Gr. 6 overnight
- June 6** Darlingfest 4:30 -7:00 p.m.
- June 7** Gr. 6 visit to Westheights- 1-2:30pm
- June 10** School Council 6:30 p.m.
- June 11** JD Track and Field Meet
- June 13** Student volunteer pizza lunch
- June 14** Zero Day – Students receive a treat for having zero library books signed out in their name.
- June 14** Raindate for JD Track and Field Meet.
- June 19** Track and Field Meet at Jacob Hespeler S.S. (Cambridge) – a.m.
- June 21** Grade 6 Graduation- 2-3 pm
- June 24/25** Report Cards Go Home
- June 24/25** Kindergarten Family Fun Day
- June 26** Free Pizza – Blue Day JK/SK
- June 27** Free Pizza – Whole school
- June 27** Last Day of School for Students
- June 27** Canada Day Play Day (am) & Year End Assembly@ 11:45am
- Sept. 3** First day of School for Students



FROM THE OFFICE

If your child will be attending another school in September, please notify the school office (519-749-0834) as soon as possible. If you know of families moving into the area, please encourage them to register their children as soon as possible.

Thank you!

GOODBYE TO DEPARTING STAFF

MEMBERS

Thanks and best wishes to those staff members who will not be back at John Darling next year. We wish Mrs. Coles, Mr. England, Mrs. Pletz and Miss Saunderson the very best on their chosen paths for next year. Mrs. Heuchert will continue on maternity leave until April, 2014.

**A reminder that the staffing process continues and can change and we are still hiring for a couple of positions.*



Happy Retirement & Farewell!

Mrs. Celia Jackson has been teaching at John Darling P.S. since 1997. During her service with the WRDSB, she has enjoyed teaching grades 1-3 as well as her time supporting student needs, throughout the school, as our special education resource teacher.

We will sincerely miss you, Mrs. Jackson, and we wish you days filled with health, happiness and delicious cups of tea!

LIBRARY NEWS!

Zero Day is Friday, June 14th.

All library books must be returned by June 14th.

It is imperative that all books are returned on time in order for Mrs. Wells, our Library Clerk to maintain our collection. Thank you very much for your support in this matter.



TRACK AND FIELD MEET

Tuesday, June 11th is the date for our John Darling Track and Field Day, with June 14th as the rain date. We hope the sun will shine all day as our grade four to six students take part in the many events organized and run by the John Darling staff. (Thanks

Mrs. Burrell for organizing).

A team of John Darling students will be going on to the regional track meet at Jacob Hespeler S.S. on Wednesday, June 19th (9:45am - 2:00pm). We wish them good luck and good fun!

**Happy
Anniversary,
John Darling!
September 2013
25 Years**



Class Lists

Class lists will be posted on Friday, August 30th. On the first day of school, all students in Gr. 1-6 will meet in the gym where their teachers will be introduced before heading off to classrooms.

LOST AND FOUND



Please make sure you take a look at all of the items on the table outside of the gym before the end of the school year. All items that are not claimed by June 21 will go to charity organizations in our community. Thanks!

SCHOOL COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT

Some of the wonderful things accomplished by School Council this year included sponsoring our Chess Club for all grades, supporting and extending the Home Reading Program, paying for several exciting and educational assemblies such as "Scientists in the classroom", paying for buses for trips, buying new Document cameras and Data Projectors and lastly subsidizing our student



agendas and kindergarten parent handbooks! The proceeds from Darlingfest this year will go towards our focus on Health & Wellness for the upcoming 2013-2014 school year.

Another important function of the council is to act as a sounding and advisory board for the administration and teachers at the school. We encourage all of our parents/guardians to consider becoming a member of School Council. Look for School Council members at their table at Meet the Teacher Night in September. They will be happy to talk to you about our dynamic council at John Darling.

My personal thanks go to all members of our council members; Danielle Morales, Mandy Dahmer, Tanya Smith, Jessie White, Heather Quiring, Amy Knechtel-Shannon, Jennifer Hulett, Colleen Brandes, Jennifer Fleet, Marti-Anne Hachey, Kim Schmidt, Lori Williams, Janice Mitchell, Amanda Pope, Marnie Wuensch, Jackie Teixeira, Helen Byers, Susie Gutri, Amanda Bourassa. Thanks to our teacher reps- Mrs. Heer and Mrs. Heuchert

Our 'New' website will be active in June!
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