



# John Darling News

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## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE: Apr./ May 2014

Spring is finally here! Hopefully, everyone had an enjoyable March Break.

A reminder that proper clothing for spring showers and muddy playgrounds is needed. Boots, splash pants, a raincoat and maybe an extra pair of socks are a good idea. As tempting as they are, we want to remind our students to stay out of the puddles and use caution when crossing the streets, making sure cars are well out of the way or stopped on slippery roads.

We have had a lot of fun at JD this winter. The skating rink was often in use, Scientist in the Classroom and our Chess program were great learning experiences. We celebrated the Olympics, participated in Jump Rope for Heart, Basketball intramurals and inter-school sports, and the John Howard Society bullying prevention program. We've had a number of school spirit days and continue with our Drake assemblies where we focus on character development.

Registration for Kindergarten occurred in February. Families are encouraged to contact the school office to register their son or daughter for Junior or Senior Kindergarten. Families are encourage to go onto the board's website to indicate their interest in Extended Day Care.

A warm note of Thanks to our School Council which organized a Fun & Free Family Health & Wellness Fair. We appreciate your efforts!

**Gillian McKenzie**

## KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION Full Day, Everyday 2014-2015!!

Children born in 2010 and 2009 are eligible to attend Junior and Senior Kindergarten in September 2014.



If you have a child who will be starting school in September, please call the school at 519-749-0834 and arrange an appointment to register with Mrs. Simmonds, our office manager. If you know of neighbours or friends who have children who are eligible to start Kindergarten, please ask them to call as well. It is very important for our planning that we register as many of our next year's kindergarten students as soon as possible.

## EQAO DATES

Grade 3/6 EQAO assessment dates have been established for the spring of 2014. We ask that parents of Grade 3 and Grade 6 students at John Darling make every effort to avoid scheduling appointments, trips, or other activities during this time. Our students will write the EQAO assessments during the following dates: Between **May 26th – June 6th**.



## PARKING



Thank you, parents, for your continued support in keeping our parking lot and ring road clear and safe for our students and staff! We are lucky at John Darling to have many side streets near the school where parents can park to drop off their children. We make these requests in order that we keep all of our children safe, and we appreciate your compliance. Of course, the best way for children to get to school is for them to walk. Make this walk a part of a fit lifestyle!

**Visitors are welcome to enter our parking lot when coming to volunteer at the school or to meet with our staff.** Thanks so much for your cooperation!

## SAVE THE DATE!!!!

### Darlingfest – June 5<sup>th</sup> – 2014

The planning and preparations have begun for our annual funfair...**Darlingfest!** This year's event will include a Pizza dinner, The Game Asylum, a Photo Booth, Snow-cone machine, Cake Walk, and games for the little ones; just to name a few. And, back again, by popular demand, great "Lucky Loonie prizes"!

#### *How you can help!!!*

1. We are looking for prizes, gifts, or gift certificates that we would be able to use in our prize draws (lucky loonie) and hope that perhaps you, or your employer, will be able to make a donation this year! Each donation will have an acknowledgement on our Thank-You Banner which is displayed at the event. We will also thank you by sending you a letter that you can display in your business! **If you are able to help with a donation, gifts can be sent directly to the school marked "ATTN: DARLINGFEST."**

2. This event is certainly always a success because of our many volunteers and we cannot do it without them! Talk to your family, friends and neighbours and to see if they would like to volunteer for this year's great event! If you are in High School and are looking for events to fill your Community Volunteer Hours this is a great fun night that will definitely help you reach your goal! **There will also be a Volunteer Appreciation Draw open to any of our volunteers helping with the evening!** If you are interested, please watch for the Volunteer request package that will be sent home with your child or let the office know and we will get in contact directly with you.

3. **Mark your calendars for June 5th, 2014 (4:30pm-7:00pm). Plan to attend!**

*Coming soon!*

Don't miss the opportunity to check our website:

[www.darlingfest.com](http://www.darlingfest.com)



## SKATING AND THE J.D. RINK

Our rink is closed for another season. Thank you to our many dedicated rink volunteers! The community made great use of this wonderful outdoor experience.



### Good Neighbours

Parking around the school area can be challenging, especially in bad weather. Please remember to respect the property and driveways of those who live close by. Blocking someone's driveway puts stress on our community and students at risk when cars try to get around you. Thank you.

### SPRING REMINDER:

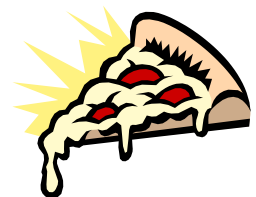
#### Playground Safety

Morning supervision starts at 8:35 a.m. We ask that students do not arrive at school before supervision begins. We appreciate your ongoing support and cooperation in this matter. Please remember that **all students walk their bikes as soon as they arrive on school property.**



### Boston Pizza Family Nights: April 23 and April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2014

The Darlingfest committee and Boston Pizza Erbsville, are planning another fundraiser. This event was a big success last year. Enjoy a meal with your family while benefiting our school at the same time. Come to Boston Pizza on Wednesday, April 23rd or Monday, April 28th between 5-8 p.m. Ten percent of the evenings' proceeds will go towards the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Open House expenses. **More information to follow.!**



## Volunteer Appreciation Week

April 7-11

We would like to sincerely thank all of those who volunteer their time to John Darling P.S.!



## Dates to Remember

Apr. 7	School council meeting@ 6:30pm
Apr. 9	Volunteer Appreciation Tea
Apr. 14/15	Spring Book Fair
Apr. 18-21	Easter Holiday
Apr. 22	Earth Day
Apr. 23 & 28	Family Night fundraiser@ Boston Pizza
May 2	Family Movie Night (6-8pm)
May 6	Kindergarten Parent Information Night
May 12	School council meeting@ 6:30pm
May. 13,20,27,June3	KW Counselling series
May 19	Victoria Day Holiday
May 20	Victory Quest: Duo Percussion Performance
May 22	25 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Open House (4-6pm)
May 26- June 6	Gr. 3 & 6 EQAO
May 30	P. D. Day (No School)

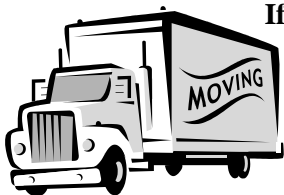
## JD's Free Family Movie Night!

Friday, May 10<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00pm

Bring a Perishable Food Item & your own drinks.  
Bagged Popcorn available!  
Courtesy of your School Council



## Are You Moving???



If you are moving between now and the start of school in September, please let the office know. Trying to accurately predict our enrolment for next September is critical and allows us to start our year with as few changes as possible.

As new families with school-aged children move into our community, please be sure to invite them to contact the school at 519-749-0834

## Staffing

A warm welcome to **Mrs. Amanda Roberts** who joined John Darling school in March to replace Ms Schoppel. Mrs. Roberts is excited to be a planning time teacher with our primary students in the afternoons.

## A Friendly Summer Reminder



### **DRESS CODE GUIDELINES**

Student dress must complement the learning environment and must not offend or distract others. In accordance with the Waterloo Region District School Board, Administrative Procedures, guidelines have been established to encourage responsibility, self-esteem, a sense of school pride and to foster the positive learning environment at John Darling Public School. These include the following principles:

**Cleanliness**                      **Neatness**  
**Good Taste**                      **Safety**



We request your cooperation by discussing the following requirements with your children and by encouraging them to adopt a positive, responsible approach to their school attire:

- **wide-strap tank tops only**
- **tops should cover upper body from waist to shoulders and be made of solid fabric**
- **writing and graphics on clothing must be appropriate**
- **hats may not be worn in classrooms**
- **no gang-related clothing will be worn on school property**
- **shorts and skirts will be a respectable length**
- **hats are taken off at the entrances to the school**

Students in contravention of the dress code will be asked to change or, if appropriate clothing is not readily available, be asked to go home to change. Where a misunderstanding arises, the administration will decide on the appropriate course of action to ensure fairness and respect for all students.