



# John Darling News

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## June 2014

### Dear John Darling Families,

After a long winter and a very busy spring, June has arrived! 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. Grade 6 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 a parent workshop night, our 2<sup>nd</sup> annual 'Movie Night' in May and our annual Darlingfest in June! We hope that you are planning to attend Darlingfest on June 5th. There will be **NEW** 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 2-6** Grade 3 EQAO Assessment
- June 2-4** Gr. 6 overnight Camp
- June 5** Darlingfest 4:30 -7:00 p.m.
- June 9** JD Track and Field Meet
- June 9** School Council 6:30 p.m
- June 10** KPL- Guest reader (pm)
- June 10** Gr. 6 visit to Westheights- 1-2:30pm.
- June 12** Raindate for JD Track and Field Meet
- June 12** Election Day- Polling Site
- June 13** Zero Day – All library books are returned
- June 19** Track and Field Meet at Jacob Hespeler S.S. (Cambridge) – a.m.
- June 20** Grade 6 Graduation- 2-3 pm
- June 23** Report Cards go home
- June 24** Kindergarten Family Fun Day
- June 26** Last Day of School for Students  
Canada Play Day (am) and year end assembly at 11:45am
- Sept. 2** 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. Roberts, and Mrs. Hultink-Jones the very best on their chosen paths for next year. Happy Trails, to Mrs. Burrell and Mrs. Harrison as they enjoy a yearlong leave of absence. We wish you and your families well as you enjoy a year free from school bells and look forward to seeing you in 2015/2016! And finally, all the best to Mrs. Pletz who will begin her maternity leave this Fall.

*\*A reminder that the staffing process continues and changes can continue to occur. We are still hiring for a couple of positions!*

### Happy Retirement & Farewell!



Mrs. Carol Ann Nielson has been an Educational Assistant at John Darling P.S. since 1988. During her service with the WRDSB, she has enjoyed working with the students in our Developmental Education class as well as her time supporting students with special education needs in a variety of grades.

We will sincerely miss you, Mrs. Nielson, and we wish you days filled with health, happiness and baking goodies for your grandchildren!

### LIBRARY NEWS!

Zero Day is Friday, June 13<sup>th</sup>.

**All library books must be returned by June 13th.**

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



### TRACK AND FIELD MEET

Monday, June 9<sup>th</sup> is the date for our John Darling Track and Field Day, with June 12<sup>th</sup> 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 Thursday, June 19<sup>th</sup> (9:45am - 2:00pm). We wish them good luck and good fun!

## Happy Anniversary.

### John Darling!

Our Time Capsule will be filled with surprises from the classes of 2013/2014.

To be opened at our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary!



### Class Lists

Class lists will be posted after 3pm on Friday, August 29<sup>th</sup>. 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 20 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 "Drama & Music performances", paying for buses for trips, buying new Outdoor play equipment and lastly supporting the Scientists in the School workshops! The proceeds from Darlingfest this year will go towards our focus on Health & Wellness for the upcoming 2014-2015 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, Mandy Dahmer, Jessie White, Heather Quiring, Amy Knechtel-Shannon, Jennifer Hulett, Colleen Brandes, Jennifer Fleet, Marti-Anne Hachey, Kim Schmidt, Lori Williams, Marnie Wuensch, Jackie Teixeira, Helen Byers., Beth Skilling, Melissa Wells-Cave, Michelle Martin, Katie Hoedl, Rachel Coleman, Amanda Bourassa, Tara McPherson, Jim LeClair, and Tom Herr.

Thanks to our teacher rep- Mrs. Dubrick.

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