



# John Darling News

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## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE: Apr./ May 2015

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

Over the past several months, we have been exploring the concept of promoting a Growth Mindset both among our staff and our students. *What affect does an openness to trying new things, persevering through challenges and accepting setbacks as learning opportunities have on our students' success in school?*

It has been invigorating to see our students embrace learning as a 'process' rather than an 'event'. It is not unusual to hear someone say, "You haven't learned that, YET!" or "Keep trying, you CAN do it!" Many of us have come to realize that the moments when deep learning is happening are those moments when we have to work the hardest to learn something new. It may feel uncomfortable, or even frustrating, but when we learn it, it is most gratifying! Believing that through hard work and perseverance, we are capable of learning new concepts and tasks exemplifies a growth mindset and elevates the thinking, the problem solving, the reasoning; the learning!

Sesame Street has created an engaging video clip which carries this message. Google "The Power of Yet", you will be inspired!

## **Gillian McKenzie**

### ***Friendly reminders***

Boots, splash pants, a raincoat and maybe an extra pair of socks are a good idea in the Spring. As tempting as they are, we want to remind our students to stay out of the puddles whenever possible.

Students must cross at corners or crosswalks. Use caution when crossing the streets, making sure cars are well out of the way or stopped.

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

Children born in 2011 and 2010 are eligible to attend Junior and Senior Kindergarten in September 2015.



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. Shantz, 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.

## **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!

## **School Council** **Pizza Kit Fundraiser**

Orders will be delivered on  
Monday, April 20<sup>th</sup>  
Pick up your order in the gym!



## **SAVE THE DATE!!!!**

**Darlingfest**  
**June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2015**  
**(4:30pm-7:30pm).**

### **Mark your calendars!**

The planning and preparations have begun for our annual Darlingfest Funfair! This year's event will include many options such as: a pizza dinner; a live reptile show; the Tumblebus, a Photo Booth, and Cake Walk. Also, back again by popular demand, are the Lucky Loonie Draws and the Pie in the Face event!

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

1. We are looking for prizes, gifts, or gift certificates that we would be able to raffle off in our Lucky Loonie Draws.

Each donation will have an acknowledgement on our 'Thank You' banner which is displayed at the event as well as on our Facebook page.

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 neighbors to see if they would like to volunteer for this year's great event. If you are in high school and are looking for community volunteer hours, helping us will certainly help you gain hours towards your goal! **Also, there will be an Appreciation Draw open to any of our volunteers helping with the evening!** Watch for the Darlingfest package that will be sent home with your child or contact the office and we will get in contact with you.

### **3. CALLING ALL CANADIAN TIRE MONEY!!!**

We will once again be collecting Canadian Tire money in our classrooms to purchase items for our Lucky Loonie Draws. Last year we collected enough money to offer some great prizes like an outdoor fit pit, zero gravity chair and Razor scooter. So...start collecting now!

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:**

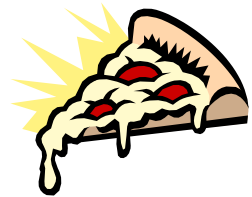
#### **Playground Safety**

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 22 and April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

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 22<sup>nd</sup> or Monday, April 27<sup>th</sup> between 5-8 p.m. Ten percent of the evenings' proceeds will go towards Darlingfest expenses. **More information to follow.!**



### **Volunteer Appreciation Week**

April 12-18

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



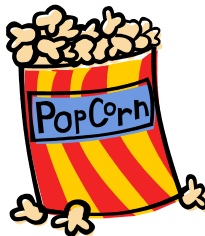
## Dates to Remember

Apr. 3-6	Easter Holiday
Apr. 13	School council meeting@ 6:30pm
Apr. 14	Volunteer Appreciation Tea
Apr. 16	Parent Night & Games Night
Apr. 22	Earth Day
May 4	School council meeting@ 6:30pm
May 5	Kindergarten Parent Information Night
May 6	Spring Siblings Photo Day
May 8	Family Movie Night (6-8pm)
May 18	Victoria Day Holiday
May 25- June 5	Gr. 3 & 6 EQAO
May 29	P. D. Day (No School)

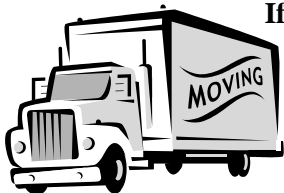
## JD's Free Family Movie Night!

Friday, May 8<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00pm

Bring a Perishable Food Item  
& your own drinks.  
We'll supply the popcorn!  
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. Chua Lee** who joined John Darling school in January as an Educational Assistant in our Dev. Ed. Class.

## 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.