



John Darling News

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Dear John Darling Families,

We are near the end of the school year, yet there is so much to do! We would like to extend our thanks to the many volunteers and parents who have made these past few months fun and engaging for our students. We had a Volunteer Appreciation Tea to show our appreciation. School Council planned a great parent night about Bullying Prevention and games night. The movie night brought in 95lbs of food donations and \$53 in cash for the Food Bank! Scientists in the school and class trips have kept our kids very busy. We also participated in the Pizza Kit fundraiser. The profits from this allowed us to bring in an animal presentation to the school. We actually were able to see a kangaroo a cobra and parakeet. We raised funds for MS Read-a-Thon and the MudPuppy Run charities this spring. We have also offered our students a variety of clubs, teams, intramurals and extra-curricular events to experience.

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. Once again, our school council has organized **our annual Darlingfest!** We hope that you are planning to attend Darlingfest on June 4th. There will be **NEW** games and draws for the family to enjoy.

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 1-3** Gr. 6 overnight Camp
- June 4** Darlingfest 4:30 -7:00 p.m.
- June 8** School Council 6:30 p.m
- June 9** Gr. 6 visit to Westheights- 1-2:30pm.
- June 10** JD Track and Field Meet
- June 12** KPL- Guest reader (pm)
- June 12** Raindate for JD Track and Field Meet
- June 17** Zero Day – All library books are returned
- June 18** Track and Field Meet at Jacob Hespeler S.S. (Cambridge) – a.m.
- June 19** Grade 6 Graduation- 2-3 pm
- June 22** Report Cards Go Home
- June 23** Pan Am Games Play Day (am) &
- June 24** Kindergarten Family Fun Day
- June 25** Last Day of School for Students
- June 25** Year End Assembly@ 9:00am
- Sept. 8** 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 & WELCOME

Thanks and best wishes to those staff members who will not be back at John Darling next year. We wish Mrs. Sayer, Mrs. Verlinden, Mdme Carney, Mr. Collins, Miss. A.Lee, Mrs. Fangrad, Mrs. C. Lee and Mlle Cloet the very best on their chosen paths for next year. Welcome Back, to Mrs. Burrell and Mrs. Harrison as they return from their yearlong leave of absence. And welcome, to Mrs. Pletz who will return from her maternity leave.

**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!

Ms. Sandra Moores has been teaching in the Developmental Education class at John Darling P.S. for 26 years. During her service with the WRDSB, she has enjoyed working with the students in her class as well as supporting and promoting an empathetic and inclusive environment within the school. We will sincerely miss you, Ms. Moores, and we wish you days filled with health, happiness, long walks with your dog and sunny days kayaking down the Grand!

LIBRARY NEWS!

Zero Day is Friday, June 17th.

All library books must be returned by June 12th.

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

Wednesday, June 10th is the date for our John Darling Track and Field Day, with June 11th 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 Mr. Heer & Mr. Collins 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 18th (9:45am - 2:00pm). We wish them good luck and good fun!

Looking Ahead

The Extended Day Program and the Youth development program will be operating at John Darling in the fall. Please register on the WRDSB website.

Special Thanks

Many kindergarten and grade one students received support for Strong Start this year. These special people gave many of our youngest readers the boost needed to prepare them to read. This is a life changing skill!

Class Lists

Class lists will be posted on Friday, September 4th. 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 22nd 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 & admission subsidies for trips, buying new iPads & Chromebooks and lastly supporting the Scientists in the School workshops! The proceeds from Darlingfest this year will go towards our focus Family Friendly events for the upcoming 2015-2016 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, Andra Assaf, Colleen Brandes, Jennifer Fleet, Marti-Anne Hachey, Kim Schmidt, Lori Williams, Jackie Teixeira, Beth Skilling, Michelle Maritin, Katie Hoedl.

Thanks to our teacher reps- Miss Lee & Mrs. Dubrick.

WE ARE ONLINE!

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