



John Darling News

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Welcome back, everyone! We hope that you all enjoyed a happy and relaxing summer.

The school looks wonderful due to the hard work of Mr. Lantz, and Mr. Synyard. Mrs. Shantz has spent many hours in the office organizing us for a smooth start while our teachers and support staff have been diligently preparing their classrooms, programs and resources to make for a welcoming learning environment on the first day of school. We are looking forward to another great year!

The **Extended Day Program** continues to provide before and after school care for students in Kindergarten to Gr.2. And, the **Youth Development Program** makes its return to John Darling by providing service after school for students in Grades 3-6. ***We hope to extend the YDP hours to before school if we see an increase in participation in this program.* **Registration for both programs is online through the WRDSB website and is ongoing throughout the school year.**

With your partnership and support, we look forward to making this school year a memorable and successful experience for your son/daughter!

Gillian McKenzie, Principal
John Darling P.S.
Home of 'Drake the Dragon'.

PARKING

Please be aware that the Daycare driveway is reserved for Special Education Buses. It is not a student drop off or pick up location. This area is monitored by the By-law officer. We ask that you cooperate with us so that we can avoid any serious accidents. Also, the parking lot is a "no drop off zone" due to student safety.

JOHN DARLING STAFF 2015/2016

Principal	G. McKenzie
Secretary	M. Shantz
Dev. Ed	A. Lee
K1	D. Forbes
K2	D. Bidinosti
K3	M. Pletz
Gr. 1	B. Wigmore
Gr. 1/ 2	D. Vines
Gr. 2	S. Knechtel
Gr. 3	W. Courtney
Gr. 3/4	L. Sayer
Gr. 4	J. Heer
Gr. 5	J. Pollock
Gr. 5/6	H. Burrell
Gr. 6	T. Siegfried
DECE	H. Dubrick
DECE	H. Guistini
DECE	D. Devalk
FDK	J. Heuchert
Pr. French	K. Batte
Special Ed.	J. Hubick
French/Music	J. Harrison
Library Clerk	S. Wells
EA	G. Schott
EA	J. Cruz
EA	C. Sproul
EA	B. Spurling
EA	L. Heer
EA	F. Hoy
EA	C. Lee
EA	K. O'Neill
Lunchroom	J. Teixeira
Lunchroom	H. Quiring
Custodian	W. Lantz
Custodian	M. Synyard

School-Day is coming!

Dates to Remember!

Spirit Day: JD Day!	Sept. 11
School Council Elections	Sept. 21
Photo Day	Sept. 23
Lock Down Drill	Oct. 1
Thanksgiving Holiday	Oct. 12
Federal Polling Station	Oct. 19

Safe Arrival Program

Please remember to call the **Attendance Check Number 519-570-8092 Ext: 3409** and leave a message on the answering machine if your child is going to be absent or late. The Attendance Check Number is used to report an absence of up to four days. If your child is absent for five or more days, you need to fill out a Temporary Withdrawal form.

Contact us...

Please dial **519-749-0834** for emergency calls or calls to the office during the office hours of 8:15 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. Also, please refer to the teacher voice mail information sheet previously sent. You can leave messages for the classroom teacher by calling the Unified Messaging System at **519-570-8092.** and then inputting the teacher's extension number. Communication is the key to a successful year. Please do not hesitate to contact any of our staff if you have questions/concerns.



Keep Informed... *New!

Instead of a newsletter, Information Items and Announcements will be posted on the John Darling website: <http://jdp.wrdsb.on.ca/>.

You can subscribe to our website and receive email updates when they are posted. Fill in the *Get News from this Website* form to get notifications. It is available in the footer of our website. ****You will need your child's OEN number which can be found on his/her report card.**

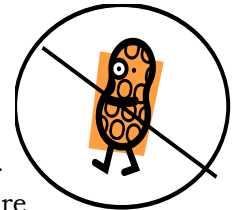
Schedule for the Day

8:35	Staff on Duty
8:50	<u>Entry Bell</u>
8:50-10:50	Instructional Time
10:50-11:30	First Break
11:30-1:00	Instructional Time
1:00-1:40	Second Break
1:40-3:10	Instructional Time
3:10	Dismissal

We are excited to announce that for the upcoming school year, we will be using School-Day, an online portal that lets us instantly share school news and events with parents. With School-Day, you will be able to receive school news and announcements, complete permission forms, and pay for any school service, product or event, all online. We are sure that you will find School-Day easy to use, and we appreciate your help in improving our communications and significantly reducing the amount of paper our school consumes. To register or learn more about School-Day, we urge you to visit the School-Day website at www.school-day.com or contact School-Day by email at info@school-day.com. For any support or technical help, please visit the School-Day support site at www.school-day.com/support. We look forward to using this new system with you, and we are certain that you will find the School-Day portal very useful.

FOOD ALLERGIES

At John Darling, we have several children with severe allergies to nuts. These children and their parents have taken steps to ensure that they make responsible decisions about any food or drink ingested. As a school community, all students, teachers and parents can share the responsibility of making our environment safe for all students at John Darling. J.D. Public School is a "nut safe" environment. Please assist us by sending nut free lunches and snacks to school.



PICK-UP AND DROP-OFF —

A SAFETY CONCERN

Our student's safety remains our number one concern at John Darling. Please ensure that your son/daughter recognizes and obeys all traffic safety rules when you drop them off in the morning or pick them up after school. Our crossing safety patrols are constantly on the lookout for those who may be putting themselves into danger.



As much as possible, we encourage students to walk to school. This will greatly reduce vehicle traffic at entry and dismissal times. Thank you for your help as we continue to make John Darling School a safe place to be.