THE CARDINAL CONNECTION *SEPT./OCT. 2013*



Message from the Administrators

Welcome to the 2013- 2014 school year at Moffat Creek! We would like to extend a warm welcome to all returning families and especially to those who are new to our school community.

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What a busy and exciting fall it has been here at Moffat Creek! It was a pleasure to meet so many families at our “Meet the Teacher Night” and BBQ in September. We currently have 575 students enrolled in our school and we are enjoying our wonderful Cardinal Nation!

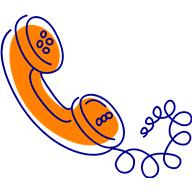
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Our School Day

Our school hours are from 8:30am until 2:50pm **for all students**. It is important that your child is at school every day and that he/she arrives on time each day.

**Absent from School?**

Just a reminder that if your child is going to be absent or late...



**PLEASE CALL**

**519-570-8017,**

**ext. 3557**

and leave the following information:

\* Child’s full name

\* Child’s grade

\* Child’s homeroom teacher

\* Reason for the absence/late

**Please remember: All students who arrive late for school must check in at the office.**

Our teachers, support staff, DECEs and administration are deeply committed to providing a strong academic environment in which children engage in exciting learning and develop a high level of self-esteem. As we visit classes, we are noticing how eager and hard-working the students are. Our vision is to make learning so engaging that students will experience the joy of discovering new ideas and building new skills, and from there develop a lifelong love of learning.

***Important Dates***

Friday October 11th P.D. Day

Monday October 14th  Thanksgiving

Friday December 20th P.D. Day

Dec. 23rd –Jan. 4th  Winter Break

Friday January 17th P.D. Day

Monday February 17th Family Day

Friday March 7th P.D. Day

March 10th-14th March Break

Friday April 18th Good Friday

Monday April 21st Easter Monday

Monday May 19th Victoria Day

Friday May 30th P.D. Day

Friday June 27th  P.D. Day

**Picking Up and Dropping Off Students**

We are very fortunate to have a “One Way Drop Zone” at the front of our school. The primary purpose of this curved driveway is to serve as a loading zone for the school buses. However, we also realize that some parents will be dropping off or picking up their children. We strongly encourage you to have your children walk to school if at all possible. This is very helpful to keep our students and families safe!

We highly value our

relationship with our

families and know that on

going communication is key

to our students’ success. Please do not hesitate to contact a staff member with questions or concerns that may arise and we welcome and encourage the sharing of information at the office to help us provide support for our students.

We are off to a great start! All of our students participated in the Terry Fox Run and we have begun celebrating during our Spirit Day Assemblies! We are well on our way to making 2013-2014 a memorable year at Moffat Creek!

**Mr. Allan MacKay Ms. Bobbie Chatha**

Principal Vice-Principal

**PA Days and School**

**Statutory Holidays**

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Did You Know???

**MEDICATION AT SCHOOL**

If your child requires medication at school, you must provide the school with a properly completed medication form available through the school office. Board policy also requires that all medication (PLEASE NOTE that this medication MUST ONLY be **prescription**) be kept at the office. Therefore, we kindly ask that you follow these procedures. Parents with children who have life-threatening allergies requiring an EpiPen are asked to please make contact with the office immediately if you haven't already.

**NUTRITION FOR LEARNING**

Once again, Moffat Creek School is participating in the Nutrition for Learning Program to ensure all students have a healthy and nutritious start to the day to support learning.

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A Note from Student Council

The first Moffat Creek P.S. Parent Council meeting for the year was held on September 17, 2013. Our Moffat Creek parent community proved strong and dedicated once again with 35+ parents taking time to get involved and attend!

Nominations and Elections were held with the following results:

**Co-Chairpersons:** Jocelyn Seeley-Baechler & Sue VanWyngaarden

**Secretary:** Kristine Duench

**Co-Treasurers:** Jennifer Almas & Amanda Kelly

**Fundraising Co-ordinator:** Jennifer Hacking

**Volunteer Co-ordinator:** Lisa Christy

**Voting Members:** Kelly Balsom, Sheri Green, Sonia Bryson,

Amanda Murray, Sarah Peterson, Tracey Walker and Donna Allen-Rutherford

**Teacher Representatives:** Lillo Ognibene, Christine Roth and

Vicky McKenna

Parent Council meetings are held the second Tuesday of

every month from 6:30 – 8:00 in the school library. All

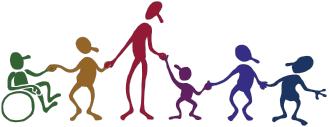
parents are welcome and encouraged to attend , we

would love to see you there! Need childcare? No

problem! We will have childcare available during the

meeting should you notify us of your need.

Don’t have time for School Council meetings, but still want to be involved? Why not join a committee or volunteer in an area of interest to you as your schedule allows? Contact Jocelyn & Sue at [moffatcreekcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:moffatcreekcouncil@gmail.com) if you are interested in any of the following areas: Holiday Gala, Parents Reaching Out Grant, Spring Fun Fair, Special Lunch Days/Pizza, Student Safety, Playground, Movie Nights, Celebrations.



Peanut Butter Substitute - WRDSB Perspective

A new substitute peanut butter product is being marketed to consumers as a safe alternative for children to bring to schools in place of peanut butter. The Waterloo Region Dis- trict School Board asks that parents refrain from including these kinds of products in your child’s lunches or snacks.

These products tend to look, taste, and smell very much

like peanut butter. While the product is nut free, it mimics a known allergen that causes anaphylaxis in some children to the degree that it is indistinguishable from the allergen. It

is a convincing substitute, opening up the possibility that it can be confused as peanut butter, or worse yet, peanut

butter could be confused as this soy-based product.

The safety and health of our students is our first priority, which is why our schools have procedures in place to minimize risk of anaphylaxis reactions in our students. Therefore we ask you to please refrain from sending any nut products or nut butter substitutes in your child’s lunch.

MC900388786[1]Thank you for your support in creating a safe and inclu- sive environment for all our students.

MEET OUR AMAZING STAFF

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| **Admin Area & Staff** | **Assignment** |
| MACKAY, Allan | Princpal |
| CHATHA, Bobbie | Vice Principal |
| CULHAM, Monica | Head Secretary |
| BEDOUR, Michelle | Secretary |
| CUADRADO, Shirley | Library Clerk |
| FRANCE, Jean | Custodian |
| Guidance Office |  |
| Health Room |  |
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| **Teaching Staff** | **Assignment** |
| ALKIN, Sarah | Gr 3/4 |
| BASSFORD, Leah | Art Room |
| BATTY, Karen | Spec Ed |
| BROHMAN, Alice | Gr 1 |
| BUTLER, Amy | JK/SK |
| CLEMENT, Sarah | French Gr 5-7 |
| COTTENIE, David | Gym |
| DeSOUSA, Crestina | JK/SK |
| DYCK, Jaime | French |
| EBY-HODGSON, Sara | ELI |
| GOTSARIDIS, Athens | Gr 8 |
| GRAY, Mollie | JK/SK, EX Day |
| HASKINS, Jade | Gr 1 |
| LANDON, Jamie | Gr 2/3 |
| LESLIE, Mark | Gr 7 |
| MALCHO, Shaina | Gr 7 |
| McKENNA, Vicky | Gr 3 |

**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**](http://www.school-day.com/) **or contact School-Day by email at** [**info@school-day.com.**](mailto:info@school-day.com) **For any support or technical help, please visit the School-Day support site at** [**www.school-day.com/suppor**](http://www.school-day.com/support)**t. We look forward to using this new system with you, and we are certain that you will find the School-Day portal very useful.**



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| **Teaching Staff** | **Assignment** |
| METCALF, Kyle | Spec Ed |
| OGNIBENE, Lillo | Gr 8 |
| PALMER, Krysten | Gr 1 French Immersion |
| PATEL, Rakesh | Gr 6 |
| PORTER, Lora | French Gr 1-4 |
| RIDDELL, Jason | Gr 5/6 |
| RODENBURG, Diane | Gr 2 |
| RONALD, Nicole | Gr 7 |
| ROTH, Christine | Gr 4 |
| ROTH, Lisa | Gr 1 |
| SIEGEL, Mediha | ESL |
| SNIVELY, Shelly | JK/SK |
| VINE, Amanda | Gr 2/3 |
| WHETHAM, Terry | Gr 8 |
| WRIGHT, Jeremy | Gr 6 |
| ZUIDEMA, Susan | Gr 4/5 |
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| **Paraprofessional Staff** | **Assignment** |
| CAMERON, Shelley | CYW |
| BOWDRING, Gwen | E.A. |
| BOYCE, Lesley | E.A. |
| JAMES, Courtney | E.A. |
| JENKINS, Alicia | E.A. |
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| **DECEs** | **Assignment** |
| ADAM, Jamie | DECE, Ex Day |
| BARKER, Meredith | DECE |
| RAGHUNANDAN, Mila | DECE |
| WRAY, Laura | DECE |
| HUDDLESTON, Sarah | DECE, Ex Day |

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All information with regard to Student Transportation is available to parents on the following website

[www.stswr.ca](http://www.stswr.ca)

To login you will need the following information:

* Ontario Student Number (from the report card)
* Student’s Birthday
* Street Number
* School

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WALKING SCHOOL BUS

We appreciate the wonderful example parents are setting for their children in walking to school with them. It is encouraging to see large numbers of students walking with their families or older students. As parents you are modeling environmental responsibility, healthy activity and safe pedestrian behavior. Let’s all begin our school year by practicing IMPECCABLE road safety everywhere but especially around the school. When children see adults cutting through the parking lot or dashing across the road between buses, they begin to see such behavior as normal and acceptable. PLEASE set a good model for our impressionable kids by crossing at the designated crosswalks and pathways.

If you would like more information about starting a **“Walking School Bus”** in your neighborhood, please contact the office.

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YMCA

**YMCA Child Care** is committed to delivering exceptional quality early learning programs that provide children and families a safe and nurturing environment which promotes growth and development of the whole child.

We currently have space in the following programs:

**Toddler Care: 16 months – 2.5 years**

**Preschool Care: 2.5 – 5 years**

**Before and After School Programs: 8 – 12 years**

**For more information contact us at:**



**(519) 622-2536**

**moffatcreekcc@ckwymca.ca**



**Moffat Creek YMCA Child Care**

**Spaces are available the following programs:**

**Before and After School program for children in Grade 3 – 5**

**Full day Preschool, ages 2 ½-5**

**Full day Toddler, ages 16 months to 2 ½**

**Contact us today!**

**(519) 622-2536**

**moffatcreekcc@ymca.ca**

Please do not bring your dog on to school property at arrival or dismissal time. Our concern is for the safety and comfort of all students,

some of whom have allergies or a fear of dogs. While we know that YOUR dog would never bite or bark at a child, we cannot guarantee the behavior of everyone’s dog when large groups of unpredictable and excitable children are around. THANK-YOU FOR YOUR UNDERSTANDING!

Moffat Creek Public School

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Vice Principal: Bobbie Chatha Secretary: Michelle Bedour

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