



DRAYTON HEIGHTS PUBLIC SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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Welcome back to school!

Kindergarten 2012/2013

Kindergarten Registration for the 2012-2013 school year will be held February 6th - 8th for both Junior Kindergarten and new Senior Kindergarten students. If you know of anyone who has a child who will be four or five in 2012, please have them contact the school (519-638-3067) as soon as possible to receive the Kindergarten registration information.

Thanks for your help in spreading the word!

SICK? OH NO!

Let's all help to prevent the spread of germs by keeping sick children at home, and by reminding children to always wash their hands after using the washroom and before they eat.

Dates To Note

Jan. 18- Info. Night at Elmira DSS for Gr 8's 7:00
Jan 19 - Info. Night at Norwell for Gr 8's 6:30
Jan 20 - Gr. 7 Cross Country Ski Trip 8:00 am
Jan 23- PA Day
Jan 27 - Spirit Day - Twin Day
Feb 2 - Kick-off Assembly M.S. Read-A-Thon
Feb. 6-8 JK/K Registration
Feb. 8 - Info Night at LDSS for 6:30-8:00

Inclement Weather

It is a parent's responsibility to determine whether or not it is safe for their children to leave for school in inclement or severe weather.

Our students ride "North Wellington" school buses or taxis to school. When you hear the radio announcement - "All school taxis and buses in North Wellington will not be operating today," your child's bus or taxi is cancelled. The school will not call parents of bus students on those days when the buses are cancelled. We will assume your child is absent because he or she could not take the bus to school. If you have any questions about this procedure please call the school.

The school is usually open even if the buses are cancelled due to inclement weather. If the school is open we encourage all parents to send or bring their child(ren) to school. If you decide to bring your child to school on a day when the buses are cancelled, you will be responsible for picking your child up at the end of the day.

Please Note – On inclement weather days when the buses are cancelled, all students who are “walkers” are expected to attend if they can safely walk to school. An academic program is maintained and in fact, with smaller classes, teachers can take advantage of some excellent instructional time with individual attention to students. As always, safety must be the primary consideration, but our expectation is that parents will send walkers to school as usual. If your child is a walker who is not attending, it is particularly important that you call in the absence as usual, as safe arrival is a real concern in bad weather.

In the event of a SCHOOL CLOSURE due to weather, the announcement will be made on the radio and posted on the Board’s website by 6:30 a.m. We are in Division III.

The O.P.P. are asking citizen co-operation in NOT CALLING police dispatch to ask about road or weather conditions. Please stay tuned to the news media, check the Board’s website at www.ugdsb.on.ca, or access the Crime Alerts website for up-to-date weather and road information.

Outdoor Recess

Please remember to assist your child in wearing warm clothing to school. All students are expected to participate in outdoor recesses, weather permitting. During extremely cold or harsh winter conditions, we always balance the need for fresh air and exercise with safety and health conditions. This may involve the short recess outdoors and a shortened noon hour recess so that students are never exposed to the weather for long. In extreme condition, all recesses may be indoors.

French Immersion – Kindergarten Registration

If you have a child who will be registering for Junior Kindergarten for the upcoming school year, you are invited to attend an information session about the French Immersion program offered at Palmerston Public School. Children may start the French Immersion program in either their Junior or Senior Kindergarten year. The meeting will be held at Palmerston Public School on Tuesday, January 24th at 7:00 p.m. The meeting will provide information about the French Immersion program and will give you an opportunity to ask questions before making a decision.

Grade 8 High School Information Sessions For Students and Parents

Elmira DSS – Wed. Jan. 18 , 7:00 p.m.

Norwell DSS – Thurs. Jan. 19, 6:30-8:30 pm

Listowel DSS – Wed. Feb. 8, 6:30-8:00 pm

Upcoming

Grade 8 Graduation Photos- This year, Graduation Photos for our Grade 8 students will take place on the morning of Tuesday, February 7, 2012.

Family Day- A reminder that on February 20, 2012 our School Board will be recognizing Family Day and therefore the school will be closed for the Holiday.

Ski Trip for Grades 7 & 8 – This year the downhill ski trip has been scheduled to happen on Friday, February 17th.

Recipe for a Litterless Lunch

Yes Please	No Thank You
Reusable lunch bag	No paper or plastic bags
Reusable containers (Tupperware, Rubbermaid, etc)	No plastic wrap, foil, wax or styrofoam
Reusable drink bottle, water bottle, or thermos	No single use cans, water bottles or juice boxes
Cloth Napkin to wash and reuse	No paper napkins
Silverware to wash and reuse	No plastic forks and spoons
Healthy snacks	No overly packaged or processed snacks

Why pack a litterless lunch?

- **It reduces packaging waste**
- **It's cheaper**
- **It's healthier**

Health

What a good feeling!

The Driven to Quit Challenge is here

Quit smoking or using tobacco this New Year and you could qualify to win incredible prizes like a hybrid car!

- Set a good example for your children
- Be healthier in 2012
- Get free support at Smokers' Helpline 1-877-513-5333 or www.smokershelpline.ca

Gear up to quit this New Year. Visit www.driventoquit.ca for more details.



Public Health

Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Public Health
 1-800-265-7293 | www.wdgpUBLICHEALTH.ca
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A litterless lunch does not mean unwrapping packaged snacks at home, and sending them to school in a reusable container. It means baking cookies instead of buying them, or buying the large tub of yogurt instead of the single serve containers. Litterless lunches are best for your kids, your budget and the planet!

Litterless Lunch Recipe of the Month

Homemade Granola Bars

-3 cups of oatmeal

-½ cup wheat germ (or any other grain mix, ground flax, wheat bran, etc)

-1 cup of add-ins (raisins, dried cranberries, coconut, chocolate chips, sunflower seeds, pumpkin seeds, chopped dried apricots, etc)

-1 can sweetened condensed milk

Mix all ingredients together in a bowl. Press into a lightly greased 9 X 13 pan. Bake at 425 for 20 minutes. Cut into squares and Enjoy!