



# DRAYTON HEIGHTS PUBLIC SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER

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October 2011

### Reminder

1. Students who regularly stay at school for lunch are encouraged to do so every day, and parents are requested not to give permission to go off property except on special occasions. There are many supervised activities for students to participate in over the noon hour: clubs, band and Intramural sports are ongoing, and there are a variety of seasonal sports requiring time for tryouts and practices. Since many of our students are bused students, we try to hold as many events as possible during the noon hour.

### National School Terry Fox Day

With the support and generous donations of Toonies and small change, on Friday, September 30, we raised \$450.00 for the Terry Fox Foundation to support cancer research.

### OPEN HOUSE

Thank you to all of the parents who were able to attend our Open House. It was great to see so many parents out.

Our Book Fair was also a great success, and together we raised approximately \$1200 to spend on books for the library. Thank you to those volunteers who helped to make it run smoothly.

### Recording School Events & Privacy

There is a risk that recording school plays, commencements and other events, will invade the privacy rights of students, parents and staff. Personally recording school events and then subsequently posting those recordings on social networks like Facebook or You Tube is not respectful of the privacy rights of all those parents, staff and particularly students whose images they share without their knowledge or permission.

### DATES TO NOTE

- Oct. 5 - Kick off Assembly for the Move-a-thon
- Oct.10 -Thanksgiving Holiday
- Oct. 12 - Immunization for Intermediate students
- Oct. 12 - QSP Fundraising ends
- Oct. 14 - Cross Country Meet/Harriston
- Oct. 17 - Parent Council Meeting 7:30
- Oct. 18 - Grade 8 Quebec Trip Parent meeting 7:00 p.m.
- Oct. 19 - JK/K - Apple Orchard Trip
- Oct. 21 - P.D. Day
- Oct. 25 - School Picture Day
  - Gr 8 Career Pathway Trip/ 11:00 a.m.
- Oct. 26 - Move-a-Thon
  - Black & Orange Day

### Photo Day



Please note that Lifetouch photographers will be taking students' pictures for the entire school on **Tuesday, October 25**. Please look for the order forms that will be sent home, during the week of October 17<sup>th</sup>.

## Student Vote 2011

Student Vote is a province-wide opportunity for students to experience the voting process. Ballots that include all official candidates in each riding are provided, and our grade 5 students take on the roles of Deputy Returning Officers, Poll Clerks, and Scrutineers. On October 5<sup>th</sup>, students in grades 4 to 8 went to the poles, and the official results were as follows.

Green Party	16 votes
Liberal Party	20 votes
New Democratic Party	22 votes
Progressive Conservative Party	26 votes
Family Coalition Party	29 votes
Freedom Party	30 votes
Spoiled Ballots	12

These results were reported online, and provincial totals for student voters will be compared to adult voters during grade 5 Social Studies classes.

### Move-A-Thon

**Wednesday, October 26<sup>th</sup>**

Students are asked to wear Orange and Black (and white if you want to glow), and be prepared to move!

All grades will be collecting pledges for the month of October, to raise money for the Famine in East Africa. Sponsor a Drayton Heights student and support physical activity and an important global cause.

## SAFETY OF OUR STUDENTS

Risk management is a systematic approach to preventing or reducing exposure to potentially unsafe events or issues. With this in mind, we keep all school doors locked except the front door, thereby limiting entry points. We would like to remind parents to use only the front door.

All parents/visitors are expected to sign in at the office and take an identification tag before proceeding to classrooms or other areas of the school. Please return the tag and sign out before leaving. We appreciate your assistance in helping to make our school a welcoming place, while ensuring student and staff safety.

Please remind your children to **avoid walking through the cars in the Staff Parking Lot at drop-off and pick-up times. Students and parents should walk around on the grass.** Bicycles must be walked on school property at all times.

When walking to and from school, remember to cross at the lights or with the assistance of the crossing guard. Use the sidewalks for a safe walk to school. Due to limited supervision, students who walk to school should not arrive at school before 8:30. ***Safety matters!***



This year on **Tuesday November 1<sup>st</sup>**, Drayton Global Action Club Members will be going door to door to collect non-perishable food items for the Drayton Food Bank. Please show your support by giving a canned or boxed food item.

## Full Day Kindergarten Capital Plan

The Upper Grand District School Board has approved in principle a capital plan to complete, by September 2014, the construction and/or renovation of classrooms required for full day kindergarten (FDK) students. The plan also includes the proposed construction of new schools in Guelph, Shelburne, Centre Wellington and Orangeville.

A draft schedule for implementation of the plan, and the dates for public meetings, will be available after October 11<sup>th</sup>. We will have more details about what is proposed for our school and community in the November newsletter.

To view the FDK Capital Plan, media release and Q&A, visit [www.ugdsb.on.ca/fdk](http://www.ugdsb.on.ca/fdk)

## SCHOOL COUNCIL

By now school council questionnaires have been sent home. Thank-you to all who have completed the forms.

Reminder: the QSP Magazine Fundraiser is under way. Order forms are to be returned no later than **October 12, 2011**.



## Inclement Weather

Our school is usually open when buses are cancelled, unless announcements state that schools are closed. Listen to Magic 106.1 or check the board's website [www.ugdsb.on.ca](http://www.ugdsb.on.ca) for morning updates on bus cancellations. K-8 classes run as usual. Teachers continue with the regular program and students who are absent are expected to make up the work missed. No matter what your child may tell you, YES, it is our expectation that walkers

attend school on bus cancellation days if it is safe for them to walk to school. Parents are welcome to drive bused students to school and pick them up if the roads are safe. Ultimately, it is the parents' responsibility to determine whether or not it is safe for their child to travel to school in inclement weather. Please be aware that:

1. When buses do not travel their routes in the morning due to fog, ice or snow, they will NOT travel the routes in the afternoon.
2. If parents decide to drive their children to school, they are responsible for the afternoon pick up and transportation home at dismissal.

## Grade 3 & Grade 6 EQAO Results

The charts below outline the percentage of students achieving Level 3 and 4 in the Primary and Junior EQAO Assessments of Reading, Writing and Math.

### Grade 3 Results (23 students)

	Reading	Writing	Math
School	70	78	85
Board	64	63	67
Province	65	73	69

### Grade 6 Results (34 students)

	Reading	Writing	Math
School	81	73	73
Board	73	68	53
Province	74	73	58

## Grade 3 Testing

The Canadian Cognitive Abilities Test (CCAT) testing of our Grade 3 students will be taking place on Wednesday & Thursday, Oct. 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup>. Please attempt to avoid appointments on these 2 days.

## Should movies with smoking be rated 18A?

Do you think smoking in movies is a problem? Should smoking be taken out of youth-rated movies? Tell us what you think and you could win 1 of 50 Tim Hortons gift cards valued at \$10. Go to [www.wdgpUBLICHEALTH.ca](http://www.wdgpUBLICHEALTH.ca) to complete a short survey, or call Beth at 1-800-265-7293 ext. 4658 to complete it by phone or by mail.



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## Free Dental care for children aged 17 and under

If you don't have dental insurance and can't afford care, we have free services for your children at Public Health. At our dental clinics, we help children prevent cavities and disease. We also make sure that children with urgent problems get the treatment they need.

For more information about our dental services, call our Dental Line at 1-800-265-7293 ext 2661 or visit [www.wdgpUBLICHEALTH.ca](http://www.wdgpUBLICHEALTH.ca)

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## 6 Tired of your kids losing their stuff at school?

Drayton Heights is now partnered with Mabel's Labels

for our newest school fund-raiser.

Mabel's Labels are durable, dishwasher and laundry safe. Use them to label shoes, coats, sweaters, lunch bags and containers, hats, mitts and school supplies.

Purchase Mabel's Labels online and part of the proceeds go directly to our school. Labels are delivered directly to your house in a few days.

Buy at:

[www.draytonheights.mabel.ca](http://www.draytonheights.mabel.ca)

Let's keep our lost and found empty this year!!

*Proceeds to support Drayton Heights student activities.*



## Lost and Found

Already, our Lost and Found boxes are accumulating items. We ask that you try to label your child's clothing, shoes, lunch bags and personal items and check the Lost and Found regularly for missing items.



## Childrens Halloween Party

**Saturday October 22<sup>nd</sup> 1pm to 3pm**

Drayton Legion, Elm Street

Please join us for some ghoulish games, freaky fun, and frightening food!

Be sure to wear your Halloween costume!

# Get your flu shot. Get it early.

Flu shots  
are free.

## Wellington

Drop in. No appointment needed.

Location	Dates	Times	Address
Fergus	Oct. 25	10 a.m. – 3 p.m.	Victoria Park Senior Centre 150 Albert St. W.
	Nov. 1 Nov. 22	2 – 8 p.m. 2 – 8 p.m.	WDG Public Health, 474 Wellington Rd. 18
Arthur	Nov. 15	2 – 8 p.m.	Arthur Area Curling Club, 160 Domville St.
Rockwood	Nov. 28	2 – 8 p.m.	Rockwood Library, 85 Christie St.
Clifford	Nov. 2	4 – 7 p.m.	Clifford Medical Centre, 7 Brown St. N.
	Nov. 14	3 – 6 p.m.	
	Dec. 6	5 – 8 p.m.	
	Dec. 14	1 – 4 p.m.	
Erin	Nov. 17	2 – 8 p.m.	Erin Centre 2000, 14 Boland Dr.
Mount Forest	Nov. 24	2 – 8 p.m.	WDG Public Health, 311 Foster St.
Palmerston	Dec. 1	2 – 8 p.m.	Palmerston Arena, 520 Cavan St.

### For information:

Call **1-800-265-7293 ext. 4161**

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