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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

How fortunate we are to be able to promote a sense of equity and inclusion right here in our own home town. It is becoming more rare for children to have role models in their lives who are leaders and who improve the world. It is important for them to see that people can make life choices that can change the world when they set their mind to it.

In 1985, a wheelchair athlete, Rick Hansen, (27 years old at the time) made an epic 9 month journey that took two years and went through 34 countries and two continents. This journey was inspired by a dream to create an accessible and inclusive world and help promote his vision of a healthy and inclusive world. He raised \$26,000,000 for spinal cord injury and raised awareness of people with disabilities. Twenty-five years later Rick Hansen had a vision...to recreate his route across Canada. (He went through Fergus, and some of you may remember the day he went by the old high school in his wheelchair.)

We were asked to select a student as the medal bearer for our school. Some of the characteristics of the school representative would include qualities of determination, courage, leadership and being a team player- being a real difference maker. The values of determination and excellence embodies Emily Young, one of our grade 8 students. She is humble and quiet but her courage is unmistakable. Her family wrote to describe her life story and the story she represents:

Emily Young

In August 2008, Emily found herself suddenly battling with a Staphylococcus aureus infection. This very strong bug had invaded her body and setup camp in her left leg, inside her tibia bone. This condition is medically called Osteomyelitis.

Emily's road to recovery has been a bumpy road full of complications and what most people would call unfair and frustrating, but Emily's beautiful strength and personality always shone through. She has always found the positive side of every bad situation. Her positive attitude is contagious.

Emily never gave up and showed great courage each time something new was thrown at her. Nothing stops her. She was jumping on a trampoline with a full leg cast on, chasing her brother around with her external fixation on (a device on her leg that was held in place by 5 screws going into her tibia) and she even participated in the Children's Half Marathon in Ottawa to help raise money for the Hospital for Sick Children to help give back for all that they had done to help her. Watching her crutch across the finish line with her big smile was inspiring.

Emily is now 13 years old and she has learned a great deal about perseverance, and that seeing the best in every situation helps give you the courage and determination to reach your goals. Without knowing it, Emily has become a little hero in her small community. Her story has helped give her peers and many adults the strength to make it through their own difficult situations.

Emily will run and wear the medal proudly, knowing that she has had the opportunity to touch the lives of so many around her. She is honoured to be able to make a difference.

One medal made at the Royal Mint will be travelling across the country from relay member to relay member. It will reach Vancouver in May of 2012 after being passed along to 7,000 people, representing millions of Canadians, along the 12,000 km route. (continued next page...)

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE CONTINUED

On December 6th, the relay will travel between Elmira and Orangeville. Emily will run the torch about 250 metres here to J.D. Hogarth at about 1:56 pm. Our students will line the road to greet her. The entourage will then stop for 10 minutes for a rest break. Please join us if you can for this historic event!

Wishing all our students and families a very festive and happy holiday season!!

Katrina Plazek
Principal

PS – Thanks for supporting Movember last week. Together we helped raise \$528.50 for prostate cancer research. Thanks to Moustache growers Mike Marson, Dean Yundt and John Lindsay.



SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

Reading is out of this world this year as Scholastic Books goes where no Fair has gone before! Parents and students can explore the coolest array of books in the cosmos when the Book Fair lands at JD Hogarth during the week of December 12th. This year our Fair will be open late on Tuesday, December 13th to coincide with our evening SleighBell Soiree.

It is sure to be a far out event that you won't want to miss. Also while you're there, check out the Classroom Wish List display where you can give the gift of reading by purchasing and donating a book to your child's classroom in lieu of a Christmas gift for their teacher.

Your support of this vital literacy fundraiser is key to our obtaining new books for our library. Hope to see you there!

Book Fair hours are as follows:

Monday, December 12th, Wednesday, December 14th, Thursday, December 15th 9:00 am - 3:30 pm

Tuesday, December 13th - 9:00 am - 3:30 pm and 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm



SKATING K-6

As part of the physical education program, three skating trips have been organized for your child at the Fergus Arena. The three dates that the students will be skating are:

Wednesday, November 16th, 2011 (11:30 - 12:30)
Wednesday, December 21st, 2011 (11:30 - 12:30)
Wednesday, January 19th, 2012 (11:30 - 12:30)

The students will walk to the arena with their teacher. However, we are in need of parents to accompany the students to and from the arena and help with tying skates. **It is strongly recommended that all students dress appropriately (i.e., mittens, hats, etc.) and that all skaters wear a helmet.** Hope to see you there!!



SLEIGHBELL SOIREE

Hope to see you at the SleighBell Soiree Tuesday, December 13th from 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm. There will be art activities taking place in select rooms and a carol sing at the end of the evening.

Join us at 6:15 pm for a brief presentation by the JD Hogarth Junior Choir in the front foyer. They will warm your hearts with a selection of Holiday music to bring us into the festive season!

Hot Chocolate will be provided– please **“Lug a Mug”** to help us reduce waste and support our initiative to be an environmentally friendly school.

S.O.S. (SAVE OUR SUBSCRIPTION)

The school is planning on running the magazine fundraiser again. This year we will be kicking off in early spring.

Please may we count on you for your continued support to help raise money for our school.



UG2GO

Our board has a wonderful resource for all of our students that can be accessed 24/7 from school or from home. It is called UG2GO. It includes Learn360 (educational video streaming), Student Link (a site children use at school that gives them access to web sites that are "kid friendly" and relates directly to their current units of study), Tumblebooks (a site that has hundreds of books children can click on and have read to them), Noodletools (gives children help making bibliographies), Knowledge Ontario (a variety of approved encyclopedias, magazine articles suitable for elementary students), and much more.

When students are at home they can go to the main address: <https://www.ugdsb.on.ca/ug2go>, which will prompt them to enter the same Windows username and password that they use at school to get onto the school network. Once they enter their Windows username/password they will enter the site and they can then click on any of the resources and be taken directly to the individual resource without the need to login.

Please take a few minutes to explore the site with your child. It is an important tool that will aid them in their education, and may make your life easier when it comes to homework and projects. We are excited that students will be able to access information from anywhere and at anytime in this information age!

DOGS

Just a reminder that **NO** dogs are permitted in the school. Dogs on school property must be leashed and controlled by their owners at all times.. Owners assume complete responsibility for their pets behaviour and understand that the safety of any child near the dog is the owner's full responsibility. Please keep large dogs off the playground.



PARENT COUNCIL NEWS

Thank you to all who participated in the LaMontange fundraiser. Any participation is appreciated.

This fall, School Council has committed to funding:

Forest of Reading books for the library, Scientist in the Classroom for Primary & Junior classes (partial funding), Water Sensory Table for Primary, French Reading books for Junior & Intermediate.

More to come in the new year!!!

Our annual Dance-a-thon will happen in February. Details in the new year.

Anyone who is interested in volunteering in any way- an hour a week, an hour a month, a half hour a few days a week or once in a while, please let us know; there are some time frames of varying lengths and dates that the school could use a helping hand. If you are interested in any way, please send me an email with your contact info and when you may be available to help. We hope to send out a list of times when a helping hand could be of use soon.

On behalf of all the volunteers on Parent Council - Happy Holidays!!

Cheryl Marsland
cherylmarsland@cogeco.ca

ENVIRONMENTAL LEADERSHIP

Five intermediate students from JDH spent a day at Camp Edgewood in Eden Mills with students from 11 other elementary schools. The LEAF Student Environmental Leadership Conference on November 23rd was designed to engage intermediate students in environmental leadership. Leon C., Kaylee P., Josef D., Esme H., and Jessica K. spent the day with some of the Centennial CELP Grade 10 Students focusing on effective leadership strategies, how to organize student meetings, and how to organize and complete Environmental Action Projects back at school. We are looking forward to some exciting environmental initiatives happening at JD Hogarth!

LEARN MORE ABOUT BULLYING

Parent Information Night
with Greg Hawkins from
The John Howard Society

Date: Monday December 5th
Time: 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm
Location: JD Hogarth Library

What is bullying?

What are the warning signs in both the aggressor and the targeted child?

How can you effectively communicate with your child regarding bullying issues if you have a concern?

How do you appropriately respond if your child has concerns?

Join us for an informative evening with Greg Hawkins as he leads us in exploring the issue of bullying and how to support our children.

PUBLIC HEALTH NEWS

Bullying: It's Up to Everyone to Stop It

Bullying is;

Being mean to others, on purpose, to hurt them or their feelings;
About power and control;
Occurring every seven minutes on elementary school playgrounds and most often happens while others watch;
Does not stop when children are left to deal with it themselves.

What to Do If a Child Is Being Bullied;

Believe what they say, listen and try to understand their feelings;
Involve children in community activities to help them make friends;
Contact the school to talk about the problem and get support.

Communication is important, talk to your child about bullying.



Public Health

Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Public Health
1-800-265-7293 |
www.wdgpulichealth.ca
info@wdgpulichealth.ca

WHEN DO I CALL THE SCHOOL ON BUS CANCELLATION DAYS

On a day when the buses are cancelled, but the school is open, all our walkers still come to school. We need the parents of the students who walk to call the school if the child is not going to be at the school (sick, unsafe to walk, etc.).

When a bus is not running, we do not expect a call from bus students because we know why the child is not at school.

VACATIONS DURING THE SCHOOL YEAR

If you are planning a vacation, please inform the office of the dates that your child(ren) will be away at least 1 week in advance.

A new website, School2Go, has been developed to provide a way for families to continue learning materials on the internet. Paper copies of materials may be printed on your computer if you will not have internet access at your holiday destination.

Instructions and a special password will be given to you upon notification of your child's absence.



2012/2013 KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Kindergarten registration for the 2012 - 2013 school year will take place February 6th – February 10th. Watch for more information to come home in upcoming newsletters.

GOING GREEN - PAPERLESS NEWSLETTERS

Our newsletter is available on our school website. If you are not able to access a computer at any time, please send a note to the office specifically requesting a paper copy and we will make arrangements.

Please bookmark this as a favourite.

- Go to <http://www.ugdsb.on.ca>
- Click on links
- Click on elementary websites
- Click on J. D. Hogarth Public School
- Click on Newsletters and choose your month

JUNIOR CHOIR ROCKS THE STORM

As you may have heard, our JD Hogarth Public School Junior Choir took part in the Guelph Storm National Anthem Program. We performed and signed (using sign language) the Canadian National Anthem at the start of the home game as the Guelph Storm faced the Sudbury Wolves on Saturday, November 12th at 7:30 pm. Many family and friends of our JDH choir members attended the game to help cheer us on. Thanks for your support! GO HAWKS GO!

Mrs. Leitch



elementary student site



Learn360 has over 8,000 educational

videos and video clips for streaming. Search by subject, grade or media.



Naxos provides unlimited streaming access

to a collection of more than 700,000 tracks of music. NML offers everything from medieval to modern music.



TumbleBooks are animated, talking picture

books. You can read them or have them read to you.



Student Link is pre-approved educational

websites organized by grade and subject.



Searchasaurus includes the Encyclopedia of

Animals and thousands of pictures, maps and flags. It is for students in JK-grade 3.



Kids Search has articles from magazines to

help with research and homework. It is for students in grades 3-5.



Kids InfoBits includes magazine

articles, images, maps, flags, charts and graphs. It is for students in grades K to five.



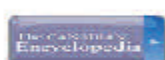
Junior Edition has articles from magazines,

newspapers and reference works to help with research and homework. It is for students in grades 4 to 8.



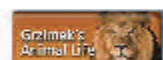
Grolier Online Kids is an online encyclopedia for

kids in grades 3-5. It includes age-appropriate content for the beginning researcher.



The Canadian Encyclopedia has facts and

information about Canadian people, places and history. Search in English or French.



Comprehensive encyclopedia of animals and animal life.



Designed especially for elementary students,

Novelist K-8 is a tool for recommending books chosen specifically to support the school curriculum as well as the pleasure reading needs of students.



Student Research Center is designed for older students

in grade 6 to 12. It features articles from magazines, newspapers, reference books and includes thousands of photos, maps and flags.



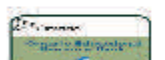
Once you create an account in Noodletools you

will be able to create bibliographies in proper format for all of your research projects.



This free service allows students in K-12 to connect to

tutors for one-to-one homework help sessions for math, science, social studies and English. Live Homework Help is available 7 days a week between 4 PM and 10 PM.



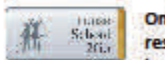
Ministry designed online resource bank created by

Ontario teachers for Ontario teachers and students.



Free math tutoring for grades 7-10 in a safe chat room

environment.



Online curriculum resources organized by grade and subject

for students who are away from school.



Talk to other UGDSB students about the books nominated for the Forest of Reading Awards. The nominees will be announced in October.



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