



JEAN LITTLE NEWSLETTER

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Families,

It was great to see so many parents at our school concerts. We were packed pretty tightly, but watching the performances was worth it. Thanks to the students and staff who made the performances possible.

One of the ways in which our community has demonstrated compassion this month is through support of our annual food drive. Thanks very much to all who contributed in giving of their time or food items in order to help those less fortunate. Ending poverty and hunger is one of the United Nations development goals about which we have been teaching our students (<http://www.un.org/millenniumgoals/>), and is part of our School Improvement Plan (Community, Culture and Caring: respond to the UN Millennium Development Goals).

A second SIP goal to consider over the holiday break is your child's health. In that regard, we encourage "3 UP/ 2 Down", that is, increase quality sleep, fruits and veggies and exercise; decrease "screen time" and "junk food". Well, maybe we'll all start after the winter break.

School begins on January 9, 2012 at 8:50 a.m. It's beneficial for students to be here a few minutes early to socialize with friends and to ensure they are ready to start school when the bell rings. With that in mind, when students arrive late, they start their day off rushed and they miss morning routines and announcements. So, please ensure your child arrives at school before the bells ring.

A final thought, it would be a great New Year's resolution to have your child walk to school as much as possible. Again, this reduces our carbon foot print, supports 3up/2down and our Green Jean agenda.

Warm Holiday wishes to our families and community. The staff of Jean Little Public School look forward to seeing you in 2012.

Mr. Wagner

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION 2012-2013 SCHOOL YEAR



Kindergarten registration will take place from February 6-10, 2012. If you have a child born in 2008 (age 4) they will be eligible for junior kindergarten. Those born in 2007 (age 5) will be eligible for senior kindergarten if they have not already been enrolled.

INCLEMENT WEATHER - BUSING



During inclement weather, please note the following:

Our bus/taxi students ride “*South Wellington and the City of Guelph*” school buses or taxis to school. When you hear the radio announcement “All school taxis and buses in South Wellington and the City of Guelph will not be operating today” - your child’s bus or taxi is cancelled. During times of inclement weather, please listen to our local radio stations: 1460 AM CJOY, 106.1 Magic FM, and the other radio stations in the Guelph, Kitchener, Cambridge area. Information on bus cancellations and school closures are also now posted on the Upper Grand District School Board’s website: www.ugdsb.on.ca

A decision to cancel transportation is made by 6:30 a.m. in order to give all parents and drivers sufficient notice. The decision is based on a number of factors, including the actual weather and road conditions, as checked first-hand by designated bus operators in each area, weather predictions made by Environment Canada, and information on road conditions for the local Road Superintendent.

CANCELLED!!

It is the parents’ responsibility to determine whether or not it is safe for their children to leave for school in inclement or severe weather. A parent must be aware of the following:

- a) When a bus/taxi does not travel a route in the morning due to fog, ice or snow conditions, it will NOT travel that route in the afternoon.
- b) If parents elect to drive their children to school, they are responsible for picking up their children at dismissal times.

School buses may also be delayed due to the cold or poor road conditions. Please have a plan in place for your child if the bus does not arrive within 20 minutes. This plan could be to walk back home, go to a neighbour’s house, to the nearest school, etc. A plan is especially important if both parents are working. Your child must know where to go if the bus does not arrive.



Please also remember to inform the school if your child will not be attending due to inclement weather and is not a bus/taxi student.

KEEP OUR STUDENT’S SAFE

With the winter weather (or will soon be!) upon us, the snow will be making it difficult for walkers and drivers to see each other. We would like to offer parents/guardians driving their children to school to consider some options in order to cut down on traffic congestion at the front of the school and at the Edinburgh/Youngman intersection.



- walk your children to school once a week
- talk to your neighbours about starting a Walking School Bus
- carpool with some of your neighbours
- park on Smart St, Harvard Rd. or Rickson Ave. and exit via Rickson to Kortright or Harvard Rd. to Gordon

Let's all work together to keep our children safe and active!

FROM THE LIBRARY



The Forest of Reading program will be starting up once again in January this year. If you would like to **conference** with the students on a book, please let me know. Books will be available for the students after the kick off assemblies in January but students who wish to get started reading, could also check them out of the public library as well. Voting will occur in April. The nominated titles for this year are listed below.

Linda Stockton-Wigmore
Teacher Librarian

BLUE SPRUCE (Kindergarten to Grade 2)

A Flock of Shoes by **Sarah Tsiang** (A) and Qin Leng (I)
Giraffe and Bird by Rebecca Bender (AI)
Kiss Me! (I'm a Prince) by Heather McLeod (A) and Brooke Kerrigan (I)
Little Hummingbird by **Michael Nicoll Yahgulana** (AI)
Making the Moose out of Life by **Nicholas Oldland** (AI)
Noni Says No by **Heather Hartt-Sussman** (A) and Genevieve Cote (I)
One Hockey Night by **David Ward** (A) and Brian Deines (I)
Roslyn Rutabag and the Biggest Hole on Earth by **Marie-Louise Gay** (AI)
Small Saul by **Ashley Spires** (AI)
Stanley's Little Sister by **Linda Bailey** (A) and Bill Slavin (I)

SILVER BIRCH EXPRESS (Grades 3 and 4)

All Aboard! Elijah McCoy's Steam Engine by **Monica Kulling** (A) and Bill Slavin (I)
Banjo of Destiny by **Cary Fagan** (A) and Selcuk Demirel (A)
Canadian Railroad Trilogy by **Gordon Lightfoot** (A) and Ian Wallace (I)
The Gargoyle Overhead by **Phillipa Dowding**
The Last Loon by **Rebecca Upjohn**
Our Earth: How Kids are Saving the Planet by **Janet Wilson** (AI)
Saving Armpit by **Natalie Hyde**
The Time Time Stopped by **Don Gillmor**
Umajut: Learn about Arctic Wildlife by **Simon Awa**, et al (A) and Romi Caron (I)
When Apples Grew Noses and White Horses Flew: Tales of Ti-Jean by **Jan Andrews** (A) & Dusan Petricic

SILVER BIRCH FICTION (Grades 5 and 6)

Better than Weird by **Anna Kerz**
Crossing to Freedom by **Virginia Frances Schwartz**
Ghost Messages by **Jacqueline Guest**
Ghosts of the Titanic by **Julie Lawson**
The Glory Wind by **Valerie Sherrard**
The McGuillicuddy Book of Personal Records by **Colleen Sydor**
Milo: Sticky Notes and Brain Freeze by **Alan Silberberg**
Neil Flambe and the Aztec Abduction by **Kevin Sylvester**

That Boy Red by **Rachna Gilmour**
Undergrounders by **David Skuy**

SILVER BIRCH NON-FICTION (Grades 5 and 6)

50 Poisonous Questions: A Book with Bite by **Tanya Lloyd Kyi** (A) and Ross Kinnaird (I)
Africans Thought of It: Amazing Innovations by **Bathseba Opini** and Richard B. Lee
Animals that Changed the World by **Keltie Thomas**
Case Closed? Nine Mysteries Unlocked by Modern Science by **Susan Hughes** (A) and Michael Wandelmaier
Don't Touch that Toad and Other Strange Things by **Catherine Rondina** (A) and Kevin Sylvester (I)
Game Day: Meet the People Who Make it Happen by **Kevin Sylvester**
Highway of Heroes by **Kathy Stinson**
Mathemagic: Number Tricks by **Lynda Colgan** and Jane Kurisu
Totally Human: Why We Look and Act the Way We Do by **Cynthia Pratt Nicolson** (A) and Dianne Eastman (I)
Who Wants Pizza? The Kids' Guide to the History, Science & Culture of Food by **Jan Thornhill**

RED MAPLE (FICTION Only) (Grades 7 and 8)

Dear George Clooney, Please Marry My Mom by **Susin Nielsen**
Dust City by **Robert Paul Weston**
Fanatics by **William Bell**
Fly Boy by **Eric Walters**
Half Brother by **Kenneth Oppel**
Haunting Violet by **Alyxandra Harvey**
Home Truths by **Jill MacLean**
No Safe Place by **Deborah Ellis**
Thunder Over Kandahar by **Sharon E. McKay**
Torn from Troy by **Patrick Bowman**

GUELPH COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTRE GARDEN FRESH BOX PROGRAM






The Garden Fresh Box Program is a non-profit, fresh produce buying service created to help people access affordable fresh fruits and vegetables and also to support our local farmers.

The contents of the box change with Ontario's growing season. They include as much locally-grown produce as possible for optimal taste, freshness and nutrition.

Everyone is welcome to participate in the program! Typical boxes contain 9-14 vegetables and 2-5 types of fruit. A large box costs \$20 and a small box costs \$15.

Participants go to a neighbourhood site - St. Matthias Church is the closest site in our area - at the beginning of the month to place their order and pay for their order. It is delivered to that site on the third Wednesday of the month. Payment must be received at the site where pick up is, no later than noon on the first Friday of the month. The Hanlon Creek Neighbourhood Group is subsidizing large boxes for families in need. If you have any questions please contact Claudia Berke at 519-827-1618 or email her at cberke@rogers.com

For more details visit www.guelphchc.ca or contact them at 519-821-6638, ext.344 or email them at gfbbox@guelphchc.ca.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>January 2012</h1> 						
1	2 Christmas Holiday/ Winter Break	3 Christmas Holiday/ Winter Break	4 Christmas Holiday/ Winter Break	5 Christmas Holiday/ Winter Break	6 Christmas Holiday/ Winter Break	7
8 	9 2 Day Back to School!	10 Day 3 8:00am - Jr. V-ball 9:00am - Gr. 8 Girls HPV shot 1:45pm - Gr. 1, 2 & 3 Police Visit - Stranger Safety	11 Day 4 8:00am - Jr. V-ball	12 Day 5 8:00am - Jr. V-ball	13 Day 1 8:00am - Jr. V-ball	14
15	16 Day 2 8:00am - Jr. V-ball	17 Day 3 8:00am - Jr. V-ball 12:30pm - Gr. 3 students, Shimens & Kirkconnell to River Run	18 Day 4 8:00am - Jr. V-ball	19 Day 5 8:00am - Jr. V-ball 1:45pm - VIP - Gr. 6 - Internet Safety	20 Day 1 8:00am - Jr. V-ball	21
22	23 P.A. Day	24 Day 2 9:00am - Jr. V. Ball Tournament 	25 Day 3	26 Day 4 9:00am French Concert Gr. 5-8 12:45pm - Gr. 1 & 2 to River Run 1:30pm - VIP - Gr. 7 - Drugs & Criminal Activities 2:30pm - VIP - Gr. 8 High School Resource Officer	27 Day 5	28
29	30 Day 1 9:00am - Scientist in School - Gr. 3	31 Day 2 9:00am - Centennial Visit for all Gr. 8's	Feb1 Day 3 9:00am Shimens/ Cutts/all Grade 7's to River Run	