



Primrose Elementary School

June 2024 Newsletter

Dear Parents/Guardians,

June is a busy month here at Primrose Elementary School! Teachers are wrapping up units of study, assessments are being completed, and transition plans for next year are being put into place. We encourage regular attendance so that your child is not missing out on social or academic opportunities. If your child is going to be absent, please contact the school office to let us know. As we approach the end of another academic year, I would like to take this opportunity to express our appreciation for your support and collaboration. Please continue to check both the Board and the School website for updates and important dates through the summer months. Thank you for a wonderful school year! I wish all of you a safe and adventure filled summer and look forward to working with you again in September!

Have a wonderful end of the year, Primrose families! 😊

June 7th PA Day

There will be no school for students on Friday June 7th as it will be a Professional Activity Day for staff. Elementary Staff will spend half the day focused on various math and literacy topics and strategies. The second half of the day will be dedicated to report card writing, as per the employee group collective agreements.

ECO SCHOOLS

We are anxiously awaiting the results of our Eco Schools Application to see if we have obtained Platinum Status for the third year in a row. We have submitted at the Platinum level thanks to the many initiatives that we have completed this year such as: waste audit, salad bar, litterless lunches, The Big Gulp, No Mow Zone, food gardens and so much more. We are so fortunate to live in a community that supports all of these fantastic activities on a daily basis. Go Primrose!

HEALTHY SCHOOLS

Great news! Primrose has officially been recognized as a Gold Level Healthy School which means we are recognized by OPHEA (The Ontario Physical and Health Education Association) as a school that promotes multiple health and physical based activities. Examples of this include: our We the Chef Program, Our Mental Health activities and initiatives (such as Mindful Mondays) and our many sports teams/clubs/arts. We pride ourselves on being a school that promotes healthy living. Great job Primrose!

YMCA Before & After School Program

Primrose Elementary School is accepting registrations for children 4-12 years of age. The program runs from 7 am until the school bell, and after school until 6 pm. For program details contact: Kirstine Barronat at kristine.barron@ymcagta.org

PUBLIC HEALTH

With the arrival of warmer weather and people spending more time outdoors, Wellington Dufferin Guelph Public Health is sharing information with families about the dangers of ticks and Lyme disease. [Blacklegged Tick and Lyme Disease](#)

PRIDE MONTH

The month of June is Pride month. Some of our students, staff, parents/guardians and community members identify as members of the 2SLGBTQIA+ community. Flying the Pride flag not only signals that our schools are safe spaces for everyone, it also aligns with our guiding principles of inclusion and student and staff well-being, and our Equity Plan. Primrose is flying the Pride flag during the month of June. Should you have more questions about the flag and how it supports our vision, please visit our UGDSB Website at: <https://www.ugdsb.ca/>.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

A big thank you to our School Council for all the fundraising events this year. All funds

raised go back into our school to support mental health programs, classroom and library supplies, outdoor equipment, the natural and traditional playground, and much more. Without the continued support of our school community, these things are not possible. We are winding down our fundraising for this school year. We wish everyone a safe and happy summer and look forward to another successful year ahead. The last **School Council Meeting will be on June 11th, 2024, at 6:00 pm**. A meeting link will be sent out and made available on the school website that day. New members are always welcome and free babysitting will be available. If you would like to look at past agendas and minutes they are posted on the school website under the School Council tab.

ULTIMATE FRISBEE

Thirteen grade 7&8 students participated in this year's Ultimate Frisbee Tournament. Despite heavy rain, uncut grass, and bugs, they rocked it for 6 games! Mrs. Williamson is proud of their sportsmanship, skill, and energy! There were some great plays, including dives, flying catches, and interceptions! Thank you for a great tournament!

FLAG FOOTBALL

Our first Primrose flag football team run by Mr. Benotto was a very successful event. All the grade 7/8 participants learned a great deal about flag football, had fun and went 3 wins and 1 loss during the tournament. They were complimented by the refs on their sportsmanship and cooperative team play. Way to go, Pumas!

TRACK & FIELD STANDARDS DAYS AT PRIMROSE

Thank you to Mr. Stiles for organizing the Primrose Track and Field Standards Days for the whole school.

Grades 5-8 - Thursday, June 6th

Grades 1-4 - Monday, June 10th

From these events The TOP TWO boys and TOP TWO girls from the three older divisions (Tyke Grade 3 & 4, Atom Grade 5 & 6, Bantam Grade 7 & 8), will have the opportunity to participate in the regional track and field day at ODSS in Orangeville on **Thursday, June 20th**. They have brought back triple jump (gr. 5-8) and ball throw (gr. 3&4) this year, and keeping the format of students competing in either 2 field events only or 2 track events only. The Mites (Grade 1 & 2) will participate in the Standards Day at our school, but will not be going to ODSS to compete at the regional level.

Note - We will be outside most of the day. Running shoes are a MUST to participate! Any parents who wish to volunteer please contact Mr. Stiles at bstiles@ugcloud.ca

JUMP ROPE FOR HEART

On May 24, students were able to get their hearts healthy by JUMPING rope during their assigned class time. Students worked hard at fundraising in the month of May for the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Canada. Our goal was to raise over \$2000. We raised \$2340, surpassing our goal. Congratulations Pumas! Prizes were handed out, great fun was had by all and the weather turned out to be beautiful. Thank you to all parents, caregivers, relatives, and friends who donated to our cause. Your support is so appreciated.

STUDENT NUTRITION PROGRAM

Our student nutrition program has been an important part of this school year, providing healthy snacks available to all students with bins in every classroom. We look forward to continuing the program next year. Have a wonderful summer!

SCHOOL SPIRIT WEAR

Looking to add some purple and gold to your child's wardrobe? Primrose school spirit wear is available for purchase through a link on our school website, under the School Council tab, or click [HERE](#) to reach the site. Shirts can even be personalized on the sleeve. Makes a great gift!

GRADUATIONS:

Grade 8 Graduates - We are looking forward to celebrating our grade eight graduates on Monday, June 24th. The theme this year is "Summer In The '80s". There will be awards, certificates and a celebration at 6:30 pm in our school gym, followed by food and a dance for the graduates until 10 pm. We are very excited to celebrate our grade eight students moving onto secondary school.

Senior Kindergarten Graduates - We will be having a Senior Kindergarten celebration on Monday, June 17th, from 5 pm - 6 pm. This event will take place outside by our natural playground. You will hear some songs, have a photo with your child and educators, and each student will receive a special gift bag in memory of Kindergarten at Primrose. We look forward to seeing you there to celebrate this special occasion.

MOVING?

If you know you will be moving over the summer and not returning to Primrose Elementary School, please inform the office. This helps us to plan classes for the fall.

MEDICATION

If you have medication for your child at school, including EpiPens and puffers, please stop in at the school during the week of **June 24th between 9:00 am and 3:00 pm** to

pick it up for the summer. In September, forms will once again need to be completed to have medication administered at school. Thank you for your assistance.

LOST AND FOUND



Our school Lost and Found items are now in the front foyer of the school. Parents are welcome to come in to check for lost items until Friday, June 21st. All unclaimed items will be donated to the community.

FINAL REPORT CARDS

Families will be able to access their child's report card from a secure webpage, using a board issued account. In order to ensure we have the most accurate data and contact information, please call the school at 519-925-3939 if your email information has recently changed. To access your child's report card, parents/guardians will be creating accounts in ConnectEd. Families will use their email address to authenticate their account. This email must match the email address we have on file.

To access the report card, parents/guardians will need to create an account with the Upper Grand before they can download their child's report card. To create a Parent Portal account, please [visit this page and click on the link for your child's school](#).

Parents/guardians can create their account provided they have an email on record with the school. Once your account is activated, you will see each of your children listed. Elementary report cards will be available for downloading beginning on June 26th at 4:30 pm.

Please visit our support page for instructions:

<https://sites.google.com/ugcloud.ca/parenthelp/report-cards-parent-portal>

STWDSTS Annual First Rider Program:

Primrose is an all-bussed school. In order to ensure your child is assigned to a bus for the fall, please click this link to register and get more information: [First Rider Flyer](#).

The First Rider Program is scheduled for **Tuesday, August 27, 2024**. They recommend that all First Riders participate in this valuable program, which usually includes a short video, question-answer period and Family Bus Ride. Registration will be required – <https://stwdsts.ca/firFirst Rider Program - Wellington-Dufferinst-rider-program/>

TRANSPORTATION For Students SK - Grade 8

For students in SK and up please sign up for email notifications for all delays/cancellations during the school year. If your child **will not** be riding the bus for the 2024 – 2025 school year, please call 519-824-4119 to let STWDSTS know.

STWDSTS, our Transportation Consortium, has attached a newsletter that has lots of helpful information to plan for students transportation starting in fall 2024.

📎 [STWDSTS 2024-2025 NEWSLETTER ENGLISH.pdf](#)

CALENDAR 2024 - 2025

The Ministry of Education has a pending-approval Upper Grand District School Board school year calendar for the 2024-2025 school year. Students will start the year on Sept. 4. Winter Break will be from December 23, 2024, to January 3, 2025. March Break will be from Monday March 10 to Friday March 14, 2025. The last day of school will fall on June 26 for elementary students. The approved calendars will be posted on the board website under [School Year Calendars](#).

PRIMROSE DAILY SCHEDULE & SCHOOL BELLS 2023 - 2024

Below are the times for the daily schedule for the upcoming school year.

9:00 - 11:00 (Instructional Day 120 minutes)

11:00 - 11:40 (Nutrition/Activity Break)

11:40 - 1:20 (Instructional Day 100 minutes)

1:20 - 2:00 (Nutrition/Activity Break)

2:00 - 3:20 (Instructional Day 80 minutes)

CLASS ORGANIZATION

Another administrative task that we begin to explore at this time of year is determining the 2024-2025 school organization and the makeup of classes for next year. Although the staffing process and student placements begin at this time of year, teaching assignments, school organization and student placements will not be finalized until the second week of September. We continue to work toward minimizing disruptions to class organization. With this in mind, class lists for September will not be available until the first day of school. Once students are placed, there will be no moves until after the reorganization from the Board. We appreciate your trust and understanding in our professional judgment in the student placement process.

FOI – “In keeping with privacy legislation and to keep our children safe, the Upper Grand D.S.B. will no longer publicly post class lists or make class lists available to parents.”

LUNCHROOM SUPERVISORS NEEDED FOR 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR

If you love working with wonderful children, who are enthusiastic, fun and engaging, Primrose Elementary School wants you as a Lunchroom Supervisor. We are currently hiring for this position. We require individuals who are caring, energetic, have the ability to ensure the safety and security of our students and love working with children. The position requires a commitment of approximately ninety minutes per day (two 40 minute nutrition breaks – eating and outdoor recess time). This is a paid position, \$18.50/hour. Your responsibilities include monitoring lunchrooms and outside recess.

Nutrition break #1: 11:00 – 11:40 AM,

Nutrition Break #2: 1:20 – 2:00 PM.

Lunchroom supervisors are required to have a criminal record background check with the vulnerable sector search.

If you want to be part of a great school community with wonderful students, call Ashley Hopkins, Vice Principal at 519 925-3939 x 224 or email your resume to ashley.hopkins@ugdsb.on.ca.

NEWS FROM LIBRARY LEARNING COMMONS & GOODBYE FROM MRS. ANDERSON

I would like to take this opportunity to say a warm, heartfelt goodbye to our Primrose community. I have worked at Primrose for many years as the Teacher Librarian. It has been an excellent experience. I will miss the children most, and feel blessed to have spent so much of my life learning and growing alongside them.

As a result of my upcoming retirement, I have been and will be very focused on administration tasks to prepare the space for our new Teacher Librarian. We are asking that all books be returned the week of June 10 - 14. We plan to do a full inventory and would like to get all items repaired and shelved. I feel passionate about leaving all the books, maker space items, and technology in good order so that teachers and students will have access in September.

I'm looking forward to living a simple life on our 10 acre hobby farm in Mono, growing gardens, reading books, making things, and loving our animals.

Mrs. Anderson

STAFFING UPDATES

As the Upper Grand District School Board's District Staffing Committee continues to work through the staffing process, I would like to update you on some staffing changes for September.

Mrs. Robertson is leaving Primrose to become the Vice Principal at Centennial Hylands.

Mrs. Hopkins is leaving Primrose and moving to Glenbrook to be the Vice Principal.

We are sad to say goodbye to **Mrs. Wellman, Mr. Parsons** and **Mrs. Anderson** as they move on to their next adventure in retirement.

We will be saying farewell to Ms. Cullen, Ms. Zanardo, Ms. Funston, Ms. Loukes, Ms. Croteau, Ms. Rigby, Ms. Rakhra at the end of June. We wish all of them well as they pursue the next step in their professional journey.

Ms. Scott and Ms. Carle will be on maternity leave for next year. We are excited for them, but will miss them here at Primrose.

We are thrilled to welcome back **Ms. Kelk, Ms. Burgess** and **Ms. Charles-Campbell.**

We are also very excited to welcome **Ms. Wardle** and **Mr. Lamanna** to our Primrose team!

We would like to warmly welcome **Mr. Steer** as the new Vice Principal at Primrose in September.

GOODBYE FROM MRS. ROBERTSON

Dear Primrose Families,

It's with mixed emotions that I say farewell to an amazing school community that has inspired and motivated me for the past 11 years. It's no secret that I love my "job" - and it has been a privilege to work and learn with such dedicated, caring and talented students, staff members, administrators, and families. I will miss Primrose more than I can process just now, but feel grateful for the countless connections and memories we share. Thank you for your ongoing support, involvement, kindness, and trust that make such a positive difference, and create this special place to learn and grow. As we always say... "Once a Puma, always a Puma!" so please keep in touch.

With sincere appreciation,

Mrs. Robertson

GOODBYE FROM MRS. HOPKINS

Dear Primrose Families,

I am so grateful to have had the opportunity to be a part of the Primrose community for the last three years. There have been so many wonderful experiences and memories built and I value that I have had the opportunity to experience this with you and your children. I appreciate the fact that I was made to feel welcomed immediately and that I have built so many incredible relationships over this time.

This is a very bittersweet moment for me. While I look forward to the new opportunity at Glenbrook, I am sad to be leaving Primrose. The staff here are the best of the best and I know you are all aware how lucky we are to have them. I want to thank them for their continual hard work and dedication. I also want to thank Marianne for being an amazing mentor and partner. I feel extremely fortunate to have had the opportunity to learn from her. Her dedication to Primrose is incomparable.

I also want to thank you, the community and students, for making me feel like a valued member of the Primrose Community. This school is such a unique and amazing place. It is hard to find the words to explain just how special it is and how special it has become to me. Know that I will dearly miss being a part of Primrose.

With gratitude,

Ashley Hopkins

UPCOMING EVENTS

National Indigenous History Month & Pride Month

June 3 - New JKs Orientation 5-6 pm

June 3 - Pita Day

June 3 - Pride Group at CDDHS 9 am - 12 pm

June 4 - Grade 8 Toronto Trip

June 4 - Grade 6 Tiffin Centre Trip

June 5 - 1500 m (grade 3,4,5,6,7,8) and 800 m (grade 1 & 2) Meet @ ODSS

June 6 - Hat Day

June 6 - Smoothie Day

June 6 - Track and Field at Primrose (Grade 5,6,7,8)

June 7 - PA Day (no school)

June 10 - Pita Day

June 10 - Track and Field at Primrose (Grades 1,2,3,4)

June 11 - Salad Day

June 11 - School Council Meeting 6 pm

June 12 - Pride Club Celebration

June 13 - Grade 1 Trip to Elmvale Zoo

June 13 - Grade 3 Trip to the Dufferin Museum (Little and Bannon)

June 13 - Smoothie Day

June 13 - You're the Chef group at CDDHS 12-2 pm

June 14 - Pizza Day

June 14 - Ms. Mesesnel's Class to Dufferin Museum

June 14 - Grade 5 trip to the Science Centre

June 14 - Backwards Day

June 17 - Pita Day

June 17 - Senior Kindergarten Grad 5 - 6 pm

June 17 - Volunteer Appreciation in LLC 8:30 - 9:30 am

June 19 - Ms. Ingram Scientist in the School

June 20 - Track and Field (ODSS)

June 20 - Smoothie Day

June 21 - Pizza Day

June 21 - Alternate Track and Field Day

June 21 - Grade 2 Scientist in the School

June 21 - School Colours Day

June 24 - Pita Day

June 24 - Grade 8 Graduation

June 26 - Report Cards Home

June 26 - Wear Red & White for early Canada Day

June 27 - Last Day of School

June 28 - PD Day (no school)

Please continue to check the UGDSB website, follow us on Twitter, visit our school website, go into your child's Google classroom to see announcements and all the wonderful work they are doing, and read the emails for important information from our school.

*If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to call or email us at
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