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October 2016 Newsletter @JSPSJets

It was lovely to have so many families out at our Meet the Teacher event! Thanks for all of your positive feedback. We hope that you enjoyed our many cardboard creations. It was amazing to see the creativity, excitement authentic learning that took place throughout our school!

The year, our board is focused on the Provincial Renewed Math Strategy. Many exciting Professional Development opportunities for our staff, inquiries for our students and innovative resources will help us to enhance Math learning in our schools.

Please stay in touch at JSPS:

- Register for digital communication in your classroom (Dojo, Blogger, SeeSaw)
- Register on our school website – www.jon.scdsb.on.ca
- Register on the board website – www.scdsb.on.ca
- Follow us on Twitter @JSPSJets
- Listen for Synervoice/Email updates

Your contributions to our Hewitt's Fundraiser were greatly appreciated. These funds will be allocated to Athletic Programs and Events at Johnson Street.

Our announcements are now digital! Each day, a news broadcast is being created by our intermediate students. These announcements are shared with our classrooms using You Tube and innovative technologies at our school. They are shared daily in our classrooms. Stay tuned for ways to subscribe from home!

WE NEED YOUR HELP! Volunteers are an important part of what makes our school a great place to learn and grow. Everyone who volunteers in a school must have a criminal record check which includes a Vulnerable Sector Screening. Please call or visit the school office for more information about opportunities available or if you'd like to volunteer! Whether you can give an hour a month or an hour a day, we have roles for you! For Example:

- **Snack Program (shopping, preparing) –half hour once/week**
- Reading with students in our classrooms
- Safe Arrival Program
- Preparing learning materials for classrooms
- Helping with Athletics/Sports Teams
- Hobbies and Clubs

Please consider taking on a special role at our school!
Please contact the school office.

Important Dates

October 3 – School Council Meeting @ 6:30 – all welcome

October 4 – Grade 7/8 Ottawa Trip Meeting @ 6:00

October 7 – Georgian College Nursing Program Visits

October 7 – Hewitt's Delivery @ 3:30 – 5:30 pm

October 7 – Grade 3 Swim to Survive

October 8-10 – Happy Thanksgiving!

October 12 – Cross Country Team Regional Meet

October 18 – Cross Country Team County Meet

October 19 – Me to We Day for Student Council

October 21 – PD Day

October 31 - Halloween



Spirit Days

October 31 - Black and Orange Day

November 9 - Jersey Day

November 25 - Mustache Day

December 16 - Red and Green Day

January 20 - PJ Day

February 14 - Red and Pink Day

March 23 - Crazy Hair Day

April 21 - Opposite Day

May 12 - Rainbow Day

May 19 - Twin Day

Holiday Concert/Art Auction and Sale

Mark these dates:

December 8th (kindy/primary)

December 9th (junior/intermediate)

Please join us at Johnson Street for an Arts Celebration!

See students perform!

Enjoy community entertainers!

Engage in our Silent Auction/Art Sale – student work **and** pieces from local artists!

Arrival and Dismissal Reminders:



- ✓ Prepare your kids for success with appropriate outerwear, indoor shoes, a change of clothes, homework
- ✓ Walk to school when possible!
- ✓ Always use the Kiss and Ride properly – don't leave your car unattended unless in a proper parking spot
- ✓ Never bring your dog onto the school tarmac area
- ✓ Be on time!
- ✓ Don't leave children to play on the school ground for a later pick up – no supervision is available

What's the SCDSB Difference? We need to hear from you!

We need your help developing the new strategic plan for the Simcoe County District School Board. The purpose of a strategic plan is to set goals and directions that will guide the work of our organization and help us realize our vision of a community of learners achieving full potential.

We want to know:

- What does the SCDSB do already to help us realize our vision of a community of learners achieving full potential? (What are we doing well?)
- What is the most important thing that we can begin to do to help us realize our vision? (What else can we do to improve?)
- What role do you think SCDSB schools play or should play in your community?

Get involved:

- Visit www.scdsb.on.ca/difference to take our survey and complete the *Where should we invest?* sorting activity to help identify priority areas.

Other consultation activities:

- We had community outreach booths at Collingwood Downtown Farmers' Market (Sept. 17), Orillia Downtown Farmers' Market (Sept. 24) and Alliston Downtown Farmers' Market (Oct. 1).
- We are conducting on-the-spot interviews with parents and students at select schools across Simcoe County.
- We've invited randomly selected representatives from various stakeholder groups to workshops on Oct. 4 at the Education Centre.

We'll use the input to identify the key areas stakeholders think the SCDSB should focus on. We will also review research on effective practices in education, our own data and the expectations we receive from the Ministry of Education. This information will help the Board of Trustees set our priorities. The strategic plan will outline how—together—we inspire and empower learning for life. Ultimately, our strategic priorities should move us toward our vision of a community of learners achieving full potential.

Message from the Health Unit: Ensure your child's immunization record is up-to-date

The Ontario Immunization of School Pupils Act (ISPA) requires the health unit to have up-to-date immunization records for all students attending school. According to ISPA (2014), students are required to be vaccinated against the following diseases:

- Tetanus, Diphtheria, Polio and Pertussis (whooping cough)
- Measles, Mumps and Rubella (must have two doses after the first birthday)
- Meningococcal Disease (must have one dose after the first birthday & Men-C-ACYW in Grade 7)
- Varicella (chickenpox) - only for those born 2010 and after

The health unit **does not** receive immunization information directly from doctor's offices. Please contact the health unit each time your child receives a vaccine from their health care provider.

What you can do:

- check your child's yellow immunization card
- contact your child's health-care provider to obtain records or get missing vaccinations
- go to <http://www.smdhu.org/immsonline> to enter the complete record, or fax a completed record to 705-726-3962

Eye See...Eye Learn program offers free glasses for Junior Kindergarten students

The Eye See...Eye Learn program provides comprehensive eye exams by local optometrists to Junior Kindergarten students. The eye exams are covered under the Ontario Health Insurance Plan (OHIP) when parents show their child's health card. There is no out-of-pocket cost for the eye exam and if the child requires a pair of glasses, they will receive them free of charge from a participating optometrist. For more information, visit www.Eyeseeyelearn.ca.



Fire Prevention Week is October 9-15: Join the *Don't Wait, Check the Date Selfie Challenge*

Fire Prevention Week is October 9 to 15, 2016 and local fire departments want you to join the *Don't Wait, Check the Date!* selfie challenge. Smoke alarms wear out over time and need to be replaced within the time frame indicated by the manufacturer, usually 10 years. The date of manufacture is indicated on the back of the smoke alarm and the expiry date is taken from that date. Smoke alarms are required on every floor of your home and outside all sleeping areas. Test all of your smoke alarms monthly by pushing the test button on the alarm, and replace batteries at least once a year or when the alarm's low battery signal begins to chirp.

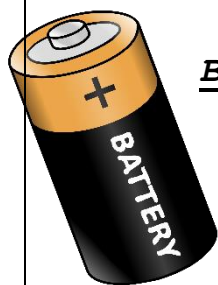
Families are challenged everyone to take a selfie of their family checking the expiry date of their smoke alarms and post it on social media using #checkthed8. For more information about testing and replacing your smoke alarms, visit: www.ontario.ca/firemarshal.

BRAG BOARD

- ✓ Congratulations to our **Cross Country Runners** – great season so far! Thanks to our coaches ~ Ms. Severn, Ms. Chong and Ms. Walsh!
- ✓ Shout out to our **Intermediate Boys Volleyball Team** - looking forward to a continued great season. Thanks to Mr. Wilson for all of your coaching hours!
- ✓ Good Luck to our **Intermediate Girls Basketball Team** – your season is off to an awesome start! Thanks to Ms. Chong for your time as Coach!
- ✓ **Eco-Team Champions** are working hard to keep our Recycling Program going, and to work towards our Eco-School status!
- ✓ Thank you to our **Student Leadership Group** who attended a 3 day camp at **OELC** in Orillia – looking forward to your help to make our school great. Thanks to Ms. Lash for accompanying our students!

Me to WE

On October 19th, our Student Council will travel to Toronto to be a part of an exciting event. **Me to We** helps to promote global awareness in students. Visit <https://www.we.org/we-day/we-day-events/toronto/> for more information. Thanks to Ms. MacLean for our leadership. Once again, JSPS is proud to be invited to this remarkable day!



Battery Recycling Program Continues at JSPS!

Our school will continue to collect used batteries to be recycled. Please let family, friends and neighbours know about our program. A collection bin is located in the office. Our goal is to collect 1.3 kg of used batteries per staff/student. We are also trying to increase the number of "Battery Bosses" at our school. This is a yearlong initiative for our school. For more activities and more information about this program, please visit www.Rawmaterials.com. Thank you for your support.

All future Newsletters will be available **ELECTRONICALLY** on our school website at www.jon.scdsb.on.ca. If you have subscribed, an email notification will alert you to its publication. They will be shared during the first two weeks of each month.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO REQUEST THAT A PAPER COPY IS SENT HOME WITH YOUR CHILD EACH MONTH, KINDLY COMPLETE THIS ATTACHEMENT AND RETURN IT TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE.

PLEASE CALL MS. REED WITH ANY QUESTIONS 705-728-9251.

Please send a paper copy of the Newsletter home with my child, each month.

Child's Name: _____ Teacher: _____