

May 9, 2025

Dear Phillips Families,

Spring is finally firmly here! Thank you to all our staff, students, parents and community who contributed to the gardens in front of our school! So much new beauty!

Happy Mother's Day to all the moms in our school community, and to those playing the very important caregiver role of "Mom"! We wish you a day of appreciation and love!

A HUGE thank you goes out to our SCC parents who hosted an amazing luncheon for our staff on Monday. What a treat!!! Everyone was so thrilled to be gifted such a spread!

Thank you also to Mrs. Dillon and Ms. Malik as well as numerous other staff for planning, rehearsing and producing a wonderful Spring Concert. It was glorious!! Check out the videos on Instagram and Facebook!

Centenary update: On Monday night, our committee met to continue our planning. May 31st is going to be such a wonderful day of history, memories and celebration. There will be decade rooms/halls, performances, a photo booth, ice cream truck, merch., memory books, artifacts and displays. We hope you are all planning to come!

Treats at school: We discussed this as a staff - Our treat days (Leadership, SCC, etc.) are meeting the threshold for the amount of "less healthy" options for kids. We encourage families to share joy and the celebration around birthdays, etc. If you are sending something into our school, please make sure it is nut free and as healthy as possible. Remember, that special treats could also be similar to a "loot bag" with a little toy.

Aerial school photo - on May 21st: Students and Staff will be gathering out in front of our building for a whole school photo in the early afternoon. This photo will be framed to mark our 100th Year. Copies can also be ordered at the Centenary Celebration by any interested staff, parents or community members.

If you are leaving our area over the summer, please let us know as soon as possible. This will help us, as we work to create balanced classes. Today is the final day to submit student placement information to consider when creating classes.

Our Phillips Jump Rope for Heart event will take place on Monday, June 16th, with a rain date of Friday, June 20th, 2025.

Jump Rope for Heart: Please click on this link to register your child on our Phillips Jump Rope page. Please ensure to include your parent email address, as prizes are delivered to this email address. Please help to raise money for the Heart and Stroke foundation! Send the link to friends and family and share it on Social Media too! Students can set donation goals to earn prizes! Prizes will be emailed a few weeks after the event. Please help to support the Heart and Stroke Foundation!

Community Connections:

Oshawa Little Theatre – Sponge Bob, the Musical

Oshawa Fire Services – Home Escape Plan Competition

Settlement Workers in Schools Durham - SWIS Welcome and Information for Newcomers (WIN) Flyer

Durham Community Foundation - Scholarship Opportunities

Upcoming Dates for you calendar:

May:

12 Grades 1-3 to O'Neill in the morning; Forest of Reading Celebration @ McKinney (10:30 - 1:30); Swim to Survive - Townsend

13 Swim to Survive - Peterson

15 Great Beginnings (Kindergarten orientation) 5:00 p.m. for new to Phillips, 5:30 p.m. in the gym for those who know the school; Teacher Release Day

16 Track and Field Day (4-8)

19 Victoria Day - no school

21 Whole school aerial photo at 1 pm; Intermediate Round Net

22 Junior Round Net; Reptilia Affolter

26 Band to Wonderland

27-29 Grade 3 EQAO; Vaccination Clinic

28 Snack Shack

29 Co-Ed Soccer

31 Centenary celebration at Phillips 1-5pm

June:

2 Grade 7 Science Fair

3-5 Grade 6 EQAO; Grade 7-8nTrack and Field at Pine Ridge

12 Water Day (student leadership team leading)

16 Jump Rope for Heart

17 Grade 7 trip; Volunteer Tea 1:30 pm

19 Grade 8 Graduation; Grade 3s to Pickering Village; Lacrosse Grades 6-7 (pm)

20 Jump Rope for Heart rain date

23-24 Grade 8 trips

26 Last Day of School

Have a wonderful weekend!

C. Mackey and J. Demmerling