

Welcome Back Everyone! We hope you had a fantastic March Break! And Happy Spring to you all!

Kindergarten Registrations - over the next few weeks we will be heavily involved in staffing. For the purpose of class creation and teacher allocation, we need as accurate a number of kindergarten registrations as possible. If you are registering a JK student for next school year (25-26), we encourage you to do this as soon as possible so we can have the best scenario possible. If you know others in the community who have children entering JK next year, please encourage them to do the same! Thank you for your help!

Grade 7 and 8 Families: This week the police came (proactively) to discuss responsible choices at school, in the community and online. They gave our students some very solid information and guidelines about the power of technology for good and for harm. Students were also warned about hands-on behaviour (assault), bullying (harassment), threats, slurs and other types of illegal activity. Luckily at Phillips we have very little of this kind of behaviour. Our biggest challenge is learning about stereotypes and slurs and how to be kind and safe at all times. Next week, our juniors will have their session with the police, with an age appropriate focus on safety.

Out for Lunch: With the warming up of the weather, we have had many students leave property without notes and without signing out. Please remember that for safety purposes, any students who usually stay for lunch (i.e. they do not have “Goes home for lunch every day” marked off in the registration form) must bring parental permission and sign out. To make this a little bit easier, we will allow parents to send in a note per week as long as the student signs out on the clipboard by the office.

Over the break many of our families celebrated Holi, a South Asian festival of colour. We hope those celebrating had a joyous day!

Right now we have many families observing Ramadan. On March 29, this time of fasting will end, and Eid will be celebrated.

Next Friday we have our SK and Grade 8 Grad photos. Here is the flyer: [Reminder Notice \(Green Screen - Comp\) - J.pdf](#)

Our garden club is leading a perennial splitting donation day! Here's your chance to thin out your garden and contribute to a beautiful school grounds! [IMG_9770.JPEG](#)

Community Connections:

Northern Kings - [Free Basketball Class](#) – Elementary – Ajax, Oshawa, Pickering, Whitby

Festive Flair - [Art & Cultural Event March 22nd](#) – Elementary & Secondary - Ajax, Brock, Oshawa, Pickering, Scugog, Uxbridge, Whitby

Important Dates:

March:

24 - Centenary Committee meeting at 6:30 pm in the library

25 - Pizza Day

26 - Snack Shack - bring your \$2 for a snack

27 - Mr. Sub

28 - SK and Grade 8 Graduation Photos; staff photo at 8:30 in the library

31 - PD Day - no school for students

April:

7 - SCC

18 - 21 Easter weekend (no school Friday or Monday)

22 - SK and Grade 8 Graduation photo retakes

May:

31 Centenary celebration at Phillips 1-5pm

June:

19 Grade 8 Graduation

Have a great weekend!

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