

Happy Friday, Everyone!

We hope you all enjoyed a busy and productive week. We have non-stop action in our building and we hope your children are involved in activities that bring them joy!

Water bottles - as the weather is warming up, hydration is key. Please make sure your child has a refillable water bottle with a name on it for school. These should go home on a regular basis for a good scrub.

Police - grades 4-6 had their presentation this week. Excellent reminder messages about kindness and safety were well explained. Excuses such as “I didn’t mean to, or “It was a joke”, are not acceptable reasons for causing harm. Impact is what counts the most. We continue to work hard on kind and wise choices, gentle play (no World Cup “body checking” soccer, etc), and polite language. Swearing, slurs and unwanted hands-on are never OK at school. Formal suspension begins in grade 4.

Bus Zone - this is a drop-off zone only. Today a parent got a ticket for leaving their car in this zone. If you want to park, please follow the signs and park legally.

Snack Shack and Coffee Morning - a huge thank you to our SCC for organizing these fun opportunities for our students and parents!

Parking Lots - these are not drop-off areas. We have a few families who continue to enter our staff parking lots for drop off. Please arrive on time and drop off at the back. Dropping off on Simcoe is also dangerous and can result in a ticket.

Parent Conduct - if we do have to remind you of a safety guideline, please remember that parents also have a code of conduct that is expected when speaking with staff. We have a job to do to ensure the safety of all. Please help us by remaining respectful and kind. On the whole, I must say that our families are by far the most polite I've ever experienced!

PD Day on Monday - there is no school for students on Monday. Staff will be in professional development all day. The office staff is also in PD, so the school is closed to parents. Enjoy your long weekend!

Community Connections:

Girls Inc. of Durham – [Summer Camp & Consellor in Training Program](#) - Elementary – Ajax, Oshawa, Pickering, Uxbridge, Whitby

Science Rendezvous – [Grade 6-8 Hackathon](#) - Elementary - Ajax, Brock, Oshawa, Pickering, Scugog, Uxbridge, Whitby

SSS Youth Volleyball House League - [Spring Summer Volleyball House League](#)

Smart Start Learning Centre – [Colorful Kids Summer Camp](#) – Elementary – Ajax, Oshawa, Pickering, Whitby

Southlake Health - [Injury Prevention](#) - Secondary - Ajax, Brock, Oshawa, Pickering, Scugog, Uxbridge, Whitby

CastBound Studios – [Youth Theatre Camp](#) – Elementary & Secondary – Ajax, Oshawa, Pickering, Whitby

Important Dates:

March:

31 PD Day - no school for students

April:

7 Staff Meeting; SCC 6:30 pm

14 Centenary Meeting 6:00 pm

17 Grade 4s to Duffins Creek

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

22 - SK and Grade 8 Graduation photo retakes; School Climate Survey opens for families

29-30 Wrestling 9-3

30 Tuck Shop

May:

8 Spring Concert 6:30 pm

15 Great Beginnings (Kindergarten orientation)

16 Band to Wonderland

27-29 Grade 3 EQAO

31 Centenary celebration at Phillips 1-5pm

June:

3-5 Grade 6 EQAO

19 Grade 8 Graduation

Have a very wonderful long weekend!

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