

**Happy Friday, Phillips!**

**We have had a great week! We see many kids biking and scootering to school which is great! Don't forget to dismount on property, give way to pedestrians and wear a helmet.**

**Today we said good-bye to our Head Custodian, Stu McGibbon. We will miss him! On Monday, we welcome Keaton MacLeod to the Head Custodian role.**

**Our SCC meeting on Monday has been postponed. Stay tuned for a new date and time for our last meeting for this school year! The Centenary Committee, however, will still meet. We are scheduled at 5:30 p.m. in the library, on Monday evening. We hope you have all put the Centenary on your calendars (May 31), as we gather to celebrate the history of this building and the amazing community within which we work and live.**

**Our Centenary committee is seeking more responses with regard to a beautiful booklet (over 30 pages of memories and information) that has been created to commemorate our 100 years. Please fill out this form to help us know if you are interested in purchasing a paper or digital copy. We would like to have a fairly accurate idea of how many to order. <https://forms.gle/ahTgUxsA2ZMX7JqH6> Thank you!**

**Class Placements for next year: In a couple weeks, our teachers will be given release time to create draft versions of next year's classes. Changes in staffing and enrollment do make this a dynamic process well into September, but we work hard to create a solid starting point. Our teachers know our students well: behaviour, focus, learning styles, academic and social skills, student interactions, strengths and areas for growth. We strive to make balanced classes based on many factors, academic and social. Our SERTs and administrators also attend the meetings. A few parents have already submitted requests and we have added them to a file. We do place siblings and twins together, or separate them, based on parent and teacher feedback. We also strive to have students with a friend or two, while also creating space for new friendships and social opportunities. However, teachers will organize this. We will accept letters/emails outlining specific needs in your own child(ren) until May 7. Unfortunately, we are unable to consider requests for specific teachers or friend groups as this makes our task of prioritizing positive learning environments and balanced classes impossible. Imagine if everyone requested specific teachers and friend combinations. Change can be stressful, and we do put a lot of time and effort into creating the best-case school organization possible.**

**Perennial Plant Drive: May 3rd, 11 am - 2 pm - don't forget to come tomorrow with your split perennials! [Green Colorful Flower Garden Be Amazing Reminder Quote Instagram Post \(1\).png](#)**

**Some important notes from our office staff:**

**Please do not call to pick up your child and ask us to bring your child to the parking lot, while you wait in your car. You need to come in and sign out. Remember that our front parking lot is not a drop-off or pick-up area, especially before and after school. Please use the back for this purpose. Greta also has parking. If you do have physical accessibility needs, of course, we will help you.**

**If you know that you need to pick up your child for an appointment or early for some reason, please call in advance or use the Parent Portal to let us know. If you arrive unannounced, it takes much longer to get your child ready and to you. If you arrive at recess times (9:50 a.m. - 10:05 a.m., 11:35 a.m. - 12:35 p.m., or 2:05 p.m. - 2:20 p.m.), it is almost impossible to notify your child to come in, due to the noise of playing outside. You will need to wait or come after these times.**

**We have many trips and events coming up. Please do not come to the office with your money, unless we have requested this. Send it with your child, to their teacher or use Cash Online. With so much going on, it's helpful to everyone, if the office does not have to make a ton of deliveries.**

**Thank you for your support!**

**Shine Green:**

**On Friday, May 9, all Schools in the DDSB are encouraged to participate in Shine Green for Mental Health Week. Shine Green for Mental Health is a simple way to remind our school communities that we must make student well-being and mental health a priority and raise our collective awareness about mental health. Find your green shirt, green shoes or anything green, and come to school showcasing your green wear in support of mental health awareness. [CMHW Shine Green 2025.png](#)**

**Science Rendezvous is a free community event taking place at Ontario Tech on Saturday, May 10th. Here is a flyer for your information: [Science\\_Rendezvous\\_Ontario\\_Tech\\_Posterbb39df6b-df15-4cf8-b746-35ff7e59b5b5.pdf](#)**

**Upcoming Dates to add to your family calendars:**

**May:**

**3 Perennial Plant Drive 11-2  
5 Staff Meeting; Folk Dance Jamboree; Swim to Survive Townsend; Centenary Meeting 5:30 pm  
6 Swim to Survive Peterson  
8 Spring Concert 6:30 pm  
12 Grades 1-3 to O'Neill in the morning  
15 Great Beginnings (Kindergarten orientation); Teacher Release Day  
16 Track and Field Day (4-8)  
26 Band to Wonderland  
27-29 Grade 3 EQAO  
29 - 1 IPRCs  
31 Centenary celebration at Phillips 1-5pm**

**June:**

**3-5 Grade 6 EQAO  
12 Water Day (student leadership team leading)  
19 Grade 8 Graduation; Grade 3s to Pickering Village  
23-24 Grade 8 trips**

**Have a wonderful weekend!**

**Chris Mackey and John Demmerling**