

Happy Friday, Phillips,

We hope you had a great week! Our school has endless activities going on, and really there is something for everyone. We are so proud of our student engagement, their desire to be involved and try new skills. Our leadership team is also phenomenal and working on the “egg raffles” and a “water day” in June.

Nice weather is coming...it seems delayed, but it will come! We encourage families to bike or scooter to school. Remember to lock them up at the racks and follow these safety rules:

- **Make way for pedestrians; dismount when there are a lot of people around**
- **Wear a helmet that fits and is securely fastened - it's the law!**
- **Walk your bike or scooter on school property**
- **Cross safety at corners and don't cut across streets**
- **Be safe and have a great time getting to and from school!**

Egg Raffles - the sale of the raffle tickets will continue until next Wednesday. We will now do the draw on Wednesday afternoon as next Thursday some students will be on a field trip.

Kindness - 100 acts of kindness is still going - let teachers know if your child has done something very kind! We will add feathers to our falcon and encourage kindness every day.

For families with students in grades 7 and 8: [Gr78 Student Success April Newsletter \(1\).pdf](#)

Students out-of-area: Just a reminder that our current out-of-area students will all be included in our planning for next year - all those who filled out forms requesting spots for next year are approved. No further steps are needed. If you have filled out a request for a kindergarten sibling to attend, you will be a priority for spots, but we cannot confirm this just yet. We are still monitoring enrollment and our class sizes.

Centenary - we hope you have May 31st afternoon in your calendar! 100 years is a special celebration! There will be student performances, formal presentations and a lot to see and learn about the history of our school community. We have also booked a photo booth and an ice cream truck!

Food Drive - this will continue into next week. Please help to refill our pantry by sending in food donations. Items that are needed: easy boxed meals, cans, snacks, juice, cereal, pasta,

Lunches and snacks...we have many, many students requesting a lunch each day at the office. We are always happy to help, but we are also noticing that some kids are trying to get food when they may not like their own lunch. Please speak with your children. If you have enough at home, please ensure they are bringing and eating their lunch. If you need assistance, we will help. We can also give families bags of groceries so do reach out. The same goes with snacks - our snack program is for students in need of support. If you have enough at home, please send sufficient snacks to school with your children.

Lunches: If you need to drop off a lunch for your child, please make sure they know that you will be doing so. You can then simply enter and leave it on the desk by entry door. There are sticky notes and a pen so you can label the lunch. Thanks!

Our SCC met this past Monday. Please see the highlights below!



SCC UPDATES

To our Phillips families:

Thank you for your incredible support of the SCC in 2024/2025. We have worked hard to bring fun-filled events to our school community, and you have shown generosity and amazing school spirit for all our fundraising initiatives. Monies raised by the SCC go directly into classroom enrichment. This year we have been able to provide tremendous support such as:

- \$4000 in physical education funding
- \$100 enrichment grants for all 20 of our classrooms
- Playground maintenance and repairs
- New shelving for our library
- Field trip support for our band and forest of reading programs
- Holiday assistance for families in need through our Phillips Cares Initiative
- A new microscope for our science program
- Graduation celebration funding
- A school-wide dance to celebrate our 100th anniversary
- And much more!

None of this could be possible without our incredible Phillips community. We are so grateful for our Falcons family! We can't wait to celebrate 100 years of Phillips pride on May 31st at the centenary event, planned by our centenary committee. We hope to see you there!

Upcoming Dates:

Snack Shack

April 30th

Teacher Appreciation

Luncheon

May 5th

SCC Meeting

May 5th

Snack Shack

May 28th

Centenary Celebration

May 31st

Want to get involved?

We are always
looking for volunteers!
please contact the
office

For more details!

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April:

14 Centenary Meeting 6:00 pm

15 Last Day for Egg Raffles - draw is after afternoon recess

17 Grade 4s to Duffin's 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 Snack Shack

May:

5 Staff Meeting; Folkdance Jamboree; Swim to Survive Townsend

6 Swim to Survive Peterson

8 Spring Concert 6:30 pm

15 Great Beginnings (Kindergarten orientation); Teacher Release Day

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

Have a wonderful weekend!

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