



Kenollie News

October 2018



Welcome Autumn and all of the wonderful activities for our students which are supported by staff, families and our community! Our first School Council meeting was on Monday September 24. I am pleased to announce that our Chair for this year is Suzanne Dicerni. Our Secretary will be Seema Dulai and our Treasurer will be Kim Doherty. We thank all of the parents who attended our first meeting and gave valuable feedback with respect to supporting our school goals. I would encourage everyone to attend a meeting. It is a wonderful way to participate in the school community and all are welcome. Meeting dates will be posted on our school website and childcare is provided.

Our Scorch/Terry Fox assembly is this Friday, September 28th at 9:20, led by our Grade 5 students. Our annual Terry Fox walk will begin at 11:20 a.m. All are welcome to join the assembly, the walk or both!

I look forward to seeing everyone at the Fall Fair on Saturday September 29th, and I once again thank all of the volunteers for making this event possible.

Our Open House will be on Wednesday October 3 from 6-7 pm. Come by and meet your child's teachers and learn about the program in your child's classroom. Please visit the gym and sign up for November Parent-Teacher interviews during that time.

We are looking forward to a great second month of active and engaged learning!

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Principal



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What's Happening

- Oct. 2 Lunch Moms (online ordering only)
- Oct. 3 Open House 6:00-7:00 pm
- Oct. 4 Orange Shirt Day
- “ Soccer Tournament
- “ Dental Screening JK, SK, Gr.2
- “ Lunch Moms
- Oct. 5 Professional Learning Day
- “ No school for students
- Oct. 8 Thanksgiving Day Holiday (school closed)
- Oct. 9 Lunch Moms
- Oct. 10 School Photo Day
- Oct. 11 Gr. 3 Jack Smythe Field Ctr Trip
- “ Lunch Moms
- “ Art For Kids 3:30-5:00 pm
- Oct. 12 Gr. 4 & 5 (Skelhorne & Takhar) Terra Cotta Trip
- Oct. 15 Gr. 5 & 6 (Chaudhry) Terra Cotta Trip
- Oct. 16 Lunch Moms
- Oct. 18 Lunch Moms
- “ Bus Safety Presentations
- “ Art For Kids 3:30-5:00 pm
- Oct. 23 Lunch Moms
- Oct. 24 Little Jammers
- Oct. 25 Photo Retake Day
- “ Lunch Moms
- “ Art For Kids 3:30-5:00 pm
- Oct. 26 Scorch Assembly 9:20 am
- Oct. 29 School Council Meeting 7:00 pm
- Oct. 30 Lunch Moms
- Oct. 31 Halloween Parade 9:30 am
- “ Little Jammers



Celebrate World Teachers' Day! Friday, October 5

Since 1994, parents and students from around the world have celebrated World Teachers' Day to commemorate the work of teachers and their contributions to society. On October 5th take the time to let your child's teacher know he or she is truly appreciated. Thank your child's teacher and let them know they are making a difference.



Principals and Vice-Principals' Day October 10

In 2018, the board of trustees declared October 10th as Peel Principals and Vice-Principals' Day. This day allows the community to recognize the important work of principals and vice-principals, and to acknowledge their work in supporting students, staff and their communities every day.



October 17 - Opportunity to say 'thanks' to Bus Drivers!

Peel schools will pay tribute to bus drivers on Bus Driver Appreciation Day on Oct. 17. The day will be celebrated with special activities and events that provide teachers, students and parents an opportunity to thank the people who safely transport over 36,000 students to and from school each day.

If your child rides the bus to school, take this opportunity to thank the bus driver for his or her contribution and ask your child to do so too. The Peel board appreciates the important job bus drivers do each school day and Oct. 17 provides an opportunity to give these individuals the recognition they deserve.

News From School Council



We look forward to see parents/guardians at our next School Council meeting on **Monday, October 29th at 7:00 p.m.** Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend. An agenda will be posted on our school website:

<http://schools.peelschools.org/1279>

Where in the World has Scorch been?

When travelling, please remember to take along your Scorch t-shirts and to photograph your children wearing them some place really neat! Please email your photos to kenollie.ps@peelsb.com to have them featured in our next newsletter!



October 24 – Celebrate Peel Teaching Assistant and Early Childhood Educators' Appreciation Day

In 2014, the board of trustees declared the last Wednesday in October as the Peel Teaching Assistant and Early Childhood Educators' (ECE) Appreciation Day. This year, the recognition day falls on October 24. The Peel board appreciates the important work of teaching assistants and ECEs, and the contributions that they make in the lives of children, families and community members.

Orange Shirt Day October 4

First launched in 2013 in Williams Lake, Orange Shirt Day commemorates the history and the legacy of residential schools, and the strength and fortitude of residential school Survivors and their descendants.

Although Orange Shirt Day is on Sunday, Sept. 30, 2018, our school will commemorate the day on Thursday, October 4.

Students are encouraged to wear orange shirts at schools in recognition of the day.

Halloween Parade

The Annual Halloween Parade for Kenollie will take place on **October 31st at 9:30 am.**

Weather permitting, students will be walking through the streets of our community. We look forward to seeing many parents cheer on our students.



Tips for being a smart trick-or-treater

Halloween is a fun and exciting time, but safety should be the number one concern. Here are some safety tips for children:

- Wear a properly fitted costume that is bright and non-flammable. Use reflective tape on your costume so you can be seen in the dark.
- Use face makeup or enlarge the eyes on your mask so you can see well. When wearing a mask, push it up on your head while walking.
- Teach children to visit the front door of well-lit homes and never go inside.
- Help your child plan a route and a time to be home.
- Remind children to always walk on the sidewalk, and obey traffic and pedestrian signals.
- Have an adult check treats at home before allowing children to eat them.
- Younger children should go trick-or-treating with an adult. Older children are reminded to trick-or-treat in groups.
- Teach children their home phone number and how to call 9-1-1 if they have an emergency or become lost.



October is International Walk to School Month

According to the 2015 Active Healthy Kids Canada Report Card, about 91 per cent of 5-to-17-year-olds are not meeting Canadian Physical Activity Guidelines to get at least 60 minutes of daily moderate-to vigorous-intensity physical activity. These declining activity levels are linked to obesity, illness and chronic diseases (i.e., cardiovascular disease, diabetes, and cancer).

Using active transportation for the school journey is one of the easiest ways for students to get regular daily physical activity. Managing time to allow for the walk or bike ride to school will become a positive habit that leads to children arriving on time, refreshed and energized for the school day. In fact, University of Illinois research has found that just 20 minutes of easy walking boosts performance in the areas of the brain that support math and reading achievement.

Walking to school also helps out the environment. Eliminating just four short trips per week can reduce emissions by up to 100 kg of carbon dioxide per year. Families that participate in active travel to school can prevent almost 1,000 kg of carbon dioxide per year and save money in fuel costs as well. Also, when more children walk to school and fewer parents drive their children, the areas near school zones become safer for pedestrians.

That is why our school will be participating in International Walk to School Day on Wednesday, October 10. On that day—and throughout the month, if you can—walk, bike, blade, scooter, skip or hop to school....but don't drive!

International Walk to School month is part of the Active & Safe Routes to School program. Visit www.saferoutestoschool.ca/ for more information.

Get Involved in Your Child's Education

Research shows parent involvement positively affects student success. Becoming more involved brings many benefits. You will get to know teachers, the principal and other parents better. You will be able to share your talents, experiences and ideas. You will inspire youth—and be inspired by them. You will show your child how much you value education. You will gain insights that can help you to boost your child's learning. And you could develop skills and knowledge that can help you in your own career.

There are many ways to be involved. Attending the Peel District School Board's annual parent conference, volunteering at your child's school, talking to your teen about their school day and reading with your child at night are all forms of parent involvement. Visit www.peelschools.org/parents/involved to learn more.

Peel District School Board program offers flexible school options for student athletes, artists



Does your child/teen have an intense sports or arts training and competition schedule that makes it difficult to attend school regularly? The Peel District School Board's *Peel Region High Performers Program* will offer flexible timetabling to accommodate student athletes and artists with demanding practice, competition, rehearsal and/or performance schedules.

Peel Region High Performers Program is offered at:

- Britannia Public School (grades 4 to 5)
- Dolphin Sr. Public School (grades 6 to 8)
- Mississauga Secondary School (grades 9 to 12)

For more information and registration dates, visit www.peelschools.org/HighPerformers

Schools use many strategies to keep children safe.....

Peel schools provide a safe environment for staff and students to work and learn. The board has many procedures to ensure safety. To keep students safe, schools use many strategies including:

- requiring all parents and visitors to check in at the main office and obtain visitor passes
- the use of a "buddy system" – students can only leave the classroom if accompanied by another student (for example, going to the washroom)
- assigning teachers to supervise inside and outside the school during recesses, before and after school
- locking all exterior doors, including the main entrance, during school hours [elementary schools only]
- encouraging staff to regularly review streetproofing skills with students
- expecting staff and students to report unidentified individuals to the office immediately
- holding fire drills and "lockdown" rehearsals
- having evacuation and bomb threat plans in place
- ensuring that all staff and volunteers have up-to-date criminal record checks
- working with the police to provide education on street-proofing

We feel that it is important that you also take this opportunity to review safe procedures with your child. Peel Regional Police have provided the following safety guidelines:

- Tell your children to never go anywhere with a stranger, not to talk to strangers and never take anything from them. You also have to teach them what a "safe stranger" is in case they need help. A safe stranger includes a police officer, a cashier, a fire fighter.
- Develop a "what if" game for children to get them thinking about how they would respond if they felt threatened or afraid.
- Know who your children play with and where they go. This includes keeping a list of their friend's addresses and phone numbers.
- Do not leave your child in unsupervised locations, such as cars, parks, public washrooms, arenas, malls and plazas, etc.
- Teach your children where and how to get help. Go with them on their regularly travelled routes.
- Your child's body is private. Tell your children that no one may touch the area their bathing suit covers. If someone tries to touch them, they should tell you immediately.
- Teach your children to talk to you immediately when someone does anything that makes them feel strange or uncomfortable. Listen when your children are trying to tell you about something that bothers them and provide them with support and understanding.
- Communicate to your children the importance of following the teacher's instructions during a lockdown, hold and secure, bomb threat, shelter in place or fire drill and to not use cell phones to ensure their own safety.

For more information about safety at your school, review your school handbook or speak to your principal or teacher.



Conference helps parents empower modern learners

The Peel District School Board is hosting its annual parent conference, co-presented by the Peel Elementary Teachers' Local, on Saturday, November 3, 2018, at Mississauga Secondary School in Mississauga. After hearing from participants and staff, we are changing the traditional workshop model to an "un-conference" model, where attendees will create their own agenda, and explore all subject areas and experts, as if they were visiting a museum. This format will allow parents to visit and interact with each area and Peel board facilitators.

This **free** learning event is open to Peel parents of students at all grade levels.

Our keynote presentation will be delivered by Will Richardson, co-publisher of ModernLearners.com, who converges and shares knowledge on modern learning. Will's talk—***Schools on the Brink: How Classrooms are Being Reimagined for a World of Networked Learning***—will be split into two sessions during the conference. Parents will learn about the schools, districts, provinces, and countries that are leading this profound redefinition of what it means to be fully educated today.

Reserve your spot starting Oct. 1, 2018

Stay up-to-date!

For more information, visit www.peelschools.org/parents/conference.

Registration open — Continuing Education International Languages program for K-12 students

The opportunity to study a language in addition to English and French can benefit all students, society in general and an increasingly independent world, including:

- students with no prior knowledge of a particular language
- students whose first language is English or French and who wish to study their home languages as a second or third language
- students whose first language is their home language

The International Languages program is based on oral communications, reading and writing in languages other than English or French. Grammar and language knowledge are incorporated into each of the three skill areas.

Any student who is currently enrolled in a Peel District School Board elementary or secondary school is eligible to attend.

Classes operate each Saturday from mid-September to mid-June, except for holiday weekends and school vacations. Credit classes are 3.5 hours per day and run from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Elementary classes are 2.5 hours per day and run from 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Registration is currently open. In partnership with School-day, Continuing Education offers an online, cashless registration process. Please visit www.peelschools.org/conted/il for further information.