

Great Lakes P.S.

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Let's Keep Our Students Safe

Please note, there is **no parking** in our Kiss and Ride area or at the bus loading zone at the front of the school. Staff members are present in the Kiss and Ride to ensure that your child transitions to the school yard from your vehicle. Parking authorities are patrolling to ensure the safety of our students.

Thank you for following the Kiss and Ride guidelines, helping to support the safety of our students.



A Message from the Administration Team

Welcome back everyone! We hope you all had an enjoyable summer holiday. The year ahead promises to be one of great learning and a time for friends.

We look forward to working in partnership with you this year to assist your children in their growth and development. We value and always welcome your support, input and involvement. We encourage all parents/ guardians to come out to our School Council meetings. Our **School Council election for executive positions (e.g., chair, secretary, etc.)** will be held on **September 27th** (if there are sufficient nominations to hold an election). Our first meeting date will be announced. Please know, all parents/guardians are welcome to attend council meetings as members at large without participating in the election process.

Please continue to use the **Safe Arrival Line** to report your child(ren)'s absences. Please do not call the school. Please see page 2 of our newsletter for further details.

We would like to thank our custodial team for their efforts over the summer in preparing the building to be shiny and clean for our first day back, our office team for their efforts the week prior to school registering new students and preparing the office for the new school year, and to our teaching staff for all their caring efforts with our students as we embark on another exciting school year.

We thank you for your ongoing support and wish all of our students a successful year ahead filled with new learning and many fond memories for 2018-2019.

Sincerely,

W. Vokey

Principal

V. Cunningham

Vice-Principal

F. Slimati

Vice-Principal

**Please note that all future editions of our monthly newsletter will be paperless and posted on our school website-<http://schools.peelschools.org/1476>

Be sure to follow us on twitter, too, @1greatlakes2013



Great Lakes' Daily Schedule: Gr 1-8

Period	Time
Entrance Warning Bell	8:23
Entry/Announcements/DPA	8:25-8:45
Period 1	8:45-9:25
Period 2	9:25-10:05
Nutrition Break #1	10:05-10:45
Period 3	10:45-11:25
Period 4	11:25-12:05
Nutrition Break #2	12:05-12:45
Period 5	12:45-1:25
Period 6	1:25-2:05
Period 7	2:05-2:45

Tuesday September 25th is Reorganization Day

There is **NO SCHOOL** for students



School Council

Join our school council—share your ideas

Every Peel school has a school council—a group focused on helping students succeed. School councils provide a voice for parents/guardians and the community and provides an opportunity for parents/guardians to share ideas and questions about a number of topics related to the school.

We are holding **School Council elections** on:

Thursday September 27, 2018 (if sufficient nominations are received to hold an election—time TBA)

If you would like to know more or are interested in joining our council, please contact Mrs. Vokey, Principal or Mrs. Cunningham, Vice-Principal.

Report student absences through Safe Arrival system

All parents/guardians need to report their children's full-day absences, late arrivals and/or early departures from school via the automated *SafeArrival* phone number at 1-855-209-6155, online at *go.schoolmessenger.ca* or by downloading the SchoolMessenger app. All three options are available 24hours a day. Please know, there is not an absence reporting phone line at the school. If you have any questions or require any assistance, please contact the school directly.



Birthdays



We **encourage you not to send food treats** to school for birthdays as they pose a challenge to the safety of our students with **food allergies**. Instead you might send materials to class for learning such as pencils, crayons, etc. If you opt to send a treat, please ensure it has the certified **nut-free label**.

Getting ready to smile!

Please note that our picture days are:

Oct. 24 - Kindergarten to Gr. 3 & PCOM

Oct. 25 - Grade 4 to 8, JCOM, ICOM



Does Your Child Have Any Serious Medical Concerns?

If your child has a serious medical concern such as a severe allergy, asthma, diabetes or epilepsy, please notify the school as soon as possible, if you have not already done so. Forms will be sent home with students whose families have identified them as having a serious medical concern. Parents, please complete the forms, have them signed by your doctor, and return them to the school as soon as possible. If you need the forms, please contact the office.

***Epi-Pens/Allerject are to be worn (e.g. in a fanny pack) by students, regardless of age, at all times.**

***Inhalers, with parent permission, are to be worn (e.g., in a fanny pack) by students at all times.**

Please ensure that you have provided the school with any necessary medication, and that it is clearly labeled with your child's first and last name.

If your child is ill with something such as the cold or flu, please keep your child at home. We are not able to administer any cold or pain medication at school. It is in your child's best interest that he/she remain at home until he/she has fully recovered. Please know, in the event of a child being ill at school, we will call home to have the child picked up as we do not have the resources to tend to them. Thank you for your support.

BREAKFAST PROGRAM



Our Breakfast Program at Great Lakes will continue to operate from **October 2018 to June 2019**. The Breakfast Program will run five days a week from **8:10 to 8:23 a.m.** in the **staff room for Gr. 1-8** and in **Rooms 101/102 for kindergarten students**. The Breakfast Program is available free of charge to students. There is a definite link between good nutrition and academic success. Having a healthy breakfast has shown to improve students' attention span in class, to increase their energy level, and to positively impact their academic performance. We will serve a cold breakfast which will consist of foods such as juice, cereal, yogurt, apple sauce and breakfast bars. Permission forms for the program will be sent home later in the month. If you wish your child to participate in this program, please send the **permission form** to your child's teacher.

School Settlement Worker Contact Information

Please know we will receive a new settlement worker soon and will share his/her contact information in the October newsletter.



Please DO NOT send any food items to school that contain nuts



Anaphylaxis is a potentially life-threatening allergic reaction that affects some children. We ask that you help us take care of these students by sending lunches and snacks for your child that are free from peanuts or nuts, because these foods are the leading cause of anaphylaxis.

Please read the label of any food you plan to send to school with your child. If the label says, "May contain nuts or peanuts," **please do not send it to school.**

You can get a complete copy of the Peel board's anaphylaxis guideline at www.peelschools.org under the Parent tab, under Student Health.

No Scent is Good Sense

Please know we have students/staff with severe reactions to scented products. Therefore, we are requesting your support in your child not wearing scented products to school.

Protect your kids — and your finances

The Peel District School Board does **not** provide accident insurance coverage for student injuries that occur on school property or during school activities including extracurricular sports. Each year, families could spend thousands of dollars when their children are injured at school, on field trips, while participating in non-school activities, or at home. If a student is injured, parent(s)/guardian(s) are responsible for any medical costs not covered by provincial health care or their employer's health care plan.

The provincial health care system does **not** cover costs which are commonly related to accidents including dental work, ambulance fees, casts and crutches, and physiotherapy. All of these **are** covered by Insuremykids student accident insurance plan and as a convenience to parents, the Board has arranged to offer a plan to parents through Old Republic Insurance Company of Canada. To help protect your family, it is strongly recommended that you consider obtaining Insuremykids Protection Plan, which offers a variety of benefits at affordable prices, which provide 24 hours a day, 365 days a year coverage, range from \$13 to \$33 per year.

The insurance agreement is between **You** and **Reliable Life Insurance Company**.

You can apply for coverage online at www.insuremykids.com for answers to frequently asked questions. For more information, call Old Republic Insurance Company of Canada toll free at

1-800-463-KIDS (5437).