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Dates to Remember

Jan 22	Report writing day – No school
Jan 23	Grad photos
Jan 25	School Council 6-7 pm
Jan 26	Character day
Feb 8	Report Cards and Kindergarten Collaboration of Learning go home
Feb 9	PL Day – No school for students
Feb 19	Family Day – No school for students
Feb 20	Immunization Day (Grades 7 and 8)
Feb 22	School Council 6-7 pm

Time for school - A parent's guide to reporting school absences

All parents/guardians of elementary students need to report their children's absences or late arrivals from school via our automated *SafeArrival* system.

Whether it is an illness or another absence and you decide to keep your child home, please report your child's absence via the *SafeArrival* system quickly and conveniently in one of the three ways:

- Call an automated, interactive toll free number – **1-855-209-6155** (Please note – You must wait for confirmation)
- Report absences online by accessing the *SafeArrival* parent portal on **pdsb.schoolconnects.com**
- Download the **SafeArrival mobile application** for Apple and Android devices

Bus cancellation and closing schools due to bad weather

During the winter months, we may need to cancel buses or close schools because of inclement weather.

Information regarding details of cancellations or closures will be announced on radio and television stations listed below and will also be available on Twitter @Peelschools, Facebook at www.facebook.com/peelschools, www.peelschools.org and www.stopr.ca or by calling

905-890-1010 or 1-800-668-1146.

VIRGIN RADIOFM99.9
CFNY FM102.1/AM640
NEWSTALK1010 AM
FM Z103.5
CHIN FM100.7/AM1540
GLOBAL NEWS
CFRB – (Bell Media)

BREAKFAST TELEVISION
CJCL AM590
EZ ROCK FM97.3
FM93.1
CBC99.1
CITY NEWS

NEWS AM680
CHFI FM98.1
CJBC (FR) AM860
FM Q107
CITYPULSE
CTV

One of the following messages will be announced (highlighted text only):

Peel District School Board buses are cancelled

This means that schools remain open for students and staff, but buses are cancelled. Bus cancellations could occur in all or parts of municipalities. Buses will remain cancelled all day. All activities that require busing will also be cancelled. Permits, night school classes, child care and other activities in schools will operate as usual.

All Peel District School Board schools and board offices are closed

This means that all schools and Peel board offices are closed to students and staff. All activities in schools and board offices are also cancelled, including child care, night school and permits.

All evening programs and permits at the Peel District School Board are cancelled

This means that all activities in schools and Peel board offices are cancelled, including continuing education courses and events. The buildings will be closed.

All weekend programs and permits at the Peel District School Board are cancelled

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Volunteer Criminal Record Checks to cost \$33 as of January 1, 2018

Peel Regional Police have advised us that, as of January 1, 2018, Criminal Record Checks – Vulnerable Sector Check for adults, including those for volunteers, will cost \$33; students and seniors will remain at the current cost of \$25. *Processing of CRCs for volunteers is free until the end of December 2017, with Form A provided by the school.*

CRC application forms are available in the lobby of Peel Regional Police Headquarters, and at the Square One Community Station, or online by accessing the link on the Peel Regional Police website: <https://www.peelpolice.ca/en/services/vulnerablesectorcheck.asp>.

Help your family stay warm this winter

Canada Safety Council recommends the following tips for staying comfortable and preventing hypothermia when working or playing outdoors:

- Wear a warm hat—most body heat is lost through the head. Children should keep an extra hat at school.
- Wear layered clothing. Layers allow warm air to stay trapped around the body.

- Protect your feet and hands. Wear loose waterproof boots. If the boots have liners, carry an extra pair to replace damp ones or take an extra pair of socks. Invest in thick socks to keep your feet warm. Mittens are warmer than gloves. Carry an extra pair of mittens to school, on outings, etc.
- Prevent dehydration and exhaustion, which can lead to hypothermia. Drink plenty of fluids and pace yourself when doing vigorous activities.
- Stay fit by exercising and eating well—people who are fit are less susceptible to hypothermia.
- If you stay indoors, avoid moving from a hot environment to a cold one. Excessive sweating caused from an extreme change in temperature increases the risk of developing hypothermia.
- Eat high-energy food such as nuts and raisins. A balanced diet will also help keep you warm and healthy in the winter.
- If you are travelling (on the road or in the wilderness) carry emergency supplies.

Winter bus safety

The following winter school bus safety tips will help to keep your child safe throughout the winter months.

- Allow extra time to get to your bus stop.
- Wear bright clothing so the bus can see you in the early morning and late evening.
- Stand away from where the bus stops. Buses need extra room to stop when there is snow and ice.
- Use the handrail when boarding or exiting the bus to prevent slipping on wet or icy steps or road surfaces.
- Dress properly—winter clothing, hats, and boots will keep you warm.
- Don't throw snowballs at the bus or other children waiting for the bus.
- Don't slide on the snow or ice patches in driveways or on the street.
- Don't push or shove around the bus. Someone could fall down on the ice and get hurt.

On very rare occasions, buses are late because of weather conditions or mechanical problems. Talk to your child about what to do if the bus is late. Here are some suggestions:

- When possible, wait with your child for the bus.
- Make sure your child knows a phone number where he can reach you or another trusted adult.
- Teach your child how and where to get help. Talk to your child about what a "safe" stranger is.
- Help your child set up a bus stop buddy system so your child has someone to wait with for the bus.

It's time to register children born in 2014 for kindergarten

We inspire success, confidence and hope in each student...and it all starts in kindergarten! If your child was born in 2014, he or she can start kindergarten in September 2018. You can register your child at any time during regular school hours—just visit the school he/she will be attending to register.

Peel schools will also hold a Kindergarten Registration Week with special registration activities during Jan. 29 to Feb. 2, 2018. Visit **Ingleborough Public School** from:

- Jan. 29 to 31, 2018 – from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- Feb. 1, 2018 – from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and 5 to 8 p.m.
- Feb. 2, 2018 – from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

What you will need to bring to registration

Proof of child's age (one of the following)

- Canadian birth certificate
- Canadian passport
- citizenship card/certificate
- Permanent Resident Card
- confirmation of permanent residence
- work permit
- refugee permit

Proof of address (one of the following)

- Ontario driver's license
- utility bill
- bank statement/client slip (directly from financial institution)
- credit card statement
- federal government forms (e.g. Social Insurance Number, Service Canada documents)
- purchase agreement

Proof of custody – children must live with their parent(s) unless provided documentation supports an alternate living arrangement

Proof of immunization – proof that your child has been immunized/vaccinated

Apply for Extended French by Jan. 26, 2018

If your child will be starting grade 7 in September 2018, one of the important choices you will make is whether you want to consider Extended French (EF). To find out more about the program, visit **www.peelschools.org/French**

The EF school for our area is Beatty-Fleming Sr. Public School. The phone number is 905-457-6107.
Online application

The application form for Grade 7 EF for the 2018-19 school year will be available online at **www.peelschools.org/French on Friday, Nov. 24, 2017 at 1 p.m.**

The **deadline to apply is Friday, Jan. 26, 2018 at 4 p.m.** A computerized random selection process assigns a rank to each application received by the deadline. Students are offered available space in Extended French in this order. Students who are not selected will be placed in rank order on a waitlist. Each school has its own waitlist. Parents will be notified if a space becomes available. Applications received after that date will be put on a waiting list.

For more information

- visit **www.peelschools.org/French**
- call your nearest Extended French school
- talk with parents who have children in the Extended French program
- visit the Canadian Parents for French website at **<http://on.cpf.ca>**

Apply for French Immersion by Jan. 26, 2018

If your child will be starting grade 1 in September 2018, one of the important choices you will make is whether you want to consider grade 1 French Immersion (FI). To find out more about the program, visit www.peelschools.org/French

The application form for grade 1 FI for the 2018-19 school year will be available online at www.peelschools.org/French as of Friday, Nov. 24, 2017 at 1 p.m. The deadline to apply is Friday, Jan. 26, 2018 at 4 p.m. Applications received after the deadline will not be included in the random selection process and will be placed on the school's waitlist.

The FI school for our area is Ingleborough Public School. The phone number is 905 451 4430.

Enrolment cap and random selection process

The Peel board has a limited number of spaces available for students interested in grade 1 French Immersion. At this time, the grade 1 FI enrolment cap is set at 25 per cent of all Peel students enrolled in grade 1. A random selection process is used to determine which students will be offered spaces in the grade 1 FI program.

It is important to note that applicants are **not offered space in grade 1 FI on a first come, first serve basis**. A computerized random selection process will randomly assign a rank to each application that is received by the deadline.

Once students have been assigned to all available spaces, remaining students will be placed, again in rank order, on the school's waitlist. Each school has its own waitlist.

How to get more information

- Visit the Peel board website—www.peelschools.org/French.
- Call Ingleborough Public School at 905 451 4430.
- Visit the Canadian Parents for French website at <http://on.cpf.ca/>.



Train More. Rehearse More. 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.

The Peel Region High Performers Program is available to students in grades 4 to 12 at Britannia Public School, Dolphin Senior Public School and Mississauga Secondary School.

Applications close Jan. 12, 2018

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

EMPOWERING MODERN LEARNERS

2018 Parent Conference

Inspire - Innovate - Ignite

Co-presented by:  

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, March 24, 2018, at Mississauga Secondary School in Mississauga. Once again, the conference will focus on Empowering Modern Learners. Parents will still have the opportunity to attend workshops on topics, including numeracy, literacy, special education, technology and science.

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

Our keynote presentation will be delivered by [Dwayne Matthews](#), a life and education strategist, who converges and shares knowledge on modern learning, disruptive technology, and the evolution of work. Dwayne will present *Learning in the 21st century: Why it's different, why it matters and how to help children thrive in a rapidly evolving digital world*.

Registration opens Feb.5, 2018

Stay up-to-date!

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

Middle School Regional Learning Choices Programs

Regional Learning Choices Programs offered by the Peel District School Board empower students by providing an opportunity to develop and explore skills in a particular area of interest. These programs are open to all students who meet the criteria for acceptance.

Information Nights

Students and their families are encouraged to attend the information night for the program of their choice to receive more information about the program and application details. If you are unable to attend the information night, program details and information about the application process are available through the school.

How to apply

Application dates for middle school programs vary from school to school. Visit www.peelschools.org/RegionalPrograms to learn more about our programs, application process and transportation eligibility. *The application window for our secondary regional programs has closed for this school year.*