

September 27, 2017 – School News Update

It has been a busy September 2017. W. Erskine Johnston P.S. has welcomed a number of new families this month. Our enrollment presently is 672. This increase has not resulted in a significant reorganization of classes this year. However, as a result of reorganization of classes, teachers and positions, across the OCDSB there are some changes occurring in teacher positions at W. Erskine Johnston P.S. Although your child has not been affected and will remain in his/her present class, their teacher has been changed. The following staff members who are assuming new appointments include Ms. Gaffen, Ms. Martinak, Mme Bresee, Ms. Iranmanesh-Parsa and Mme Selami. Parents/Guardians of children in these classes will receive a letter indicating the change. These changes will be effective Monday and Tuesday of next week.

Thank you for your understanding as we work through September start up, both at the school and school board level. We appreciate your understanding and support as we implement these changes.

Our Annual Terry Fox Walk/Run will take place tomorrow Thursday, September 28 at 3:00 p.m. Our goal is to raise \$2,400.00 to contribute to the Terry Fox Foundation. A donation of a loonie or toonie (or more) would be appreciated to help us achieve this goal.

You are invited to come to the school for Meet the Teacher evening also tomorrow Thursday, September 28th between 4:30 and 6:00 o'clock. Thank you to our School Council for arranging a BBQ to celebrate the start to another great school year with you school friends and their families. The Original Souvlaki food truck will be providing the BBQ food for purchase. We look forward to seeing you that evening.

Student Accident Insurance

Creating a caring and safe environment for our students is our top priority. Unfortunately, despite all reasonable precautions being taken, accidents can still happen. Some injuries may result in medical, dental or other expenses that are not covered by provincial health care or employer group plans. As a parent/guardian, you become responsible for these expenses.

Student accident insurance is available for purchase, on a voluntary basis, through Reliable Life Insurance Company. Parents may apply online at www.insuremykids.com, forms may be downloaded at www.binks.ca or hard copies may be picked up from the school office.

The OCDSB encourages all parents/guardians to consider purchasing this insurance. If your child is involved in school related sports activities or is participating in any field trips out of the province you may wish to seriously consider the coverage options, which range from \$13.00/year to \$33.00/year. This coverage is for the entire calendar year and also applies outside of school hours. If you have any questions, please call Binks Insurance Brokers directly at 613-226-1350.