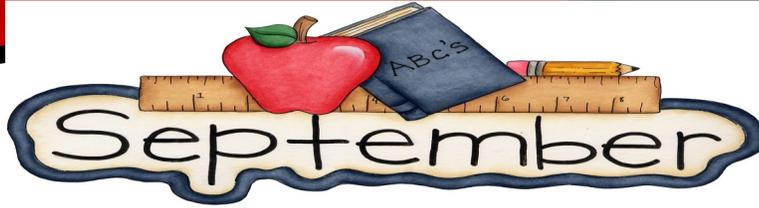




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Port Weller Public School

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September at Port Weller

A message from Mr. Enns

On behalf of our enthusiastic staff, we would like to welcome our new families as well as our returning families to Port Weller Public School.

Creating and delivering a comprehensive academic and social program for every student is a team effort. We look forward to building on the positive relationships with families in the Port Weller community to provide children with maximum support.

We encourage parents to be active in their child's education. There are many ways in which you can reinforce what students are learning. We encourage you to read your child's agenda (grades 1 to 8), assignments, and notes that come home. Please feel free to visit Port Weller to learn more about what we do. We hope to see you at our Open House and School Council Silent Auction scheduled for Wednesday, September 20.

If you should have any questions or would like to share your ideas, please contact the school. We hope to make you feel welcome and see and hear from you! Together, we **will** continue to make a positive difference in the lives of our children.

Port Weller School Council

The Port Weller School Council plays a very important role in supporting student success. Through their initiatives, they are able to bring the community together in an effort to provide our students with the best possible learning environment. School Council sent home an important note on Thursday, September 7th providing information about upcoming meetings (also posted on the attached calendar) and their action plans. Your School Council welcomes all family members and encourages you to participate.



School Bell Times Update

Parents, please be aware that we will be moving **ALL** of our school bell times back 5 minutes beginning Monday, September 11.

Supervision on the schoolyard will begin 8:50 a.m., our entry bell will ring at 9:05 a.m. and we will dismiss at 3:25 p.m. A note and schedule with the new bell times went home with students on Friday, September 8th. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.



Student Safety

Keeping students safe is our number one priority. We will be giving our students regular reminders throughout the year to help them stay safe in a variety of situations. We remind our students who walk or ride to school to continue to obey the crossing guards at our neighbourhood intersections. We also remind everyone that we do have several students who have serious food allergies, especially to peanuts and/or tree nuts. We kindly remind our Port Weller families to please be mindful and not send foods with these ingredients. Your support with student safety is appreciated.



School Library Update

Along with our return to school, comes the start-up of the Port

Weller library. This year, each homeroom class has one book exchange period per ten day cycle and there are additional periods available for teachers to bring their own classes down to use the library. It won't be long before the space becomes a busy hub of activity. If you would like to volunteer in the school library please contact the teacher-librarian at Jeremy.Thorpe@dsbn.org or @MrJThorpe.

Student Leadership and Extracurricular Activities

Developing student leadership will continue to be a focus through the "Leader in Me" program. Students and staff will be placed onto cross-graded action teams later this month to help organize and run school wide activities.

As in past years, Port Weller will offer children a wide variety of extracurricular activities. Students will be offered many different activities throughout the year including clubs, athletics, and school spirit initiatives. We encourage students to get involved.

Breakfast Club, Milk Program and Hot Meals

We will be starting these programs beginning in the month of October. Information about schedules and costs will be sent home to parents ahead of their start up dates.

Ice Cream and Snack Shack

Information will be coming home soon regarding Ice Cream and Snack Shack.

Important Dates

Attached to this newsletter is a calendar with some important dates for the month of September. More information about special events will be posted on our school website and shared with students during our morning announcements.

Home School Communication

Regular communication between home and school helps us to work together to keep students safe and to be successful. Port Weller School will create monthly newsletters that will be emailed to parents (please return your child's verification form and be sure to include your email address) and we will update our website regularly. In addition, we will use twitter to share ongoing success stories at our school. Teachers will also use their own forms of communication (examples include: class newsletter, electronic reminders, student agendas, etc.) to provide parents with information that pertains specifically to their child or the home room program.





THE TERRY FOX RUN

for cancer research

Toonies for Terry!

The Terry Fox Run will be at Port Weller School on Wednesday, September 27th from 1:45 - 3:00. Please bring in a Toonie to support the Terry Fox Foundation.

Our school goal is to raise \$500.

Run Pirates....Run!!!



Port Weller School Community Garden

- * A huge thanks goes out to the families who cared for the garden this summer. It looks amazing and is now being used to provide our students with great opportunities for learning and snacking!
- * We are looking forward to doing science and health lessons outside in our beautiful garden.



Thank You,

Mrs. Hampson would like to thank everyone for calling your children in absent or late as it does cut down on the time required to locate any absent children. Please be sure to ask for medical forms if your child has serious medical concerns including Anaphylaxis and Asthma. You can either ask your child's teacher or call Mrs. Hampson and we will send the forms home.



WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL

