



VICTORIA PUBLIC SCHOOL

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GO WILDCATS !!

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

We've had a great start to the school year. In the first month of school the students have settled into their classes and teachers have been getting to know their students and gathering some preliminary assessment information to determine student strengths and needs. Our EQAO results have been received and we will be using this data as well as other assessments to set goals, plan for instruction and determine the focus of our school improvement plan on the P.A. Day on October 6th.

It was a pleasure to see and meet so many members of our school community at our "Meet the Teacher" Open House. The staff and I appreciated your attendance and positive comments expressed by many of you.

We will continue to be busy here at Victoria. Our cross country team will compete in their events and students will participate in bus safety presentations. These are just a few of the events that staff and students will be engaged in.

At this time I would like to wish you all a very happy Thanksgiving on October 9th.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Tulloch

STUDENT OF THE MONTH

The Victoria School Staff is pleased to announce the continuation of a special student recognition on a monthly basis. Victoria staff members are able to nominate a student for this monthly recognition on the basis of that student exhibiting excellence consistently throughout the month. After a staff member nominates a student, those to be recognized are selected by the whole staff at the monthly staff meeting.

We are pleased to congratulate our September 2017 Student of the Month:

Ryan R. -for being a classroom leader who is kind and helpful to other students and exhibits all the good qualities we appreciate in our Victoria School community.

His picture will be proudly displayed in our front foyer. Congratulations!

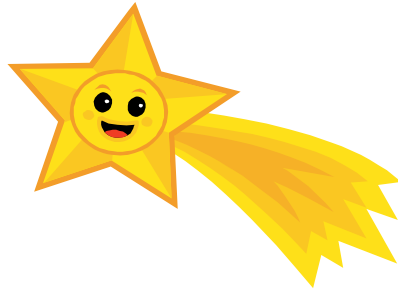


GOOD NEWS ASSEMBLY

At our September Good News Assembly, the following students were recognized for their contributions to their classes and the school:

JK/SK

Lucas S
Khloe H-G
Kira K.
Aubree C.



Gr. 1/2/3

Jayden V.
Kristabella V.
Thiago K.
Anthony P. Tami R.
Gabriel R. Kaylee K.

Grade 5/6

Senica G. Xavier K.
Kole S. Dillon V.

Grade 5/6

Rianna R. Zac H.

ANAPHYLAXIS AWARENESS

Please keep in mind that a number of our students have a condition called Anaphylaxis—a severe allergy that can result in death. We have students in our school who are allergic to peanuts, tree nuts, nut products, sesame seeds and chick peas (tahini). We are asking all parents in the Victoria community to help us reduce the risks for these students by not sending any products containing these items for lunch/snack time. We appreciate the support and cooperation that we have received from our school community so far and ask that we have the cooperation of our entire school community. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call the school.



CROSS COUNTRY

Our cross country team is successfully competing in 2 meets at Fireman's Park on

Wednesday, September 27th and Wednesday, October 4th. The following students are members of our team:

Cole B. Eric L.
Keven G. Vanin J.
Trayton P.
Rianna R.
Nic R.
Cadyn R.



Thanks to our race marshalls: Mya G., Zac H., Kendra K., Anndrea F., Abbey H. Morgan H. and Souriya Z. for their help.

Members who have qualified will compete in the DSBN cross country meet on October 16th.

CUSTODY ORDERS

Parents usually share custody of their children in the event of a separation or divorce. Sometimes it is necessary to establish other arrangements through a court order. The school cannot enforce these alternate arrangements without a copy of the court order in the student's confidential Ontario School Records file. Please discuss with the office if this situation pertains to your family and provide a copy of any court orders in order to help us provide a safe environment for your children.

PARKING

Please be aware that the city does monitor the parking along the street during school days and tickets those cars in violation of the parking signs. When parking along Heritage Drive in front of the park, please use the space in a manner that would accommodate cars and yet provide safe crossing for the students. All students should cross the street at the crosswalk.

Parents are reminded that the area directly in front of the school is a bus pick up/drop off, deliveries and emergency vehicles area and should not be used by parents parking or picking up and dropping off students. For safety reasons, we ask that you keep that area clear at all times and **do not use that to drive through**. Students should be entering and exiting the building by the east doors of the school at all times, except for special circumstances when their parents have been in the office area.

TERRY FOX WALK/RUN

On Thursday, September 29th, Victoria School participated in the Terry Fox run. With school spirit and compassion, the school raised \$ 300.00 for the Terry Fox Foundation and collectively, walk 105 km. Thanks to all who participated and contributed. The winner of our Terry Fox T-shirt draw was Ryan R..

LATES

The entry bell in the morning rings at 8:45 a.m. and classes begin at 8:50 a.m. If you are driving your children to school, please ensure that you arrive at least 5 minutes ahead of the bell. We have supervision for Grades 1 through 6 students 15 minutes before that bell. Please remember that a child entering late to class is disruptive to the others in the room. Regular lates make it more difficult to deliver a consistent program to a student. Thank you for your assistance with this serious matter.



PARENT TEACHER COUNCIL

The next meeting of the School Council will be on Thursday, November 16th, at 6:00 p.m. We welcome new faces to our Council. Please consider coming out to join this very important group within our school community. All parents are welcome.

EQAO RESULTS

In May and June 2017 Victoria's Grade 3 and Grade 6 students participated in the EQAO Provincial Assessment measuring their performance in reading, writing and mathematics.

Results of the Primary (Gr. 3) and Junior (Gr. 6) assessments have been received and we announce the following results. The percentages indicate the number of students at or above the provincial standard (Level 3):

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| Grade 3 Reading | - 92% |
| Grade 3 Writing | - 85% |
| Grade 3 Math | - 92% |

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| Grade 6 Reading | -100% |
| Grade 6 Writing | -80% |
| Grade 6 Math | -40% |

Analysis of this information, trends over a number of years, along with the other information gathered by your child's teacher will identify strengths and areas requiring extra work as we focus on instructional improvement. We will also be examining the individual student responses to determine student strengths and needs on the P.A. Day.

HALLOWE'EN

We will be having our annual Hallowe'en

Parade on October 31st in the afternoon. More details will follow.



PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITY DAY

Friday, October 6th, is a Professional Activity Day for teachers. Monday, October 9th is Thanksgiving Monday. Students will return to school on Tuesday, October 10, 2017.

IMPORTANT REMINDER

The week of October 9th is Fire Prevention week and we urge you at this time to please, check your smoke detectors and make sure that they are in proper working order. It only takes a moment to check and change the batteries in your smoke detector and could save your life and the lives of your loved ones.

SCHOOL PICTURE RE-TAKES

Our School Photographer will be in our school on Tuesday, October 24th in the morning to take re-takes.

WHEN TO KEEP YOUR CHILD HOME FROM SCHOOL

With winter coming and cold and flu season beginning, please review the following guidelines when deciding whether you should send your child to school. Do not send them to school if they exhibit any of the following symptoms:

1. A temperature of more than 100 degrees
2. Nausea or vomiting
3. Stomach ache

4. Diarrhea
5. Pale or flushed face
6. Persistent cough
7. Headache
8. Earache
9. Thick yellow discharge from the nose
10. Sore throat
11. Rash or infection of the skin
12. Red or pink eyes

If your child has any of these symptoms when it is time for school, it is best that he/she stay home. Most childhood illnesses are over soon and are no cause for worry. But, if symptoms are severe or persist for more than 24 hours, you should contact your doctor or visit a clinic. Practicing regular hand washing and teaching children to “cover their cough” are great ways to prevent the spread of illness.

FREE MONEY FOR YOUR CHILD'S FUTURE!

What is the Canada Learning Bond (CLB)?

The Canada Learning Bond (CLB) is a government program that gives **\$500.00** in education money to children **born on or after January 1, 2004 whose families receive the Canada Child Benefit Supplement (family net income of \$45,916 or less or more based on number of children).**

Sound good? Keep reading....

- The Government will add **\$100 more every year** the child is eligible, up to age 15
- Each child could get up to **\$2000 (plus interest) in RESP contributions!**
- NO family contribution is required**
- The Canada Learning Bond is retroactive for children born 2004 or after**

**Great! Here is How You Get Started:
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