

John Young Elementary School
Principal's Report
September 27, 2017

1. Welcome
 - we have had a great start to the year
 - it is my pleasure to be working with you this year in my new role as Principal of JYES
 - when home and school work together, research shows that student achievement and wellness increases
2. Student Safety and Student Learning
 - This is the basis for every decision that we make at JYES..
3. The role of School Council
 - Your main role is that of an advisory board to the Principal and the OCDSB
 - A secondary role may be to fundraise to enrich programming at the school or to run activities at the school
 - Please see the School Councils: A Guide for Members (2001) online for clarification of all roles.
<http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/general/elemsec/council/council02.pdf>
 - Here is the abbreviated and updated OCDSB Version
<http://ocdsb.ss13.sharpschool.com/common/pages/DisplayFile.aspx?itemId=1772704>
4. September. – Welcome BBQ and Meet the Staff Night
 - Thank you for an incredible event
 - Staff members were delighted to combine both events and expressed their gratitude for the positive relationship with School Council and the community in general. Well done, team!
5. Student Assemblies – Tosha
 - We've had three assemblies so far this year. Heather and I held the first assembly. It was a welcome back assembly to introduce the students to Heather, and to the new staff. At that assembly we showed the students a minion video which depicted artful school behaviour. We then juxtaposed that with a role play of expected behaviours and how we deal with a conflict using our WITS. Heather and I are awaiting our Emmy nominations. We also had Mme Eritou and Ms. Woodward discuss the friendship bench outside which is painted purple in Peyton's honour and how it works. We have seen several students using the bench and we continue to encourage them as they seek new friendships.
 - There was an eco-assembly that was held for the students to review how to care for our environment and what the Green Team will be doing this year and how students can become involved.

- There was a Terry Fox launch assembly. The Terry Fox run will be held this Friday in the afternoon.

6. Communication

- Communication is very important between home and school and a priority for this administration.
- You have my commitment to regular monthly and bi-weekly communication by email to parents that will include my School Council Principal Report.
- You should expect regular communication from teachers.
- We are happy to pass on School Council information by the School Connects email system. Please pass any information to Heather for approval in advance of the sending of the information.
- The school websites are under reconstruction throughout the district and this has caused some slowdowns for us at JYES.
- We are making the website a priority in the coming days especially for the calendar. Parents will be expected to go to the website to get the latest calendar information. See the bottom of this report for the most recent dates.

7. Extra-curricular program – Tosha

- I'd like to thank the educators who have agreed to volunteer their time to spend with students playing sports and engaging them in different clubs and activities. Currently we have educators who are coaching junior soccer for boys and girls, running cross country, holding weekly meetings for the green team, managing student lunch monitors and involving students in learning to play chess.

8. Finances

- I have had an opportunity to review your finances from the past year and the financial accounting controls that you have in place. Your practices are exemplary.
- Every OCDSB School is required to have a fundraising plan in place by Oct. 31. This is good financial practice. This means having a set budget for the year with projected fundraising and projected spending. This would be passed to the principal as advice as to how to spend money raised at the school. From there, school council, would allocate money to the School Generated Fund Account for spending on most items. See financial guidelines in the School Council Resource Guide – September 2017 pp. 65-70
- I recommend that council strike a finance committee to come up with a budget for this school year. I am happy to work as part of this committee.
- That said, I recommend for the start of the year that you allocate these funds as in the past to get the year started or when you have this funding available:
 - \$5 / child as a field tip subsidy x 700 = \$3500
 - \$100 / class for consumables x 33 classes = \$3300
 - 1 Scientist in Schools presentation for each class - 33 X \$190 = \$6270
 - Total suggested amount \$13070

9. Thank you for your commitment and dedicated work to enhance programming and school life at John Young. It is a pleasure to be your educational partner.

JYES School Calendar

September

- 5 First Day of School
- 6 Primary Assembly at 2:00
Junior Assembly at 2:35
- 12 Staff Mtg at 3:30
- 12 Chess Club at 10:45-11:10
- 13 Kick OFF Assembly for Terry Fox – Primary
- 21 Clean Up the Capital
- 21 Meet The Teacher BBQ
- 29 Red & White School Spirit Day
- 29 Kindergarten Terry Fox Run on soccer field at 9:00
- 29 Terry Fox Run on Field at 2:00

October

- 2 Wear Orange Day to commemorate Residential School History
Impact on First Nations People
- 3 Adjusted Day – Friday Schedule
- 3 Photo Day; in the gym
- 4 Kindergarten Fire Truck Visit 11:30-12:30
- 6 PA Day – Math and Wellness Training for School Learning Plan
Training
- 9 Happy Thanksgiving Day – NO SCHOOL
- 10 Staff Meeting at 3:30-4:45
- 11 Adjusted Day – Monday Schedule
- 12 Kindergarten Fire Truck Visit 11:30-12:30
- 16-19 Scientists in the School for Kindergarten
- 17 Kindergarten Staff meeting at 3:30
- 18 Junior Team Staff meeting at 3:15-4:00
- 19 Dental Screening JK/SK & gr.2
- 19 Hydro Presentation – gym closed
- 23 Primary Division staff meeting 3:30-4:00
- 25 KJSA & KJSB Family Visit, 9:30-10:30 & 12:00-1:00
- 27 Last Day of Progress Report Term
- 31 Halloween
- 31 Kindergarten Halloween Parade at 10:45-11:05

November

- 5 Daylight Savings (clocks back)
- 8 Photo Retake Day 9:00-12:00
- 9 Progress Reports go home
- 10 Remembrance Day assembly -time to be determined