IMPORTANT DATES

March 26th – June 11th – Grade 1 & 2 Swim Program
April 10th – Grade 7 & 8 – Movie for Anti-Bullying
April 12th – Safety Patrol – Movie Day
April 13th – Community Breakfast! All Welcome!
April 23rd – April 26th – Book Fair

April 26, May 3rd & May 10th – Swim to Survive – Grd.3
May 15th - Hep B & HPV
May 21st – May 24th – Grade 7 & 8 to Quebec
May 26 – May 31st – EQAO TESTING – Grade 3 & 6
May 28th – Grade 4 & 7 to Tiny Marsh
Grade 8 Graduation Date – June 26th!

Community Maple Syrup and Pancake Breakfast
Mark the date on your calendar:
Saturday, April 13th from 9:00 to 11:30. Join us for pancakes, fresh maple syrup and sausages. And bring some loonies and toonies for the Jars of Joy sale. This fun community event is not to be missed!

Parking Lot Safety
We appreciate how careful the majority of parents have been when dropping off and/or picking up their children.
Thank you for supporting our kiss and ride procedure. As long as everyone adheres to using the curb lane as a drop off or pick up point, the system actually works. The important part is not to get out of your vehicle and leave it unattended. If you would like to get out of your vehicle, you are welcome to park on Adam Street, Alexander Street or our school parking lot. Thank you for helping us to provide a safe environment for your child.

Book Fair
This spring Johnson St. is trying something new. We are hosting another Scholastic Book Fair. The Book Fair will run from April 23 – April 30 and will be open in the morning at 8:30 and will stay open all day until 5pm each night. Our Johnson St. community has demonstrated that our students are avid readers and our parents are extremely supportive of any literacy initiative. We hope we see you all at the Book Fair to pick up some amazing summer reads!!!!!

Appropriate Dress for School
Our students need to choose modest clothing for the school setting. It is important to create positive relationships with one another based on respect of themselves and others. Dress and body image are included in the issue of mutual respect as are bullying and harassment prevention. Parents are asked to be involved in discussing the choice of school clothing with their children and to support the following guidelines:

➢ Shoulder straps on tops must be at least 3 cm wide.
➢ Bra straps must not be showing. No undergarments should be showing.
➢ The midriff area of the body must be covered.
➢ Writing and pictures on clothing must not reflect themes of alcohol, drugs, violence, sexual connotations or vulgarity.

When students are not dressed appropriately, a phone call home for a change in clothing will be made or clean clothing we have on hand will be worn over or instead of the inappropriate item.

Province-wide Testing
Grade Three and Six EQAO Provincial Assessments
WHAT? An integrated assessment unit wherein students are encouraged to probe, ponder, question, hypothesize and to contemplate their world. There are performance-based, short answer and multiple choice assessment activities in reading, writing and mathematics. It takes approximately 6 hours over 3 days.

WHEN? For your advanced planning, this year’s EQAO assessments will take place as follows:
Grade 3 & 6 – The week of May 28 – 31!
Please do not schedule appointments as interruptions in the testing are very difficult to accommodate.
Results will be released in the fall of 2014.

Bradford Greenhouses
As spring approaches we start to think about gardening. Once again this year, Bradford Greenhouse has included us in their rebate
A good Kindergarten program provides a sound foundation for all future learning. If your child was born in 2009 he/she is eligible to attend Junior Kindergarten in September 2013. To register, parents must:

- show proof of their child’s age (original birth certificate is a MUST!!)
- immunization record
- live within our school boundaries
- bring work numbers for either or both parents
- bring an emergency number where we can reach a friend or relative if we are unable to reach you.
- Please call the office to set up a time to register your child as soon as possible @728-9251.

KDGN. Open House Date: May 30th – 11:30 – 12:45 p.m.

Donate your used printer cartridges and cell phones to support fundraising efforts!

Once again Johnson Street Public School is participating in the THINKGREEN Fundraising Program. This is a collection program where our school collects used inkjet cartridges, laser print cartridges, and cell phones and turns them in for cash rebates. It's simple; just donate your used inkjet or laser cartridges, and cell phones to our school. We will package and send them to GREENTEC who in turn will provide funds for each rebated cartridge or cell phone returned. Help spread the word! The THINKGREEN Program is good for the environment as you help divert used cartridges and cell phones that can take up to 1000 years to decay from landfills. Plus… For every 12 rebated cartridges or cell phones collected, Greentec sponsors the planting of one tree in partnership with the Tree Canada Foundation. Your support of the THINKGREEN program will help teach the children the importance of recycling and the benefits of tree planting.

Funds generated from the used cartridges and cell phones will go to the Gilda’s Club in Barrie. The mission of Gilda’s Club is to provide a meeting place where men, women and children living with cancer and their families and friends can join with others to build emotional and social support as a supplement to medical care. Free of charge and nonprofit, Gilda’s Club offers support and networking groups, lectures, workshops and social events in a nonresidential, homelike setting. Gilda’s Club is named in honor of Gilda Radner, who, when describing the emotional and social support she received when she had cancer, called for such places to be made available for people with cancer and their families and friends everywhere.

Donate your used ink cartridges and cell phones and help support Gilda’s Club and our environment at the same time.

Contact: Mrs. Walsh or Mrs. Kirkpatrick

REDUCE THE RISK

As we begin the third term of 2012/2013 we would like to remind our Johnson Street School community of our “Reduce the Risk” program. Please continue your efforts to leave peanut/nut products at home. We appreciate your consideration and thank you for making our school a safer place for everyone.

COLLECTION OF TAPES AND LABELS

PLEASE send in your Campbell’s Soup labels and Canadian Tire money as well as Zehrs tapes. We redeem these coupons for items needed around our school. ZEHRS is back! Apparently it is only the Superstores that have stopped the fundraiser. Thank you for your help!

DOGS!

A number of our students are frightened by dogs - big or small. Please do not bring dogs onto the school property near the main gate. There is a designated waiting area behind the recycling shelter near the bike rack. Thank you for respecting this policy.

THANK YOU AGAIN

for supporting our Family Reading Magazine fundraising campaign this past year.

Your tremendous support has made this a very successful fundraiser for our school!

Plus everyone is now reading more. 😊

Looking for some Summer-Time reading?

Looking for Mother’s Day or Father’s Day gifts?

You can still help our school, by placing your order at www.QSP.ca . Our number is 9003.

Don’t forget we will be running this reading fundraiser again and that some publishers may send you early renewal notices.

If you renew with the publishers, the school does not benefit. If you wish to renew early, please do so on-line. Thank you. Remember, if you ever have a question regarding your order, please call:

QSP Customer Service at 1-800-667-2536

Believe or not!

We really do encourage, insist, beg students to wear appropriate footwear and stay out of the mud and puddles! I’m sure you must sometimes wonder given the state of their socks and shoes. Rubber boots or outdoor footwear should continue to be worn in the school yard and students should continue to change to indoor shoes so classrooms remain clean, comfortable areas for learning. Nonetheless, an extra pair of dry socks in knapsacks is a smart idea!