



DRAYTON HEIGHTS PUBLIC SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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May 2010

Dates to Note

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| May 3-7 | - Education Week |
| May 3-6 | - Book Fair in Library |
| May 3-4 | - Grade 5 Earthkeepers |
| May 6 | - Grade 6 D.A.R.E. Graduation |
| May 5,6 | - Spring Photos |
| May 6 | - Sara Westbrook Assembly
(Grades 4 - 8) |
| May 7 | - Hoops for Heart |
| May 10 | - Parent Council (7:30 p.m.) |
| May 12 | - OYAP - visit to Conestoga College |
| May 15 | - Tulip Festival |
| May 17 | - Skills Canada Competition at RIM Park |
| May 20 | - School Track and Field(Rain Date May 21) |
| May 25,26 | - Grade 6 to J.U.M.P. at Laurier |
| May 25 | - ELP Information Night (7:00 p.m.) |
| May 26 | - Grade 8 to Alice in Wonderland |
| May 27 | - Fire Hazard House - Grades 1 & 4 |
| June 1 | - Medieval Times - Grade 4 |
| June 2 | - District Intermediate Track & Field |



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of classes during these times. If you have any questions about the assessment, the format, content or how students are evaluated, please contact your child's teacher. You can also visit www.eqao.com to learn more.



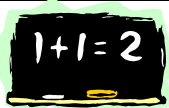
Drills, Drills, Drills

In order to ensure the safety of everyone in the building we need to review certain procedures. Prior to the end of the school year, we will be doing three more fire drills. Students and staff are warned of the first drill and the second and third drills are done without warning.

Each Spring, we also review tornado drill procedure. This will be planned and completed before the end of May.

Finally, information was provided in a previous newsletter about a yearly lockdown drill. This is where everyone remains safe and out of the line of sight in classrooms in the event that an intruder is in the building.

EQAO -Primary and Junior Years Assessment



If your child is in grade three or six at Drayton Heights, he or she will be participating in the EQAO assessment for Reading, Writing and Mathematics between June 7 and June 10th. For the most part, the testing will take place between 9:00 and 10:30 and between 12:50 and 2:15. In order for the testing to be valid, students must complete all portions of the assessment. It is difficult to 'catch kids up' if they miss a day during the testing. If at all possible, we ask you to avoid pulling students

SPECIAL EVENT Sara Westbrook

As part of the D.A.R.E. Graduation and our new student orientation, we have invited Sara Westbrook to speak to our students from Grades 4 to 8 on May 6 at 2:00 p.m.

Sara is a Motivational Speaker, Singer, Songwriter and Youth Advice Columnist. We can't always control the circumstances in our lives but we

always have the Power to make our choices.

Feel free to join us for this special presentation.

EARTHKEEPERS

On Monday, May 3 and Tuesday May 4, our Grade 5 students will attend the Earthkeepers Program, which is subsidized by our School Council. Thank you, School Council, for your ongoing annual support of an outstanding educational opportunity.

Change In Contact Numbers

Throughout the year many parents change their place of employment and/or childcare providers. Please be sure to inform the school so we can contact you in the event of emergency.

VALUABLES

On occasion, students have brought valuables or significant amounts of money to school. Please note that the school will not accept responsibility for their safe-keeping. It is strongly suggested that parents/students make a cooperative decision about their child bringing items of value to school.

Board policy prohibits the use of all electronic devices by students in school buildings and on school grounds, so expensive electronic toys and gadgets should be left at home. Intermediate students must keep lockers locked with a combination lock at all times, and bicycles ridden to school should be locked in the bike rack.

SUMMER SAFETY TIPS

How safe is your child?

1. I require my child to check with me before leaving the house.
2. I discuss with my child where he/she may and

may not go.

3. I always expect my child to be with a buddy or group when he/she goes out.

4. We regularly review steps to take in case of emergencies.

5. I caution my child to stay away from cars unless we both know and trust the driver.

6. I remind my child about road, bicycle, playground, stranger and water safety.

STRANGER DANGER AWARENESS

Parents please support our staff in their efforts to keep our children safe by signing in at the office and by not using the bus loop for private vehicle traffic.

BICYCLE HELMET HAZARD

There is a potential hazard that exists with children wearing bicycle helmets when playing on playground equipment. Helmets can become wedged in small openings and straps entangled in equipment. Always remove bicycle helmets before playing on playground equipment.

Lock Up Your Bicycles . . .

The County of Wellington O.P.P. would like to remind residents to lock up your bicycles when you are not riding them. It is also imperative that you record the make and serial number of your bicycle somewhere handy that you can find it. Most people have no idea what kind of bicycle they own or what the serial number is.

You can also engrave your driver's licence number on any of your valuables so that it is easy for the Police to identify the owner of it.

Engravers can be borrowed from any office of the County of Wellington O.P.P. for this purpose.

Each year officers recover hundreds of stolen bicycles and other stolen property throughout the County and are unable to identify the owner. The property then gets auctioned off instead of being returned to its' rightful owner.

Please Review Bike Safety

A number of students are now riding bicycles to school. Please ensure that you have reviewed the appropriate safety rules with your child and have provided him/her with a helmet and a lock. Please remind your child to walk their bike both on the school property and on the sidewalk area in front of the school.

D.A.R.E.

Our Grade 6 students are participating in the D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) program. D.A.R.E. is a ten week social skills program that is offered to Grade 6 students. This program is offered by Constable Michael deBoer of the O.P.P.

Students are learning to use a four step decision making process to make healthy choices. This will assist them with taking charge of their lives. The four steps are:

D.efine

What is the problem, challenge or opportunity?
What is the decision about?

A.ssess

What are your choice? (Explore all options)

R.espond

Use all the information available to make a choice.

E.valuation

Was my response appropriate, respectful and responsible? Was it a good choice? Why?

The D.A.R.E. Decision Making Model will help your child think critically. It will afford them the opportunity to analyse their decisions and evaluate past choices.

The D.A.R.E. Graduation is scheduled for May 6. This event is for the students from Drayton Heights and Maryborough P.S. who have participated in the D.A.R.E. program.

