

# James Strath Public School News

## Focus on Success



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### **From the Office...**

The weather continues to be unpredictable as we enter the month of April. While we can surely expect some April showers, the past couple of days have also brought what is hopefully the last of the snow for the year. To help ensure that students are dressed appropriately for the weather and prepared for changes, please encourage your child(ren) to dress in layers and to keep a change of clothing in their backpack or locker.

National Volunteer Week this year runs from April 7<sup>th</sup> until the 13<sup>th</sup>. We would like to thank all of the parents, guardians, and community members who have volunteered here at James Strath this year. We greatly appreciate your time and effort and thank you for your assistance with programs and events!

Have a terrific first month of Spring!

Glen Payne – Principal

Matt Gennings – Vice Principal

### **Parent Workshop at James Strath**

#### **Parent Workshop:**

#### Preparing Students for Grade 9 English

Tuesday, April 9th

6:00-7:30pm in the James Strath P.S. library

All parents/guardians of students in grades 6 to 8 are invited to join us for this evening workshop.

Staff at James Strath PS and Crestwood SS have collaborated to offer a workshop that looks at how to support students with the transition to grade 9 English.

We will discuss the grade 6-12 Language curriculum, patterns we see for student strengths and needs, possible changes to classroom lessons, and tips for supporting students from home with literacy and learning skills.

Please RSVP to your child's teacher as soon as possible if you are planning to attend.

## School Council Update

The next School Council meeting takes place on Wednesday, April 10<sup>th</sup> in the school library at 6:30 pm. The meeting is open for community members wishing to attend. We hope to see you there!

### James Strath School Council Executive – 2018/2019

**Chair:** Karen Smith [karen@kest.ca](mailto:karen@kest.ca)  
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## Character Council Update

The James Strath Character Council is busy planning events for the remaining three months of school. We have decided that all of our fundraising efforts will now go towards Sick Kids' Hospital.

In April, activities will be offered in each division to begin the fundraising (more information to come!) In May, our whole school will be focusing on mental health and we will develop strategies and activities that help us to be mentally healthy. And, finally, in June, we will be offering various treats for sale on certain days to celebrate a great year together.

Thanks in advance for supporting Sick Kids' Hospital!

## Spring Book Fair

The James Strath Spring Book Fair will take place on:

Tuesday, April 30<sup>th</sup>:  
8:30am - 2:30pm & 6 - 8pm  
and  
Wednesday, May 1<sup>st</sup>:  
8:30am - 2:30pm.



There are hundreds of great new books to choose from. We hope to see you there!

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## James Strath Sports Update

The James Strath Gymnastics Team is gearing up for their competition on April 25<sup>th</sup> at the Wellness Centre. The gymnasts are practicing individual routines as well as group dances. The training schedule is very busy for these athletes with up to 4 practices per week. The entire gymnastics team has demonstrated awesome perseverance and hard work. The coaches are so impressed with the skill development of the gymnasts over the past few weeks! We are all excited for our gymnasts to show off their routines and dances at the competition! Thank you to all of our junior coaches for assisting with choreography and routines and to our coaches Mrs. Wright, Mrs. Adams, Mrs. Peers, and Ms. Sawyer.



The Junior Floor Hockey players have been practicing and playing games at recesses to further develop their teamwork and skills. Both the Junior Boys' and Girls' teams will be hosting their respective tournaments here at James Strath. The boys will be playing on Monday, April 15<sup>th</sup> and the girls will be playing on Tuesday, April 16<sup>th</sup>.



Intermediate Badminton practices have also begun, as our coaches and players get ready for the upcoming tournament on Thursday, April 17<sup>th</sup>.



Thank you to all of the coaches and participants for your time and effort. We know that you'll be wonderful representatives of our school!

### April Sub and Pizza Day Dates

Upcoming Subway Lunch Dates:



Tuesday, April 16<sup>th</sup>  
Tuesday, April 30<sup>th</sup>

Upcoming Pizza Hut Lunch Dates:



Friday, April 12<sup>th</sup>  
Friday, April 26<sup>th</sup>

## **Thank You to our Volunteers!**



In appreciation for your contributions to our school, we are hosting a **Volunteer Tea** on **Friday, April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2019** at 10:00-10:45 in the library.

Please come if you have volunteered in any capacity. Thank you!

## **International Day of Pink**

April 10<sup>th</sup> marks the International Day of Pink. Started in Nova Scotia, this day is now recognized in communities across the country and the world. It is a day for people to unite in celebrating diversity and raising awareness to stop homophobia, transphobia, and all forms of bullying. Please take part and wear pink on April 10th.



## **School Nutrition Program Update**

Did you know that student nutrition programs are 100% run by volunteers such as parents, grandparents, students, community members and school staff? Peterborough has approximately 1000 volunteers working in student nutrition programs and at James Strath PS alone we have approximately 30 volunteers providing healthy snacks for your children. Everyday these volunteers perform a variety of daily tasks from grocery shopping, preparing food, washing dishes, serving food and various administrative tasks.

Do you or your child know any of the volunteers in your school's nutrition program? Do you know anyone who might be able to volunteer in the program? To get involved with our student nutrition program contact the school for more information.