

James Strath Public School News

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From the Office...

February brings the start of the second term of the school year. Students will be learning and developing new skills, and continuing to improve their existing abilities. As a school community, we are working to **R.I.S.K. It!** This means that we are focusing on being **Respectful, Inclusive, Safe, and Kind** in all situations.

The weather this month continues to be unpredictable. To help ensure that your child is dressed appropriately for the conditions, layering is a strategy that will allow them to be prepared for any type of weather. On especially cold days, please ensure that students' fingers, toes, ears, nose, and head are covered. The school will make decisions as to the appropriateness of outdoor play in accordance with School Board guidelines (i.e. avoid going outside when the wind chill is -26 C or lower).

Parents/guardians are also reminded that Monday, February 17th is Family Day. Schools are closed on this day.

Have a fantastic February!

Glen Payne – Principal
Matt Gennings – Vice Principal

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Kindergarten Registration Is Open!

Families: now's the time to register your child for Kindergarten! If your child will turn four before the end of December, make sure you register online at www.kprschools.ca/kindergarten

We also encourage you to take advantage of the coming regional Kindergarten Information Session closest to you. Sessions will be held from 5:30-7 p.m. as follows:

Tuesday, February 11 – C.R. Gummow Public School, 311 Cottesmore Ave., Cobourg

Wednesday, February 19 – Harold Longworth PS, 350 Longworth Ave., Bowmanville

Tuesday, March 3 – Duke of Cambridge PS, 47 Liberty St. N., Bowmanville

Tuesday, March 10 – Otonabee Valley PS, 580 River Rd. S., Peterborough

The sessions are free, and [pre-registration is required](#), to ensure sufficient take-home resources for every participating family. The evening will offer you a peek into the Kindergarten classroom and give you resources to help prepare your child for school. You also will be able to meet with community agencies and partners that serve families in your area. If Internet access is a problem for you, give us a call at the school and we'll be glad to outline the Kindergarten registration process.

February is Black History Month

February is Black History Month, which provides many opportunities **for all Canadians** to recognize and learn about the significant contributions individuals and groups have made to the life of Canada in education, medicine, art, culture, public service, economic development, politics, human rights and more.

Join us as we continue to build schools where all students feel represented and affirmed in their education experience. All students benefit from learning about Black Canadians.



Black History Month

Free Community Presentations

All Are Welcome!

The Last White Knight—Is Reconciliation Possible? Film Screening & Discussion with Paul Saltzman

Paul Saltzman is a two-time Canadian Emmy Award-winning film and television producer-director with more than 300 films, both dramas and documentaries, to his credit. The 2008 documentary feature, *Prom Night in Mississippi*, featuring actor Morgan Freeman, premiered at the 2009 Sundance Film Festival. His most recent film, the feature documentary, *The Last White Knight—Is Reconciliation Possible?* premiered at the Toronto International Film Festival in 2012.



He will be Screening *The Last White Knight*:

Tuesday, February 18th • Bowmanville High School
49 Liberty Street N. • Bowmanville, Ontario

and **Wednesday, February 19th • Adam Scott CVI**
175 Langton Street • Peterborough, Ontario

Film screening and discussion beginning at 7pm.

More Than A Month Film Screening



Shukree Hassan Tilghman, a 29-year-old African-American filmmaker, sets out on a cross-country campaign to end Black History Month. He stops in various cities, wearing a sandwich board, to solicit signatures on his petition to end the observance. He explains that relegating Black History Month to the coldest, shortest month of the year is an insult, and that black history is not separate from American history. Through this thoughtful and humorous journey, he explores what the treatment of history tells us about race and equality in a "post-racial" America.

Thursday, February 27th @ Campbellford District High School
119 Ranney Street N. • Campbellford, Ontario

Lost and Found Items

Our Lost and Found bin is filling up! We currently have a number of unclaimed clothing items in our bin. Please encourage your child(ren) to check the tables and bin for any of their lost or missing items of clothing.

After a period of six weeks, items are displayed for an additional week. When items aren't claimed, they are bagged up and donated to a local charity.



School Council

The JSPS School Council meeting for this month is on Wednesday, February 19th @ 6:30 pm. Meetings take place in the school library and are open for community members to attend. Items for discussion at this month's meeting include graduation and the Crestwood Intermediate School opening in September 2020. We hope to see you there!

The next School Council meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 8th at 6:30 pm.

James Strath School Council Executive – 2019/2020

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Pink Shirt Day

On Wednesday, February 26th, we will be taking part in the annual Pink Shirt Day to focus on anti-bullying awareness.

We invite all students, staff, and community members to take part and wear pink!



Sub and Pizza Day Information

Upcoming Subway Lunch Dates:



*Monday, February 10th

*Monday, February 24th

Tuesday, March 10th

Upcoming Pizza Hut Lunch Dates:



Friday, February 7th

Friday, February 21st

Friday, March 6th

Inclement Weather Information

On winter mornings, inclement weather and poor road conditions may lead to the delay or cancellation of school transportation services. On such days, bus delay and cancellation information will be posted on the www.stsco.ca website. Local radio stations and media outlets will also be provided this information to broadcast. If buses are cancelled in the morning, they are cancelled for the afternoon as well.

If your child rides a school bus and it's cancelled, you don't need to call the school to report the absence. If your child does not ride a school bus, you still need to inform the school if they are absent on an inclement weather day.

If buses are cancelled on a day when students would receive their hot lunch order, the order will be rescheduled, with the new date posted on the school website. Students will need to bring their lunch with them on a day when buses are cancelled.

School Nutrition Program Update

The James Strath student nutrition program is excited to share that two of our volunteers are going to be honoured for their volunteer time. Both Jeanne Cook and Charlotte Snow will receive an Ontario Volunteer Service Award for their involvement with the program for the last 5 years. Congratulations and thank you for the time and effort you have put into providing healthy food for the students!

We have a whole crew of parents, grandparents, students and community members who help to run the student nutrition program and without them the program would not be possible. If you would like more information about volunteering with the student nutrition program, we would love to hear from you! It only takes about a half hour once a week and we have flexibility with dates and times.

At the moment we need one volunteer to help chop cheese and vegetables. This could be done any day of the week, whenever you have the time. We are also looking for a volunteer to help clean-up on Friday afternoons for about a half hour, sometime between 1:30-5:00pm. This is a great opportunity to be more involved in the school or to complete volunteer hours. If you are interested in helping out, please contact the school for more information.

